

## Meetings

May is Youth Service Month

- 5/8 Gregor Baum - Mental Health and Wellbeing
- 5/15 Roswell Charity Intros + Checks
- 5/22 Memorial Day Meeting
- 5/29 Beth Lehman - Organ Donation Recipient

## Events

- 5/12 RUMC Job Networking
- 5/26 Roswell Memorial Day Celebration
- 6/9 RUMC Job Networking
- 6/12 Comedy for a Cause

## LEADERSHIP

President	Nancy Alterman
President-Elect	Trummie Patrick, III
Treasurer	Katie Anderson
Secretary	Leslie Bassett
Public Image	Kathryn Igou

## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13  
Bob Hagan 2015-16

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
Roswell Area Park  
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building  
10495 Woodstock Road

## President Nancy's Message

### Bruce Smith- Elwyn Gaissert Service Above Self Award



## Club of the Year

I am thrilled that Roswell Rotary was named Club of the Year for our district – a recognition that reflects the incredible dedication, passion, and hard work of each and every member of our club. This honor is a testament to the powerful impact we've made in our community and around the world through service, fellowship, and leadership.

This past year, Roswell Rotary has led with heart and action. From building ADA-accessible picnic tables with the Chattahoochee Nature Center to launching new Interact Clubs, supporting literacy with KBeam reading wands, and packaging Santa Baskets for seniors—we've put Service Above Self in a big way. We've grown stronger by welcoming new members, revitalizing our public image, and deepening our commitment to mental health, youth, and international service.

While this recognition is a proud moment, **our work is not done.** Let's finish this Rotary year with the same energy, creativity, and compassion that earned us this award. Every service project, every event, and every meeting is a chance to make a difference and live our Rotary values.

Thank you, Roswell Rotarians, for making this year extraordinary. Let's keep the momentum going and finish strong—**because when Roswell Rotary leads, communities thrive.**

Get involved, bring a friend, and let's keep changing the world together.

## Congratulations to Bruce Smith - Elwyn Gaissert Service Above Self Award Winner!

Please join us in congratulating **Bruce Smith**, the well-deserving recipient of this year's **Elwyn Gaissert Service Above Self Award**. Bruce exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary through his unwavering dedication, quiet leadership, and tireless service to others. Whether he's working behind the scenes or stepping up to lead a project, Bruce does it all with humility and heart.

Roswell, GA 30075

## Rotary Online

<https://roswellrotary.club>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>



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(833) 456-2829

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Bill Kolbrener
5/3	Danny Broadway, II
5/4	Frank Brown
5/4	Jerry Orlans
5/7	Chandler White
5/7	Tom Rowsey
5/11	Ed Klaas, II
5/14	Don Howard
5/15	Michele Johnson
5/16	Dennis Canata
5/16	Belle Prothero
5/17	Leslie Bassett
5/18	Lindsay Davies
5/19	Lee Dodson
5/20	John Gordon
5/21	Pat Rains
5/22	Gabriel Prado
5/24	John Carruth
5/24	Elwyn Gaissert, II

## YEARS OF SERVICE

5/3	John Davies (3)
5/3	Rett Gunn (2) 4 years in Rotary
5/4	George Polatty, Jr. (47)
5/4	Mary Trapp (5) 11 years in Rotary
5/8	Michael Schoppenhorst (11)
5/11	Natalie Cook (3)

Thank you, Bruce, for living the Rotary motto every day—you make Roswell Rotary proud!

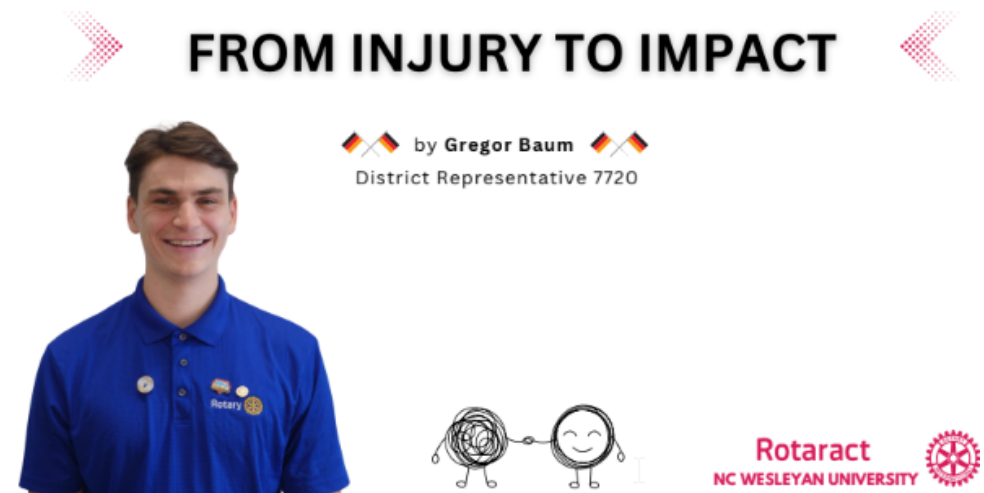
## This Week's Speaker: Gregor Baum

Join us this Thursday as we welcome Gregor Baum, who will share his personal journey with mental health and how it inspired him to write a children's book on the topic. Gregor's powerful story and commitment to breaking the stigma around mental health—especially for young people—promise to make this a meaningful and thought-provoking presentation.

Bring a friend and don't miss this important conversation

Nancy Alterman  
Roswell Rotary  
President 2024-25  
Service above Self  
770-262-6300

## Speaker: Gregor Baum-The Inner Journey



After traveling across the pond to compete on a tennis scholarship in North Carolina, Gregor Baum's athletic career was abruptly ended with an injury.

Far away from his home of Germany, Baum was chasing the "American Dream" when he came to Rocky Mount in 2021 to play alongside fellow students of North Carolina Wesleyan University. His story ever since took several turns—all of which led him to a reinvented version of that dream.

He experienced a career-ending injury, and Baum went through a time of serious depression. Seeking help and a path forward, he said he worked with a counselor which led to a new practice of journaling as a means to process the disappointment and shattered dream.

What started as a distraction for Baum in a difficult time turned into public speaking and community service interests. His travels through a student exchange program of Rotary International led him to Mexico and sparked an interest in him to create a student Rotaract Club on campus at N.C. Wesleyan University. The aim of the club was "to create a space where students could share the common challenges of college life, especially when faced with unexpected setbacks," according to a release from Rotary Club of Crabtree.

"Through Rotary, I found a way to transform my pain into purpose," Baum said. "What began as a Rotary exchange program in Mexico has evolved into a lifelong mission of service, mental health awareness, and the promotion of resilience. Rotary has not only

5/11 Grace Peoples (3)  
5/12 Ralph Rowland, Jr. (14)  
5/20 Peter Korman (1)  
5/23 Bruce Smith (29)  
5/30 Lauren Darby (2)  
5/31 Anita Farley (7)  
5/31 Michael Curling (7)

## FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at [lynnehlindsay@outlook.com](mailto:lynnehlindsay@outlook.com)

changed my life but also provides me with the chance to uplift others, proving that through service, we can indeed change the world, one person at a time."

Please invite a friend and come to lunch on Thursday to hear Gregor's extraordinary story of tragedy and hope and purpose.

## New member Spotlight: Peter Saddler



Peter brings more than 30 years of sales and marketing expertise, providing enterprise, I.T. solutions to businesses and the American dream to consumers.

Navigating through the labyrinth of his own life lessons, he felt compelled to start a transformational coaching company, dedicated to co-partnering with people, to help them overcome fear, self-doubt and other barriers. Empowering people to achieve higher levels of leadership, a greater sense of accomplishment and deeper levels of fulfillment - is his purpose.

As he's been known to say, "great coaching is like sex. It's better to experience it, than to talk about it!"

Peter's previous involvement in charitable and community service projects included instructing "chair dancing" classes to the memory care side of Senior living facilities. He also served in leadership at a Ministry in Gainesville, performing various community projects including food banking and distribution to the homeless.

He has four incredible daughters - one a recent grad from Georgia Tech, another recent grad from Georgia State, a senior at Mercer and a MPH from Emory.

"I plan to leverage my sales, marketing and production skills to help Roswell Rotary Club."

"I joined Roswell Rotary Club to serve and make a positive impact and a measurable difference in the lives of the residents of Roswell, the city of Atlanta and beyond our borders!"

**Tues May 13 5:30-7:30**

## Women in Rotary Social



Appetizers will be provided, and guests will buy their own beverages.

And if you would like to bring a \$5.00 Kroger gift card, these will be donated to the Drake House.

Gentlemen, please invite your significant others!

Please click on [this link](#) to RSVP -We hope you can join us!

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**Preparing for 2025-26**

## Calling for Speaker Ideas

**Let's Go!**

**We Need Your  
Speaker Ideas!**



As President-Elect for 2025-26, I am working on lining up my speakers for the year. We've had an amazing year, and now I want to build on that success. If you know

someone who inspires and excites, please help us get them as speakers. *Maybe you missed the email or it got hung up by your security software. never fear. Just click this link and add your thoughts!*

[Click Here for Survey](#)

## Last Chance to Donate for GRSP



**DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS**

**NAMED SCHOLARSHIP:**  
A contribution of \$100,000 or more will earn the donor a permanent Named Scholarship in their name or the name of an individual designated by the donor.

**FRANK BENTLEY, SR. FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$25,000 or more will earn the Frank Bentley, Sr. Fellow designation, honoring this past GRSP Endowment Chairman. He guided the Endowment Fund in the '90s to successful campaigns that gave the GRSP financial stability. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

**HART JOINER FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$20,000 or more will earn the Hart Joiner Fellow designation, honoring one of the original 12 Trustees selected in the program in 1958. A member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, he was host to many GRSP students and also served as GRSP Chairman in 1964-65.

**JIM BRIM FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$15,000 or more will earn the Jim Brim Fellow designation, honoring this dedicated GRSP Trustee from the Rotary Club of Pelham. He wrote the original GRSP By-Laws and served as Vice Chair of the GRSP program.

**RONNIE WALLER FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$10,000 or more will earn the Ronnie Waller Fellow designation, honoring this original Endowment Chairman who guided the Endowment through a significant period of expansion. A member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, he also served as the GRSP Chairman.

**JAKE CHEATHAM FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$7,500 or more will earn the Jake Cheatham Fellow designation, honoring this long time GRSP Trustee. Jake served as the GRSP Secretary/Treasurer for over 30 years. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Griffin.

**KENDALL WEISIGER FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$5,000 or more will earn the Kendall Weisiger Fellow designation, which honors this Atlanta Rotarian, whose support of international students through the Rotary Education Foundation of Atlanta was merged into GRSP.

**HUE THOMAS FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$2,500 or more will earn the Hue Thomas Fellow designation, honoring this past GRSP Chairman who guided the program through 35 years of growth. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah.

**WILL WATT FELLOW:**  
A contribution of \$1,000 or more will earn the Will Watt Fellow designation, honoring the Founder of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Thomasville.

Last week, we heard from our GRSP student Marie Sloth-Egholm before she returns to Denmark. What a great opportunity it has been for her and global friendship in the Rotary family.

This is last call for supporting the GRSP program this fiscal year. Awards will be given out on May 22 for various donation levels. We will also have a video from a GRSP student from 30 years ago!

Talk to Betty Price immediately to be part of a step up in contributing to this great cause!

## After Hours 3rd Annual Comedy for a Cause!



Get ready to laugh for a cause!

Join us for our 3rd Annual Comedy for a Cause — where we turn laughter into support for those who need it most. This year, we're proud to partner with Giving Grace, a local Atlanta organization dedicated to helping families with everything from child care assistance and rent support to securing housing for those experiencing homelessness.

Every need is unique, and Giving Grace is there to meet people where they are. Now it's our turn to give back!

Come out for a Thirsty Thursday full of laughs, community, and purpose — and help make a difference, one punchline at a time!

When: June 12th, 2025

Time: 6-9pm

Location: Roswell Junction 340 S Atlanta St. Roswell, GA 30075

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**Monday, May 26 11 am City Hall**  
**Memorial Day Celebration**



**MONDAY, MAY 26TH 11AM**  
 ROSWELL CITY HALL - 38 HILL ST. ROSWELL, GA

**Program Begins at 11 am**

*Grounds Open at 10am  
with Displays & Music*

**BBQ Chicken & Pork will  
be served.**

*Food Tickets Purchased  
On-Site.*



This Memorial Day event is a huge tradition in Roswell and one of the hallmark projects of the Roswell Rotary Club. To see the families and veterans and community turning out to observe this solemn day by remembering the ultimate sacrifice made by so many for this country is truly unforgettable. There will be speeches and music and prayer. And there will also be BBQ and everything that makes this part of Roswell such a great place for families! So be sure to mark your calendar now.

If you have questions, check in with Past President Dave Young at [nfultonpt@juno.com](mailto:nfultonpt@juno.com)

[Add To Calendar](#)

#### Interact Update

### Roswell High School Interact Seniors

**Roswell High School Interact Seniors  
who have earned their Interact Cords  
for Graduation!**

*Oh the Places They Will Go!*



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Coming Up at RRC

## Save the Date: Making Roswell Rotary's Magic Happen

### Save the Date



**Mary Trapp**  
Service Projects Chair



**Michael Curling**  
Social Chair

### **Memorial Day Celebration at City Hall**

Grounds open 10am- Event starts 11am

[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Comedy For a Cause**

June 12 6-9pm Roswell Junction

[Add To Calendar](#)

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## Last Week at Rotary

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Awards from District



## Games



## Team Tunnel





**Bunny Award  
Peter Saddler**



**Bruce Smith Service Above Self**

## Laws of Life



## Memorial Day Reminder



## The Patricks

