



Home of District Governors:  
Frank Bentley,  
Ralph Thurmond,  
and Barry Smith

## Club Calendar

January is Vocational Service  
Month

### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Tamara Carrera  
1/1 Fran Farias  
1/5 Malcolm Kilpatrick  
1/7 Julia Bernath

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Rotary Online

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

### ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm  
Hilton Suites  
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody  
Road, NE  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of  
Buckhead January 13, 1972  
Active Membership: 49

### ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

President Fred Ferrand

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### President Fred Ferrand's Welcome Message

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, I welcome you to visit our club and experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. We meet on Monday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. You can reserve a spot by going to our website at [www.sandyspringsrotary.org](http://www.sandyspringsrotary.org). Join your fellow professionals, and community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can fit in your future. Experience Rotary Making A Difference!



#### Next Week in Rotary

### Sidney Kirschner, An accomplished leader in healthcare.

Let's all give Sid a warm Rotary welcome and be ready with questions.



The following is the Reader's Digest version of Sid Biographical information.

A resident of Atlanta for 40 years, Sidney Kirschner transferred to Atlanta to join National Service Industries, Inc (NSI) in an Executive capacity. At the time, NSI was a Fortune 500 Corporation with annual revenue of 500 million dollars. Kirschner eventually became Chairman and CEO, growing the company to a 3 billion dollar conglomerate resulting from his intricate involvement in more than thirty significant acquisitions, transactions and multimillion dollar expansion projects. Kirschner retired in 1992 to work in the non-profit world. He had served on Northside Hospital's board of directors from 1984 and became President and CEO of Northside Hospital following his retirement from NSI. Kirschner served as the President & CEO of Piedmont Heart Institute, President & CEO of Piedmont's Physicians' Organization and currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Philanthropy Officer of Piedmont Healthcare, Inc., a 2 Billion dollar multi hospital system in Atlanta, GA.

Kirschner was born in Ottawa, Canada in 1934 and was raised in New York. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering from the New Mexico School of Mines in 1956. After graduating, Kirschner joined Aerojet-General Corporation as an engineer. He rose through the management ranks in jobs at Aerospace Corporation, Curtiss-Wright Corporation and General Dynamics Corporation from 1960 to 1973. He left General Dynamics as president of the Electric Motor Division to join NSI.

As president and CEO of Northside Hospital, Kirschner championed a dedication to service excellence, raised the level of commitment to community service and helped to expand the hospital's service area with a number of new service delivery sites. In addition, he was the driving force behind the development of Northside's state of the art Women's Center, which opened in May 1999, receiving regional and national recognition; and, has become the nation's standard for excellence in the treatment of

President-Elect	Nancy Schroeder
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Secretary	Mike Stacy
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Membership Chair	Adam Bowling

women's issues.

In addition to his commitment to Northside Hospital, Kirschner has served on the board of directors for the American Red Cross, VHA of Georgia, Georgia 1st, Principle Healthcare of Georgia, Atlanta Chapter American Cancer Society, Sandy Springs Revitalization, Inc., United Way, and Georgia State University School of Policy Studies. In addition, Kirschner provides consulting services to a broad range of businesses. He provides customized strategic advice to physician practices, independent physician networks as well as hospital systems.

Kirschner is a father of three and has five grandchildren. He and his wife Carole reside in Sandy Springs, GA.

#### Last Week at Rotary

### **An Amazing Gift - Two Rotary Youth Exchange Students talked about their experiences.**

With professional poise and an attention-grabbing demeanor, Kate Rojasles made her presentation memorable. Kate referred to her Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship as "An Amazing Gift". The challenges she faced over the last two years forced a lot of changing and growing. The transformation and development of social skills were two gifts that she enjoyed, but she thought perhaps the most important gift was a lesson that had to do with relationships and how to build them. She outlined 3 specific points that she strived to achieve with each host family and now with everyone she meets. Point 1: Be expecting, Point 2: Be authentic and vulnerable, Point 3: Be intentional. She built on each point giving real world examples.

In part two of the presentation Alex took over the microphone. Punctuating his presentation were two quotes that had profound meaning.

Quote one: "You always want to be where your feet are." - That's a Rotary Youth Exchange idea that is encouraged as a reminder to stay focused in the present. It also helps keep the students from reflecting too much on how much they may miss their family and friends from home.

Quote two: "Teamwork makes the dream work." - This was a Japanese saying that has been pressed into the fibers of his being. He made mention of the extreme competitiveness of the students and that it was a real culture shock. Speaking of culture shock, he spent several moments describing just how extremely crowded the streets could be in a major city of Japan.

These two exchange students are such a great example of what the Rotary Youth Exchange can do. Be assured fellow Rotarians that the money spent sponsoring these students is a wise investment.



*Kate Rojasles during her presentation*



*Alex and Kate taking questions after their presentations. Alex proudly wearing his Japanese school uniform.*



*Alex also proudly displaying his jacket denoting his travels, and experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.*



*A perennial topic in Japanese business etiquette is the exchange of business cards. Getting this right is a key step in expanding your business connections in Japan. Alex demonstrating an impromptu business card exchange with [Takashi Shinozuka, Consul](#)*

[General of Japan in Atlanta.](#)



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Left to right: Jim Squire, District 6900 Governor Elect, Kate Rojas, Alex Flanagan, Fred Ferrand, Mike Parks

**Time To register!**

## **District Conference at Sandestin!**

*The Rotary Bandit is racing to SanDestin arriving April 25 - 28, 2019 singing:*

- *We are Sandestin bound and down, loaded up and truckin',*
- *We're gonna do what they say can't be done.*
- *We've got a long way to go and a short time to get there.*
- *We are Sandestin bound, just watch ol' "Rotary Bandit" run.*

District Conference registration is now open.

Current prices are good until January 15. They will go up on January 16, so reserve now - and be eligible for Early Bird prize drawings!

**[Click Here](#) to Register.**



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**Special Visitor**

## **Rotary International President Barry Rassin to visit The Roswell Rotary Club**



From Bob Hagan to all local Rotarians

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I am very excited to announce that Rotary International President Barry Rassin will be visiting District 6900 on February 16, 2019 - for the **Interact Conference** and a special Saturday lunch meeting of the **Rotary Club of Roswell**.

The **District 6900 Interact Conference and the Roswell Rotary Club meeting** will take place at Blessed Trinity High School, 11320 Woodstock Road in Roswell.

More details to follow soon but please put Saturday, February 16th on your calendar and plan to attend this very special event.

**Is your name mentioned below?**

## **Greeters and Invocation Leader for 1/14/2019**



Rotary Club of Sandy Springs Greeters & Invocation leader for next meeting.  
(1/14/2019)

Invocators, as per the "Make it fun and they will come." theme, have a joke ready!

**Greeter A:**

*Steve Soteres*

**Greeter B:**

*Lisa Stueve*

**Invocation Leader:**

*Nate Kongthum*