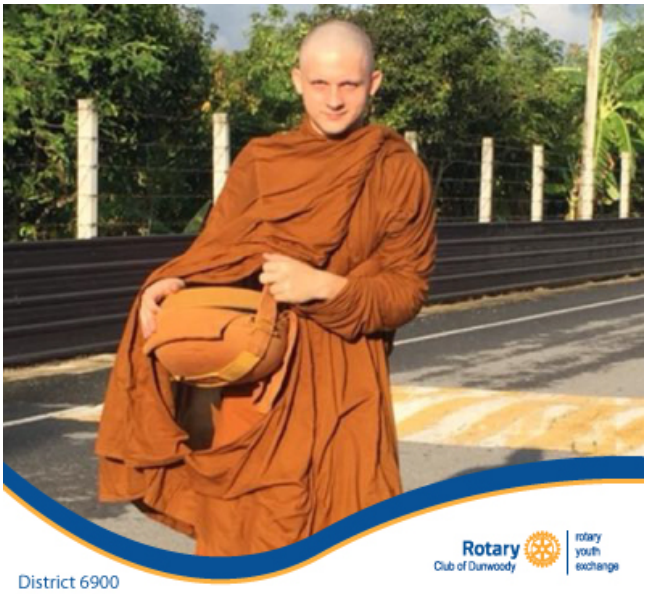
Rotary Club of Dunwoody

The Friendly Breakfast Club

OCTOBER 26, 2018

SPEAKER THIS WEEK: Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Henry



Almost exactly two years ago, Dunwoody High School freshman, Henry O'Connor, attended the Rotary Club of Dunwoody's Informational Session for Parents and Students to learn about the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship program. Despite his young age, Henry had already developed a deep interest in culture, science, scouting, sports, martial arts, and music. But his real passion was for the study of foreign languages and cultures. By 14 years old, Henry was already proficient in Latin, German, and Japanese languages, and had begun to study Russian! In his application to the Rotary Club of Dunwoody to be considered for the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship, Henry wrote "One thing I can't stand is the homogenization of other countries to 'be more American or western.' I want to cherish our differences because that's what makes us truly human. Other places have an irresistible allure to me that makes me want to travel the world."

Henry was selected by the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, and later by the District 6900 Rotary Youth Exchange selection committee to be one of our student ambassadors to represent us in a study abroad program for one academic year in a foreign high school, while living with a Rotary selected and trained host family in complete

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

10/26	Henry O'Connor - Returning Rotary Youth Exchange Student
11/2	Joi Sumpton, Inventor/Entrepreneur
11/9	Yasmeen Herb - Returning Rotary Youth Exchange Student
11/16	Brian Sullivan - Brewery Owner and Entreprenuer
11/23	No Meeting - Thanksgiving
11/30	Jackie Cuthbert and Anne Glenn - - Rotary Grants
12/7	Service Project - Book Donation Assembly - Dresden
12/18	Board Meeting

EVENTS

10/27	Tree Dedication at Brook Run & Brunch on the River
11/15	Third Thirsty Thursday
1/29	Rotary Means Business
2/21	Thirsty Thursday
3/16	2019 Governors Ball - A Celebration of Peace and Love
3/21	Thirsty Thursday
4/1	Polio Plus - Individual Donations
4/11	Dunwoody State of the City - Volunteers Needed

BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Fred Brandt
11/3	Jessie Legros
11/8	Andrew Turner
11/11	Roy Ethridge
11/15	Sarah Kotecha
11/16	Jennie Stipick
11/18	Ray Huebschmann
11/18	Jennifer Shumway

immersion in a foreign language and culture. The country that Rotary chose for Henry's exchange year was Thailand!

In his own words, here is Henry's self-introduction for our meeting on Friday:

Hello! My name is Henry O'Connor and last year I was an exchange student living and studying in Thailand. During my year I learned to speak Thai, lived with a Thai host family, studied at a Thai high school, and even became a Thai Theravada Buddhist monk. My passion is languages and during my year abroad I studied Chinese, Japanese, and Thai. I learned that despite our cultural differences we all search for the same happiness. I not only learned new skills but came to a deeper understanding of what it means to be multicultural. Rotary Youth Exchange gave me purpose and helped me understand the extent of all the opportunities available to me.

Henry mastered the Thai language while on exchange, had many life-changing experiences, and wrote regular on-line journals so that his sponsor Rotarians back in Dunwoody could follow his adventures during his year. At their year-end event, Rotary District 3350, in Thailand, named Dunwoody High School student, and Rotary Club of Dunwoody ambassador, Henry O'Connor, Thailand's Rotary Youth Exchange student of the year! Now that he is back home in Dunwoody, after his Rotary Youth Exchange year, Henry is a junior at Dunwoody High School, and continues to serve Rotary by speaking about his experience with the program and helping to prepare future Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Rotary Grove Planning

The Club will dedicate the addition to our Rotary Grove at Brook Run Park (4770 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30308)

on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Thereafter, we will meet for brunch at **Cathie Brumfield's** house, 8470 Lazy Oaks Court, Atlanta, Georgia 30350.
Please RSVP for brunch (for planning purposes) at sherrylevy13@hotmail.com.

Special Olympics

11/19 Jennie Springer

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/7 Sarah Friend (9)

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-Elect	Cathie Brumfield
Treasurer	Ron Barden
Secretary	Ardy Bastien

Rotary Service Opportunity – November 9, 9:30am – 1:00pm (shifts available)

Special Olympics Basketball Skills Clinic and Competition

For more than a decade Dunwoody Rotarians have helped Peachtree Charter Middle School host a Basketball Skills Clinic and Competition for 200+ students representing special needs programs in DeKalb County middle schools.

What will Rotary Volunteers do?

Working in teams of two or three, Rotarian volunteers will help conduct the team competition (as scorekeepers and assistants) and offer encouragement and support to the student participants. Rotary's presence helps make this event possible for host Peachtree Charter Middle School and for 200+ student and teacher participants.

How do I sign up?

Volunteers may sign up by selecting a shift (below) and sending email or text to Kathy Brandt – kgbrandt1@comcast.net, 404-797-0705.

Shift #1 9:30am – 11:00am

Shift #2 11:00am – 1:00 pm

Shift #3 9:30am – 1:00 pm (both shifts)

Why is this event important?

The mission of Special Olympics can be summarized by the following description: "Transforming Lives Through Sports". Through participation in athletics, Special Olympics athletes learn life skills that

transfer to home, community, school, workplace. The rewards from participation as a volunteer for this event are "priceless".

Thank you, Rotarians! Thank you for donating your time to make this experience possible. Be prepared to have fun, make a difference and to be inspired!

Kathy Brandt

404-797-0705

Get Your New Community Guides

The wait is over. 2018 Community Guides have arrived in both print and digital.

These guides are great resources for new employees, residents and tourists alike. They feature important information pertaining to our community as well as a listing of all Chamber Members.*
How may you engage?
Reach out to Paula Shiver to arrange for pickup of physical guides; read them and place them in your lobby; share with employees, colleagues, and visitors alike.
Visit here to view the digital version. Add it to your employee portal, share on social media & event pages, and add to your website and/or email signature.
*Listed members are those who were active at the date of print.