

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

September 22, 2021

# **Meetings**

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/24 Bob O'Brien Hosts Panel of Dunwoody Restaurant Owners, "Customer

Service and Innovation"

10/1 Regular Meeting

10/8 District Governor Mary Ligon's Official Visit

10/15 Stephanie Freeman and Shavonne Reed, Dunwoody Perimeter Chamber of Commerce

# Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Chris Gutschenritter9/18 Marion Bunch

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/4 Robert Hall (51)9/4 Charlene Hall (41)

# **Rotary Online**

https://dunwoodyrotary.org https://rotary6900.org/ https://rotary.org/

#### ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Le Méridien Atlanta Perimeter
111 Perimeter Center West
Atlanta, GA, GA 30346

#### This Week's Speakers

# Panel of Restauranteurs Address Customer Service and Innovation



Join us Friday as our own Bob O'Brien hosts a panel discussion among local restauranteurs Billy Kramer, Greg Gordon and Geoff Melkonian - with a focus on customer service and innovation. You can join in person at Le Meridien or via Zoom at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419</a>.

Founder & Owner of NFA Burger, **Billy Kramer** has been a Dunwoody resident since 1998. Before opening NFA in December of 2019, Billy spent 20+ years in advertising working for various local and national companies with some entrepreneurial ventures sprinkled in between. Billy's wife is a local school teacher. His daughter is on her way to UGA and his son is about to begin his 2nd year at Dunwoody High School. If you've been to NFA, you've probably met the entire family at some point.

**Greg Gordon** is the new general manager of Porter Brew & Que, the only brewery native to Dunwoody. Starting as a line cook at the age of 16, Gordon has been passionate about the food and beverage industry for many years. He has worked in the Dunwoody food and beverage market for 20 years, where his career started as a manager of the Dunwoody Country Club, where he oversaw all facets of their food and beverage program for 10 years. After his extended time managing at Dunwoody Country Club, Greg started his own catering company, Gordon's Gourmet, to expand on his passion for culinary and serving others. Eventually, his catering endeavor led to starting a Food Truck company with two other Dunwoody Locals, The Food Movement.

Co-founder of Breadwinner Inc., Atlanta native **Geoff Melkonian** earned a double bachelor's degree in music (viola performance and recording production) from Northwestern University. Upon returning to Atlanta, Geoff worked under renowned chef Michael Touhy during his reign at Murphy's, a beloved Virginia Highlands staple, for three years as both a line cook and deli manager. While honing his culinary skills at Murphy's, Geoff still indulged his passion for music. He made five albums and spent ten years playing upright and electric bass and viola and singing backing vocals in the Josh Joplin Group. He appeared as a musical guest on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and the "Late Show with David Letterman" and toured the states and Europe. In 2005, Geoff and his wife, Katie, founded Breadwinner Inc. [more]

#### **Fellowship Opportunity**

# **Help Welcome Maro and Hinako**

It is time to officially welcome our GRSP student Maro Innocent-Otolo from Nigeria and our Global Grant Scholar Hinako Unno from Japan. Maro is studying at Oglethorpe University, and Hinako is attending Emory's Rollins School of Public Health to earn her Master's Degree.

The party takes place at Bill and Les Woulfin's house on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 3 PM to 7 PM. Everyone is invited. All we ask is that you reply to Ed Holliday by Friday, September 24 with the following information:

• # attending.... ( i.e. if you and your 3 children plus your spouse will be coming,

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please tell Ed 5 people when you respond)

• What you will be bringing.... (i.e. an appetizer, Salad/fruit/vegetable, or a dessert (plan on bringing enough to serve 8 people)

The club supplies the beer/wine/soft drinks, while the Woulfins generously supply the entrée. Please send your RSVP information to Ed Holliday at eholliday1031@gmail.com.

In summary, What: GRSP Welcome party When: Sunday, October 3, 2021 Time: 3 PM to 7 PM Location: 5013 Forestglade Court Stone Mountain, GA 30087-1316

#### **Networking Opportunity**

### **Rotary Means Business Draws a Crowd!**



Dunwoody Rotarians joined with Rotarians from the Sandy Springs, Tucker, Peachtree City and Atlanta Metro Rotary Clubs for this month's Rotary Means Business gathering. it was a great meeting; think about joining us October 19 at 5:30 pm at Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, Perimeter.

#### **Club Calendar**

### What's Happening in September and October



Here's a way to keep up with all that's happening with the Rotary Club of Dunwoody. If you would like to add an event - or add a story to the bulletin, send an email to Jackie Cuthbert at cuthbert@mindspring.com by Tuesday evening.

- Sept. 24 Meeting: Bob O'Brien hosts panel of Dunwoody Restaurant owners Oct. 1 Meeting: to be announced GRSP and Global Grant Scholar Welcome Party - Bill and Les Oct. 3 Woulfin's home Oct. 7 Board dinner with DG Mary Ligon Oct. 8 District Governor Mary Ligon visits Dunwoody Oct. 9 Dunwoody Nature Center service project Meeting: Stephanie Freeman and Shavonne Reed, Dunwoody Oct. 15 Perimeter Chamber of Commerce Oct. 19 Board meeting: Zoom 7:30 am Attorney/CPA - Rotary Means Business, 5:30 pm at Iron Hill Oct. 19 Brewery & Restaurant, Perimeter Oct. 21 Thirsty Thursday, Dunwoody Tavern Oct. 22 No meeting
- Oct. 23 Bounds Garden clean-up, 9:00 AM
- Oct. 29 Meeting: to be announced