



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 this **Friday, 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!

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

- 8/27 Reception for Cynthia Edwards
- 8/27 Dinner and Perimeter Whiskey Tasting Experience
- 9/17 Thirsty Thursday
- 10/4 Reception for our GRSP student - Sebastián
- 10/10 Bounds Garden Cleanup
- 10/15 Thirsty Thursday
- 11/19 Thirsty Thursday - Whiskey Raffle
- 11/27 No Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/31 Steve Dolinger
- 9/6 Chris Gutschenritter
- 9/18 Marion Bunch
- 9/20 Jason Creech

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/29 Buzz Law (18)

Reception Details:

- **Date & Time:** Thursday, August 27 | 5:00 PM.
- **Location:** Louisiana Bistreaux Seafood Kitchen. *We will be on the outside patio - it is covered with ceiling fans but still outside so dress comfortably.*
- **Address:** 237 Perimeter Center Pkwy NE, Suite H-11, Bldg 2, Dunwoody, GA 30338
- **Parking:** Free for the first two hours

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

This Week's Speaker

More About Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, District Governor, Rotary District 6900

Cynthia joined the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain in 2009 and has served in numerous leadership roles, including Club President (2013-2014 and 2020-2021), Director of Membership & Fundraising, Chairman of the DeKalb Rotary Council (2021-2023), and Assistant Governor for Rotary District 6900 (2023-2026). During her 2020-2021 presidency, the club was named Club of the Year in its size category. She has received the Rookie of the Year, the Rotarian of the Year, and the Guardian of the Legacy awards from her club. She also received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the DeKalb Rotary Council. Cynthia is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and has sponsored 20 people into Rotary.

Cynthia is President/CEO of Storehouse of Solutions, LLC, a management consulting firm that supports businesses, community-based organizations, and educational institutions through customized workforce, leadership, and organizational development training. [read more]

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

ROTARY ONLINE

<https://dunwoodyrotary.org>
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ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

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

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GRSP Update

Welcome Sebastian!



We are pleased to welcome Sebastian Samayoa from Guatemala as our GRSP student for the 2026-27 school year. Sebastian is a senior at Oglethorpe University. President Dave Burr is Sebastian's host family for the year, and we hope many of you will take time to get to know Sebastian better and show him some Georgia hospitality - maybe buy him lunch or dinner, or take him to a special event you think he'd enjoy.

Whiskey Raffle Update

And in the Whiskey Headlines!

One not so great item... we weren't able to reach minimum numbers of reservations for our Louisiana Bistreaux tasting this Thursday, August 27. That event has been regrettably cancelled; if you were one of the few with a reservation, that will be refunded. The district governor's reception is unaffected. But the whiskey event is on!

We are pleased to begin accepting preliminary whiskey donations. We will, of course, take any sort of donation. But because this is a tasting event, we are looking at a fairly targeted list similar to last year. The specific labels are below. We're also looking for a signature bottle to include in a special, on-site raffle! This could include labels like the Whistle Pig Boss Hog (similar to last year), any of the antique collection from Buffalo Trace (Pappy Van Winkle, Sazerac 18yr, Thomas Hardy Rye, and William Larue Weller), or the

Forrester Birthday Bourbon as a few examples. Please let us know if you have any questions and stay tuned for more details! We will provide a preliminary list of whiskeys we're looking for in next week's bulletin.

Speaker Request

Cyber Security: Next Friday's Speaker Wants to Hear from You

On Friday, 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**.