

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

February 21, 2024

## Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/Resolution Month

- 3/1 General Meeting - Mary M. Cohen, Anchor Place Respite
- 3/8 General Meeting - Chris Clark, Georgia Chamber
- 3/29 General Meeting - Jennifer Long, Create Dunwoody
- 4/5 General Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/4 Laura Kann
- 2/6 Meghan Berry
- 2/7 Buzz Law
- 2/9 Dr. John Carr
- 2/10 Eleni Bafas
- 2/13 Griff Ransom
- 2/13 Mark Galvin
- 2/21 Marie Crean
- 2/24 Dave Burr
- 2/27 Bob O'Brien

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/2 John Vinyard (16)
- 2/14 Erich Schuetz (47)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
AC Hotel Atlanta Perimeter - Bar

### No Regular Meeting This Friday

## DeKalb Rotary Council Breakfast at Georgia Piedmont Technical College - This Friday at 7:00 am

Join Rotarians from all seven clubs in the DeKalb Rotary Council this Friday morning, February 23, to honor our teachers and this year's Rotarian recipients of the Show Rotary Cares (in honor of our own PDG Bill Mulkey) awards and the You are the Key award (in honor of PDG Bob Grant). The event will be held at Georgia Piedmont Technical College DeKalb Conference Center, 495 N Indian Creek Dr., Clarkston, GA 30021. Festivities begin at 7:00 am.

## Dunwoody Honors Allison Simms as Teacher of the Year

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40 Perimeter Center Pl NE  
Atlanta, GA , GA 30346



## LEADERSHIP

President	Jack Sparks, Jr.
President-Elect	Louise Barden
President Nominee	Matthew Johnson
Immediate PP	Jennifer Shumway
Vice President	Louise Barden
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Dave Burr



At this year's DeKalb Rotary Council breakfast, our club is honoring Allison Mimms, a fourth-grade math and science teacher at Dunwoody Elementary School (DES). She has been teaching for 15 years, and this is her eighth year at DES, where she has coordinated our Character Education visits with the fourth-grade classes.

Allison graduated from the University of West Georgia in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and again in 2016 with a master's degree in Instructional Technology (Go Wolves!). She is currently slated to graduate this May with her Specialist Degree in Instructional Technology from Kennesaw State University (Go Owls!). I wear many hats at DES, and I am proud to serve as a leader at a school with such amazing educators. She is the fourth Grade Chair, 3rd-5th Grade Math Teacher Leader, and the DES Digital Learning Team Liaison.

Allison says, "Teaching has been a passion of mine since a very young age. I consider myself a life-long learner, and I am always looking for new and innovative ways to improve my craft. I truly believe it takes a village to raise a child and I am blessed to be

able to work alongside my fellow colleagues, administrators, parents, and the community to impact the lives of all students. Teaching is what I love, and I am thankful to be able to inspire and lead my students to success!"

Congratulations to Allison Mimms and thank you for all you do for our children!

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### **Spread the Word About March 3**

## **Compassion: Encountering Dementia with Meaningful Action**

Have you ever wanted to learn more about how you can help your family, neighbors, customers, coworkers or fellow parishioners whose lives are touched by Alzheimer's or other dementias? How can you be a better friend to families experiencing the changes of dementia?

Join us at St Patrick's Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 3, 2024, 2:00-3:30pm for this free educational event featuring Daphne Johnston, CEO and Founder of the Respite for All Foundation. Daphne will offer dementia communication skills, ideas for activities, and a joyful message for how families can find hope while living with dementia.

Visit [anchorplace.org](https://www.anchorplace.org) or contact Mary Cohen, Director, Anchor Place Respite-Dunwoody at [mary.cohen@stpat.net](mailto:mary.cohen@stpat.net) for more information. Registration is requested, but not required.

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### **Golf Tournament Update**

## **Check Your Calendar! Have You Marked May 13 for Our Third Annual Golf Tournament?**

The 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. How can you help? Here are three ways ...

[\[more\]](#)

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### **Fellowship Opportunity**

## **Join Us for Dinner at Carbonara's on March 2**

Would you like to be part of a reservation for 12 at Carbonara at 6:00 on March 2? Just let Dottie Toney know by Friday, February 23 - her email is [toneydot@me.com](mailto:toneydot@me.com)

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### **Fellowship Opportunity**

## **Join Carter for a Hockey Game!**

The Atlanta Gladiators are hosting Rotary Club Night on March 23. It is a night to come together and mingle with other clubs and enjoy being out in the community while getting to watch a professional hockey game. The event will take place in the Ice Boxes, which are right on the glass, so everyone will be in on the action during the game. If you NOT going to District Conference and you'd like to attend this Atlanta Gladiators' special event, contact Carter Stout and he will get the link for discounted tickets.