



No Friday Morning Meeting

Join Us for Thirsty Thursday at Marlow's in Dunwoody Village!

Join us this Thursday - August 20 - at Marlow's Tavern in Dunwoody Village for an evening of fun and fellowship! Festivities begin at 5:30 pm and run until sometime between 7 and 8 pm.

Next Week Is Special

Help Us Welcome District Governor Cynthia Edwards



Mark your calendars for a key highlight of our Rotary year! We are honored to welcome District Governor Cynthia Edwards as our featured speaker during our regular general meeting on **Friday**,

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/28 General Meeting - Cynthia Edwards, Governor for Rotary District 6900
- 8/28 Board meeting
- 9/4 General Meeting - Emily Mendyka, Vino Venue
- 9/11 General Meeting - Sonal Chandler, Minerva Consulting
- 9/15 Board meeting
- 9/25 General Meeting - Michael Starling, City of Dunwoody
- 10/2 General Meeting
- 10/9 General Meeting

EVENTS

- 8/20 Thirsty Thursday - Marlow's Tavern
- 8/27 Reception for Cynthia Edwards
- 8/27 Dinner and Perimeter Whiskey Tasting Experience
- 9/17 Thirsty Thursday
- 10/10 Bounds Garden Cleanup
- 10/15 Thirsty Thursday
- 11/19 Thirsty Thursday - Whiskey Raffle
- 11/27 No Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/25 Mike Carlson
- 8/31 Steve Dolinger
- 9/6 Chris Gutschenritter

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/20 Ron Barden (59)
- 8/29 Buzz Law (18)

August 28. Her visit is a wonderful opportunity to hear her vision for our district, connect over our shared commitment to service, and gain fresh inspiration for the year ahead.

To kick off her visit, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody will host an evening reception in honor of DG Cynthia and her husband, Dr. Lonnie J. Edwards, Sr., on **Thursday, August 27 at the Louisiana Bistreaux, starting at 5 pm.** We're likely to be out on the covered patio with lots of ceiling fans, but dress for outside August weather. Come out to mingle, enjoy great conversation, and extend a warm Dunwoody welcome to our district leadership!

Please plan to attend both events to show your strong support for District Governor Edwards and celebrate the spirit of Rotary together!

Whiskey Raffle Update
Two Whiskey Raffle Action Items!



1. ***Consider attending the paired dining/whiskey tasting event at Louisiana Bistreaux on Thursday, August 27 - starting at 6 pm.*** Details below - you can use the QR code to register! Here's what the amazing pairings include:

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| • Jim Beam Black 7-Year Aged Whiskey | Cajun Spiced Beef Puffs |
| • Basil Hayden Dark Rye | Crawtator Shrimp |
| • Booker's Jerry's Batch | Cajun Creamy Chicken over Jalapeño Gouda Grits |
| • Booker's Milkshake Batch | Grilled Lamb Chops with Rosemary Demi-Glace (with Southern Comfort Pecan Pie with Chantilly Cream for dessert!) |

Nowhere—***anywhere***—can you get shrimp, chicken, beef, and lamb all in the same night *with* great whiskey! Reserve your tickets and enjoy a night out with the Rotary, using the QR code pictured to the left. We hope to see everyone there after the District Governor's reception!

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| 8/31 | Rick Woods (25) |
| 9/4 | Charlene Hall (46) |
| 9/4 | Robert Hall, Sr. (26) |

ROTARY ONLINE

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

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Maggiano's - Perimeter Mall
4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd,
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Atlanta, GA , GA 30338

SOCIAL MEDIA



LEADERSHIP

President	Dave Burr
President-Elect	Alison Norris
President Nominee	Mark Galvin
Treasurer	Juan Lago
Secretary	Neal MacDonald
Sergeant-at-Arms	David Cesar
Advisor	Jack Sparks, Jr.
Past President	Matthew Johnson

2. *The Whiskey Committee is filling up! Do you want in?*
Contact Neil MacDonald if you are interested!

Getting to Know You

Kathy Brandt's Legacy of Service and Connection



When Kathy Brandt joined the Rotary Club of Dunwoody in 1998, she wasn't exactly a stranger. After years as a "Rotary spouse" supporting her husband Fred, Kathy—encouraged by members like Bill Mulkey—decided to step into the red badge world herself. A lifelong volunteer since her "candy striper" days, Kathy found a unique synergy in Rotary that she couldn't find elsewhere. "Rotary is unique because it brings together successful professionals who are driven to give back," Kathy notes. "There is a 'multiplier effect' when high-energy people with 'can-do' attitudes band together."

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Ready for a Challenge?

Introducing President Dave's Rotary Coin Collection Challenge



At last week's meeting, I posed a challenge to our members - I want every member to have to participate in our new **Rotary Coin Connection Challenge**. Here's how it works:

1. **The Kickoff:** I brought a special Rotary coin to last week's meeting. I will meet one-on-one with a fellow member to get to know them a little better - dive into their personal background, their journey in Rotary, and what inspires their involvement with our club. At the end of our catch-up, I will hand off the coin to the other member - in this case, Jay Brackman.
2. **Passing the Torch (and Coin):** That member will then schedule a one-on-one with another member they'd like to get to know better, share a conversation, and pass the coin along to them.
3. **Keeping the Momentum Going:** The cycle continues! The goal is for the coin to travel through the hands of *every single active member* in our club before the end of the Rotary year.

Don't stop reading now ... [\[read more\]](#)

Welcome New Members!

Welcome Charles Sharper and Andrew Turner



At last week's meeting, our Rotary family grew a little larger and stronger. We had the distinct privilege of officially inducting two fantastic new members into our club: **Andrew Turner** and **Charles Sharper**.

Both Andrew and Charles bring a wealth of experience, fresh energy, and a shared dedication to the ideal of *Service Above Self*. As they begin their Rotary journey with us, let's make sure they feel the full warmth of our community.

Please take a moment at our next meeting to introduce yourself, offer a warm welcome, and get to know them. A strong club thrives on fellowship, and we are thrilled to have Andrew and Charles working alongside us to make a difference in our community and beyond.

Welcome aboard, Andrew and Charles!

Service Opportunity

Dunwoody Nature Center Butterfly Experience Festival



The Dunwoody Nature Center is seeking volunteers for its annual **Butterfly Experience Festival**, happening **Saturday, September 5, and Sunday, September 6, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Dunwoody Nature Center. This family-friendly weekend brings our community together for nature education, fun activities, and community connection. Volunteers are welcome to assist for a portion of the day or in roles that best fit their schedule and interests.

Read on to learn more about volunteer opportunities and who to contact to volunteer. [\[read more\]](#)

Speaker Request

Cyber Security: What Worries You?

On September 11, our speaker - Sonal Chandler from Minerva Consulting - will address the issue of cyber security. She has asked that we take a quick survey in advance of her talk - you can do so using this link: **[pre-presentation survey](#)**. Please reply by **September 1**.