



Meetings

January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/8 Todd Galanti, General Manager, Costco Perimeter ... in Person and Via Zoom
- 1/15 No Meeting; Join us Next Thursday (1/21) at Dunwoody Tavern
- 1/22 Rev. Dick Game, "Lessons For Leaders: COVID for Preachers" ... in person and Zoom
- 1/29 Suzanne Smith, PhD, the Burundi School Garden Project

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Marie Crean
- 1/1 William Kelly, Jr.
- 1/1 Philip Cohn
- 1/1 P. Game
- 1/1 Kristi LoVerde
- 1/2 Jeannette Jezerinac-Prince
- 1/11 Jim Glass
- 1/20 Brian Harper
- 1/27 Robert Hall
- 1/29 Kobelah Svensen Bennah

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/23 Tina Philpot (13)
- 1/28 Bill Woulfin (13)

Rotary Online

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

From Our Club President Happy New Year!

Happy New Year everyone! I look forward to seeing you on Friday - via Zoom or in person.

As we enter the New Year, we are keeping close watch on the COVID-19 numbers and with everyone's safety in mind, seriously thinking about whether it makes sense to continue live meetings for the moment as cases are on the rise. We have not made any decision yet, so be on the lookout for information from us about this.

We also have some opportunities to keep up our work for the community as we start the New Year. The Community Assistance Center is looking for helpers in its Food Bank over the next few weeks, and there are two home opportunities as well - one for the Laws of Life essay contest and an opportunity to learn more about Human Trafficking through courses sponsored by Rotary and the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Take a look at these opportunities in the articles below and think about whether you are able and willing to help.

I am glad to have each and every one of you as part of my Rotary Family.

This Week's Speaker Todd Galanti, Warehouse Manager, Costco Perimeter




Join us this Friday for Dunwoody Rotarian Todd Galanti, Warehouse Manager for Costco's Perimeter location. You can join us in person at the Dunwoody Country Club or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419>.

Todd was born and raised in Dunwoody and is a graduate of Chestnut Elementary, Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High School. He received a Bachelors Degree in Economics with a minor in Business Foundations from the University of Texas at Austin. He began his career with Costco in 2001 as the Assistant Front End Manager in Austin, Texas' first Costco location. Todd has worked in many Costco locations including: Wayne, NJ, Nanuet, Yonkers, and Port Chester, NY, Alpharetta, Perimeter, and Brookhaven, GA, before being promoted to Warehouse Manager in Knoxville, TN in 2012.

In May 2018, Todd transferred back "home" to Atlanta and is currently warehouse manager at the Perimeter location. Todd and his wife of 17 years, Julia, have three children (Stella - 13, Ileana - 10, and Jaron - 8) and two Vizslas (Rudy and Dozer). Todd enjoys spending time with his family, riding his Peloton bike, golfing, working in the yard, and going to the beach. Todd is a die hard Atlanta Falcons fan. Currently a Dunwoody Rotarian, Todd joined Rotary in 2013 in Knoxville, TN in the Rotary Club of Farragut.

Something you may not know about Todd is that when was 17 years old he almost died in a biking accident right here in Dunwoody. Wearing a helmet saved his life. The thing that Todd loves most about his job is simply the fantastic company he works for and watching employees learn, develop and grow. His two favorite movies of all time are

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Dunwoody Country Club
1600 Dunwoody Club Drive
Sandy Springs, GA 30350  


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Top Gun and Rudy. His favorite quotes are "What you put into it is what you get out of it" and "Everything rises and falls on leadership."

Service Opportunity

CAC Food Pantry and Thrift Shop Need Our Help

As we are getting adjusted to the hustle and bustle of the New Year, please don't forget about those folks who need our assistance. The Community Assistance Center of Sandy Springs is very short of people to help in the Food Pantry and Thrift Store over the next couple of weeks. If you have a few extra hours to spare, check out all the empty shifts they have available by going to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aaaa2ca46-cacfood>.

Remember, it is all the little things you can do that add up to a beautiful community of helping and serving those in need.

If you have any questions, contact Nolan Feintuch, CAC Volunteer Coordinator at 678-362-5583. Be sure to let Nolan know you are a Dunwoody Rotary volunteer!

Service Opportunity

You Can Judge the Laws of Life Essay Contest From Home

This year we are moving to an online submission and judging platform, Submittable. Both School Level Judges and State Judges will participate via an online process. With this change, even more volunteers throughout the state can participate! Online training sessions for judges on how to navigate Submittable will begin in January. The judging process begins in February.

You may register via the VOLUNTEER tab at GeorgiaLawsOfLife.org OR complete a [form available here](#). That form includes more information about School and State level training dates for those who will be judging.

Learn More About The Fight Against Human Trafficking



The Rotary Club of Dunwoody is filled with people of action. We now know that Metro-Atlanta is a major human trafficking hub. Now, we are asking YOU to do something about it!

Our Club is part of The Atlanta Rotary Council Against Human Trafficking. We have partnered with the International Human Trafficking Institute (IHTI), the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS), and Human Traffic Proof GA. January is "End Human Trafficking" month. IHTI is offering two one-hour instructor-led, virtual training events multiple times to Rotarians over the next two weeks. Each has its own sign-in link ... click sign up for the sessions you wish to attend.

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