



## Meetings

January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/26 General Meeting - Buzz Law, Creative Financial Group
- 2/2 General Meeting - Dana Rickman, President, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education
- 2/9 General Meeting - Jennie Stipick, Dunwoody Rotary Foundation Chair
- 3/1 General Meeting - Mary M. Cohen, Anchor Place Respite

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 P. Game
- 1/2 Jeannette Jezerinac-Prince
- 1/11 Jim Glass
- 1/20 Brian Harper
- 1/29 Kobelah Svensen Bennah
- 1/30 Anita Augello

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/23 Tina Philpot (16)
- 1/28 Bill Woulfin (16)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
AC Hotel Atlanta Perimeter -

### This Week's Speaker

### Robert "Buzz" Law, CFP ® President



Join us this Friday at the AC Hotel as we welcome Buzz Law to speak about the Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund and the financial markets outlook. Buzz is an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody and was active from 1994 until his office moved a few years ago just a little too far away to join us for breakfast.

Robert W. "Buzz" Law, a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner is President of Creative Financial Group Ltd., a premier planning firm in Atlanta where he counsels

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## LEADERSHIP

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affluent individuals and their families on comprehensive financial, estate, investment, and tax planning matters since 1984. Buzz is the founder of Creative Financial Group, which became a subsidiary of Synovus Corporation in February 2001. Creative Financial Group is an approved provider of Executive Financial Planning services for several of these companies (AT&T, Southern Company, CSX, Emory University, and others).

Governor Nathan Deal appointed Buzz to the Technical College System of Georgia Board in 2014. Buzz has been reappointed since 2014 through 2027. He is currently representing the 7th Congressional District and has been appointed as the Vice Chairman for 2024. Buzz was previously appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the State Board of Education in January 2007, where he served until February 2011. His first appointment by Governor Perdue in 2006 was to the Board of Corrections as the 6th Congressional District Representative. Buzz is currently serving on the Advisory Board for Smokey Powell School at the Academy for the Blind in Macon. Recently, Buzz was appointed by State Superintendent of Schools, Richard Woods, to Vice Chairman of the Georgia Foundation for Public Education (GFPE).

Since 2006, Buzz has been honored to be accepted in the elite company of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council. In 2005, as a Charter member, Buzz completed the certification for Kingdom Advisors previously the Christian Financial Professionals Network (CFPN), as well, and was a charter member. Robb Report Worth magazine named Buzz as "one of the Nation's 100 most exclusive Wealth Advisors."

### GRSP Leadership Weekend

**Picture an International Experience: No Passport or Plane Ticket Required!**



It's just two weeks until the Georgia Rotary Student Program Class of 23-24 scholars arrive in Dunwoody for a weekend filled with fun, service projects and leadership experiences. The 42 students in this year's class are amazing - and we invite each and every one of you to play a part in the weekend's festivities. It's an international experience that's only minutes away from home - all activities take place at the Dunwoody Annex on North Shallowford.

There are plenty of responsibilities - Big to Small - so contact Meredith Morris or Jackie Cuthbert to learn about how you can help. We still need two or three hosts for the weekend and volunteers to help with registration, the Rise Against Hunger event, gathering supplies, set-up, and refreshing our snack supply, setting up for lunch Saturday.

This year, we're inviting all our host families and volunteers to join us for pizza and game night at the Annex on Friday. Let Meredith know if you're coming, and bring your favorite game to share!

Saturday night dinners will be on your own with your students. Contact Jennie Stipick if you would like to join up with other host families for Saturday night.

On Friday afternoon, students will pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Saturday, they hear about the Civil Rights Movement, consider what their own legacy might be, and participate in a Courageous Leadership discussion. And Sunday, they'll be in competition as they design practical, focused service projects that could make a difference in the world.



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## Help Make FORE! The Memories a Success



Thee 2024 FORE! the Memories Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at St. Marlo Country Club. The website is live and ready for sponsor and golfer sign up - you and anyone interested can visit our [Fore! the Memories site](#). Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association The Longest Day initiative and also raise money for the Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund that makes so much of our work in the community possible.

Dottie Toney has agreed to head up our after-tournament auction this year. If you have trips, wine, artwork or other items you'd like to donate, contact Dottie.

Mark the date on your calendar - and watch for more information soon!

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### Laws of Life

### Ready, Set, Judge!



Have you signed up yet to be a judge for the Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest? Judging season **begins on essay deadline day - February 12, 2024** and the program needs your help. Many of us have judged in the past and can vouch for this amazing opportunity - it gives you a window into the experiences that are shaping and inspiring our young people.

### What's involved in judging?

- Essay Judges in teams of two are assigned 30 to 48 essays from one or more high schools.
- It should take about three hours of your time to read and score assigned essays over a one-week period.
- All scoring should be submitted 48 hours before your Team Meeting.
- On the day of your Team Meeting, teams use GoTo to meet with a volunteer team lead to select school-level winners and Honorable Mentions.

### How do you sign up?

- Fill out the [Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#) at your earliest convenience. There you will indicate your training option and find the link to the Essay Judge Team Meeting Sign Up Genius.
- Once completed, you will receive a Google calendar invite for your training session. We everyone to attend the training. If you cannot attend, a recording of the training session will be made available following the session.

If you have questions about participating, contact George Stewart, who has been involved with Georgia Laws of Life since its beginning.

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### District Conference 2024

## Sign Up for Jekyll Island Now!



Dunwoody Rotarians have always had a great time together at District Conference - and we expect to continue that tradition at Jekyll Island this March 21-24, 2024. There's still time to join in the fun - log in to the District website to register and book a hotel. Then let Griff know you're coming, so he can add you to our Saturday night dinner festivities.