



Service Activity Guide




Rotary Club of Dunwoody

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Books for the Schools



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What It Is: We provide a book during the Christmas holidays for each student in the Title 1 schools we support – at present, Dresden and Kingsley Elementary. Age-appropriate books are selected by the school media center. We give out about 1800 books each year.

Purpose/Impact: Support literacy, with the distribution of more than 20,000 books in the last 20 years

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Put book plates in each of the books we donate
- Participate in school visits to let the students meet the people behind the books
- Project chair: Coordinate with the school for book selection and purchase during the year, schedule school visits, and make sure we have bookplates in stock. Be sure the book preparation event is scheduled and communicated to the Club.

Typical Time Commitment:

- An hour or two for book preparation
- An hour or two for a school visit
- Project chair: an additional 8 hours spread throughout the fall

Key Dates: Book preparation and book distribution take place in early December.

History of Our Involvement: The Club has been involved in this project at Dresden Elementary for more than 20 years – initiated by Roy Ethridge and Past President Jennie Springer. In its early days, club members donated books at the holiday luncheon and they were later distributed at the school. For many years now, we have purchased the books and distributed in early December. We added Kingsley to the program in 2017. Since we started, we have distributed more than 20,000 books.

Funding: Books are funded by our Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund. In some years, part of the cost has been funded by a District Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Bounds Garden (formerly Monroe Park)



Project Chair: “Ranger” Fred Bounds



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What It Is: Rotary has adopted traffic island across the street from the Dunwoody branch of the DeKalb Public Library. We clean up “Monroe Park/Bounds Garden” every two months.

Purpose/Impact: Visible involvement in Dunwoody Community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Six to eight volunteers needed each time we “spruce-up” ... to weed, trim, sweep and lay down pine straw

Typical Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per event

Key Dates: Usually six times per year on a Saturday morning

History of Our Involvement: We’ve been involved in this activity for more than 20 years – first under former member Monroe Brock and now under “Ranger” Bounds.

Funding: Little funding required

Character Education



Project Chair: George Stewart



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What It Is: Club members discuss the Character word of the month with students at various elementary schools

Purpose/Impact: To promote good character and better behavior among elementary students, usually targeting the 4th grade.

Volunteer Opportunities: Currently, we place a Rotarian in each 4th grade class at Dunwoody Elementary School for about 15 minutes each month. One Rotarian can work with as many as 6 classes. Generally, the commitment lasts for an entire school year.

Typical Time Commitment: About 4 hours per month to: (1) outline what will be said and questions to be asked; (2) prepare handouts/giveaways; (3) communicate with the lead teacher to schedule visit dates each month; and (4) one hour of face time with classes.

Key Dates:

1. In late August, work with lead teacher to determine a day of the week and time of day that will work for both the teachers and Rotarians to make monthly visits.
2. After each visit, schedule the visit for the next month.
3. About 2 days in advance, remind the lead teacher that you are coming.

History of Our Involvement: We have participated in the Character Counts program since about 2000, when George Stewart brought the opportunity to the Club. Under George's leadership, most clubs in District 6900 adopted the Character Counts program.

Funding: Generally no cost.

Dunwoody Arts Festival



What It Is: Each year over Mother’s Day weekend, Dunwoody Rotarians help with the Dunwoody Arts Festival.

Purpose/Impact: We volunteer to work this event as a way of **building “community”** in Dunwoody. In exchange for helping the artists set up and tear down, we get a good booth location that gives visibility to Rotary’s participation and an **opportunity to recruit** new Club members and promote our fundraising and community service initiatives.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Coordinate volunteer recruitment:** Write an article for the bulletin, make announcements and provide/collect sign-up sheets.
- **Artist set-up and teardown:** We provide volunteers to help set up the artist’s booth Friday evening and from early Saturday morning of the event and then again for teardown Sunday evening (Mother’s Day).
- **Dunwoody Rotary outreach:** Rotary is provided a complimentary booth (Tent, one table and chairs provided) in a prime area where we can tell our Dunwoody Rotary story. The booth needs to be set up, then staffed both Saturday and Sunday from about 9 AM to 6 PM.

Typical Time Commitment: Three-hour shifts for set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning and a three-hour shift on Sunday afternoon for teardown for the artists. Two to four-hour shifts for booth on Saturday and Sunday.

Key Dates: Mother’s Day Weekend in May

History of Our Involvement: We have been a key participant in this activity for many years.

Funding: None required in recent years; our investment is in volunteer hours. In return for assisting with artist set-up and tear-down, the “for profit” festival provides the Club with a complimentary booth in a prime location.

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Dunwoody Fourth of July Celebration: Hot Dog Stand



What It Is: The hot dog stand is one part of our participation in Dunwoody's Fourth of July Celebration. We sell hot dogs, chips, drinks and member-created baked goods ... generally at a "rollback" price of \$2.00 hot dog and a \$1.00 each for other items, with free food for active and veteran military.

Purpose/Impact:

- Dunwoody "Family of Rotary" kick-off for the new Rotary Year
- Visibility in the community
- Opportunity to promote our fundraising and community service initiatives
- Help attract and recruit potential new members.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Coordinate volunteer recruitment:** During the 4-6 weeks before the event, write an article for the bulletin, make announcements and provide/collect sign-up sheets for bakers and event-day volunteers.
- **Be our event shoppers:** Buy the food, soda and supplies (list will be provided; expenses will be reimbursed by club)
- **Contribute baked goods to sell**
- **Bring supplies from our storage facility**
- **Volunteer the day of the event:** We encourage everyone who wants to join us! We need at least 15 people to support booth set-up and decoration, order takers, cashiers, cooks, condiment management, and promotion of the Dunwoody Rotary story with an eye to recruiting and fundraising support

Typical Time Commitment: 1 or 2 volunteers a day or two before the event to purchase food and supplies, gather existing supplies/decorations from storage facility. On day of event volunteers can work anywhere from two to four hours depending on their ability to commit time to the event. Everything is done by noon!

Key Dates: Purchase food a day or two before the event. Bulk of effort is on July 4.

History of Our Involvement: We have been a part of this for more than 30 years – since the parade first started.

Funding: We donate \$1,000 to become Silver Sponsors and gain a premium spot for our booth. We fund the booth supplies (about \$700) – with a goal to break even.

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Dunwoody Fourth of July Celebration: Parade



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What It Is: Up until 2017, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody created a float and marched in the parade. In 2019, we were back in the parade, and since the end of COVID, we have been back in both the parade and the hot dog stand! The Club was a founding sponsor of the parade in the early 1990s. You can help with decorations and march in the parade.

Purpose/Impact:

- Dunwoody “Family of Rotary” kick-off for the new Rotary Year – opportunity to socialize with your club members and their families
- Visibility in the community
- Opportunity to promote our fundraising and community service initiatives
- Help attract and recruit potential new members.

Volunteer Opportunities: We welcome all Rotarians and their families to participate as a great opportunity for Family of Rotary fellowship.

- **Coordinate volunteer recruitment:** During the 4-6 weeks before the event, write an article for the bulletin, make announcements and provide/collect sign-up sheets for float decoration/parade walkers, coordinate gathering point and time.
- **Three months before the parade:** Float design and giveaway planning
- **A few days before the parade:** Float decorating party... with at least 10 to decorate, a “shopper” to order our crowd “giveaways” and bring them to the event (expenses are reimbursed by the Club)
- **At the parade:** At least 15 walkers and one driver
- **After the parade:** At least two people for teardown of float and return of any supplies to storage facility

Typical Time Commitment: Several hours for float decoration a few days before the parade – time depends on the extent of the float decorations. About two hours to walk the parade route.

Key Dates: A couple of months of float design and planning. A few days in advance of the parade to gather supplies/decorate the float. Walking the parade is on July 4 (except when the 4th is a Sunday, then parade is July 5)

History of Our Involvement: We participated in the parade from the time it started in 1991 through 2016. We have been back since COVID.

Funding: Little funding is required to decorate the float and provide “giveaways” (candy, flags, patriotic-themed items).

FODAC – DeKalb Rotary Council



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What It Is: Support for the North Atlanta Rotary Club's community-wide home medical equipment pick up to benefit those served by FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children). Donated equipment is brought back to FODAC facility for repair and refurbishment.

Purpose/Impact: The donated equipment is repaired and refurbished for subsequent resale at affordable prices to those in need. Each year the total proceeds from the event represent about \$250,000 in retail value.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Volunteer the Day of the Event:** We'll start the day with breakfast on the patio of the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant located at 3829 Clairmont Road, Atlanta. This will give us time for meeting and greeting as well as fellowship with other clubs' members. After breakfast we'll be given instructions, directions, maps and partners for the various pickups scheduled throughout the area communities.
- **Donate Home Medical Equipment:** FODAC is looking for Manual & Electric Wheelchairs (including footrests), Scooters, Strollers, Adaptive Strollers, Corner chairs, Gait trainers, Rollators, Shower supports, Toilet supports, Therapy aides, Specialized mattresses (no regular mattresses), Walkers, Canes, Crutches, & Forearm Crutches, Bathing aids, Braces, Air casts, Hoyer lifts, Hospital beds ... items can be taken to the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant on the day of collection – or pick-up can be scheduled with a call a few days before the event.

Typical Time Commitment: Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM. Most everyone is done by 12:30-1 PM. Some finished earlier based on their routes and volume of items for pickup. All were done by 2 PM. Let us know your schedule and we will try to accommodate.

Key Dates: Usually a Saturday in late July.

History of Our Involvement: In 2017, we participated in the event for the first time.

Funding: No contributions on our part outside of time and potential truck resources. We need people, trucks, trailers, and SUV's to accomplish this effort.

Harvest Baskets (Thanksgiving for Kingsley Elementary)



Project Chair: Anita Augello



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What Is It: Dunwoody partners with other community organizations to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to about 80 Title 1 Families at Kingsley Elementary School.

Purpose/Impact: Imagine a cafeteria filled with boxes including everything to create a Thanksgiving dinner and so much more ... This was the vision of Honorary Rotarian Anita Augello and her daughter Claudia six years ago when they started putting together Harvest Baskets for families with financial difficulties and hungry children. Anita tells us "Along with a turkey for Thanksgiving we also gift them with sustainable and nourishing products that should last them for a little while. We get help from Rotary Club of Dunwoody, E. 48th Street Market, and contributions from neighbors in Deerfield, Brooke Farm and Kingsley. All that generosity is greatly appreciated."

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help pick up food at Costco and deliver/unload at Kingsley
- Help inventory and organize groceries for the baskets
- Shop for turkeys – particularly if stores have limits on how many turkeys any one person can buy
- Help carry Harvest Baskets to recipients' cars on distribution days

Typical Time Commitment: 2-3 hours of your time perhaps depending on the task you select

Key Dates: November

History of Our Involvement: We have helped with this project for about seven years.

Funding: About \$2,000 a year

Hosting a GRSP Student

What It Is: Founded in 1946, the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) brings together 40-45 international university students each year for a year of study and cultural exchange in the United States. The Rotary Club of Dunwoody sponsors a student – paying part of the student’s tuition, room and board and book expenses, providing a host family from the Club, and involving the student in club meetings and activities.

Purpose/Impact:

- Building world peace through understanding
- Giving Rotarians and students an opportunity to learn about each other’s countries and cultures
- Instilling a spirit of “Service Above Self” in potential future community and world leaders

Volunteer Opportunities: You have the opportunity to:

- **Be a host family for the school year:** Our student generally lives on-campus in the dorms but will spend some weekends – and some holidays with you and your family. You help guide their experiences for the year – provide some transportation, help with things like setting up a bank account and offering a place to do laundry. You can also get them involved in club activities – from meetings to socials and service projects. And, you will be responsible for making sure they get to formally scheduled GRSP weekends (about 6) during the year – teaming up with other students’ host families and our GRSP trustee.
- **Take our student to your favorite Georgia spots, invite them to your home, and/or share a meal with them.**
- **Provide transportation between school and our Friday meetings, and/or to the designated GRSP bus stop or event location for an official GRSP student weekend.**

Typical Time Commitment:

- **Host family:** From a couple of hours a week to whatever you’re willing to invest
- **Take a student out:** A couple of hours.
- **Provide transportation:** Maybe an extra hour in your Friday morning schedule or a bit longer if you volunteer to get our student to a GRSP-scheduled weekend.

Key Dates: Student arrives in August, moves in to Oglethorpe and starts school in late August. Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday breaks are key opportunities to share our traditions with the student. School ends mid-May.

History of Our Involvement: We have sponsored a student each year since the Club’s start in 1984.

Funding: Our cost to host a GRSP student at Oglethorpe – and incidental travel and household supplies – used to be about \$14,000/year, with part of the cost paid by the Georgia Rotary Student Program Endowment Fund, and part is paid by the Club. For the last few years, we have participated in GRSP’s Direct Select Program – choosing a student directly from the university’s incoming international students – our scholarship cost is about \$7,000, matched by GRSP, with another \$1500 or so for district conference, and buses to official GRSP weekends in South Georgia.

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GRSP Leadership Conference: Feb. 14-16, 2024



What It Is: The Rotary Club of Dunwoody – and other Rotary Club and Rotaract partners - host a weekend for all current GRSP students, focused on building communication and leadership skills, and instilling the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

Purpose/Impact:

- Enhance leadership skills of GRSP students
- Make students more aware of Rotary’s seven areas of service – with an opportunity to participate in a service project and compete for \$1,000 in funding for a future service project.
- Provide an opportunity to for fellowship among GRSP students, Rotaractors, Rotarians

Volunteer Opportunities: There are many ways you can participate in the GRSP Leadership weekend.

- Planning and managing the overall event
 - Contracting with venues (ex Dunwoody Annex – North Shallowford)
 - Enlisting committee chairs and organizing planning meetings
 - Securing speakers;
 - Arranging for service project (ex. Rise Against Hunger) and coordinating any needed set-up
 - Arranging transportation (ex. bus)
 - Ordering gifts (ex. Sometimes tee-shirts or caps for students, speakers)
 - Requesting financial support and host families from other Rotary Clubs
 - Writing thank you notes to speakers, clubs etc.
 - Submitting check and reimbursement requests
 - Tracking expenses
- Host families (25 Rotarians) ... host students for the weekend, providing breakfast and transportation
- Saturday supper hosts (3 to 4)
- Greeting students on Friday (3-4)
- Friday night activity (6)
- Communication with GRSP students, hosts, and Saturday supper hosts, including enlisting host families and matching students to hosts
- Making name tags and forms
- Copying handouts
- Ordering books and supplies
- Stuffing student bags and delivering materials to venues
- Facilitating a student evaluation of the weekend

2024 Project Chair: Jackie Cuthbert



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GRSP Leadership Conference (cont'd)

Typical Time Commitment:

- Planning and managing overall event: Significant time is required for overall planning, implementation, and evaluation. Because venues must be reserved early, they must be contacted several times, including in early January to ensure that all details are in place (25-40 hours).
- Communicating with students, enlisting host families, matching students/host families – 20 hours ... coordinated today by Jackie Cuthbert
- Evaluation and writing report - 10 hours if using electronic program, more if paper evaluation
- Coordinating with clubs re: funding (contacting and re-contacting clubs) – 4 to 8 hours
- Making name tags (4 hours), acquiring supplies (6 hrs)
- If attend the entire weekend (10 hr Friday, 13 hr Saturday, 5 hr Sunday).

Key Dates: Early summer – confirm plans to host weekend with GRSP office), August 30 - contact venues and reserve, September contact other clubs for financial support, October 30- begin soliciting host families, January 2 confirm all speakers, venues etc.

History of Our Involvement: We have sponsored the GRSP Leadership Weekend (“One Person, One Group Making a Difference” weekend) all but two years since 2001. The years we missed? 1) Snow and ice forced cancellation. 2) COVID meant no 2020 class

Funding: RCD charitable fund, and support from area of Rotary clubs and the Georgia Rotary Student Program

Dunwoody High School Interact Club



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What It Is: “Rotary” for high school students – one of the school’s clubs with social and service activities.

Purpose/Impact: Impacts students and Dunwoody High School itself creating firsthand awareness of Rotary. Club also assists the Rotary Club of Dunwoody with its projects. Feeder for Rotaract and ultimately Rotary.

Volunteer Opportunities: Two Rotarians to work with DHS faculty advisor and the Interact Club members – attend monthly meetings, provide guidance as asked on service projects, coordinate involvement in Dunwoody Rotary projects and visits to Dunwoody Rotary club meetings (at least once a year)

Typical Time Commitment: About 20 hours each year

Key Dates:

- July – ensure teacher liaison and Interact president are ready for school year. Inform them of date for RunDunwoody or other activities where we’d like to involve Interactors - 1-2 hours
- August – attend first meeting of club – ensure goals are set for year and Rotarian is on Interact club email list 1 hour = may need more
- September – establish if there is to be an Interact District Event: convey to teacher liaison and president and attend a meeting – half hour
- October – consider attending meeting if necessary – 1 hour
- November – attend meeting: invite board to Dresden book event at RCD in December – half hour
- December – see if any Interactors can make the holiday party and attend a meeting - 1 hour
- February – attend meeting and discuss nominations for RYLA and presidential citation with Interact president – 1 hour
- April – attend meeting for election of next year’s board – 1 hour
- May - check all is ready for next school year and invite teacher liaison and leadership to RCD yearend function. – 1 hour

History of Our Involvement: We have sponsored the Interact Club at Dunwoody High School for more than 20 years.

How We Fund This Activity: Charitable Fund generally pays for up to six Interact members to attend RYLA; Interact has sometimes made a contribution to the Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charitable Fund.

Laws of Life Essay Contest

What It Is: Georgia high school students are asked to write an essay that illustrates the impact of a particular character trait and/or life event that has had an impact on the way they lead their lives.

Purpose/Impact To promote Rotary's emphasis on good character and ethical literacy among the over 45,000 Georgia high school students who participate each year.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. The Club President and Laws of Life program chair attend the August Teacher/Rotarian luncheon and workshop to kick off the program for the new school year.
2. One or two Rotarians can serve on the Board of the Georgia Rotary Districts Character Education Program (GRDCEP) which sponsors the statewide program.
3. Club members can sign up to sell Laws of Life raffle tickets at each meeting during the year. One person is needed to coordinate these volunteers.
4. Serve as liaison for the Club between the Executive Director of GRDCEP and Dunwoody High School (DHS).
5. Approximately five Club members can serve as semi-finalist judges of student essays.
6. Schedule with the DHS sponsoring teacher a meeting in May for the 4 grade winners to read their essays to the Club.

Typical Time Commitment: Varies by time of year and member responsibility, but not a burden. For essay evaluators, annual commitment is about 4 hours, depending on the number of volunteers.

Key Dates:

- Essay reading happens in late winter/early spring.

History of Our Involvement: Club members have participated at the State and Club level since about 2004.

Funding: The club raises about \$3,000/year via the Dennis Crean Laws of Life weekly raffle.

- \$2,000 to support the statewide LAWS OF LIFE contest
- the other \$1,000 awarded to the student selected by a committee of RCD members for the "George A. Stewart, Jr. Character in Action Award." This is the same amount of prize money given to the overall contest winner. RCD initiated the award during the Club's 30th anniversary in 2013-2014.

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Rotary Youth Exchange



What It Is: Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is one of the world's largest and most highly respected high school international student exchange programs. Each year nearly 9000 RYE students spend a school year in another country, going to high school, becoming bilingual and bicultural, and learning to live Rotary values every day. Our club is one of ten pilot clubs selected to bring this Rotary program to Georgia. RYE is nearly 100 years old, and currently exchanges nearly 9000 high school students each year in more than 80 countries around the world.

Purpose/Impact: There are two complimentary parts to the Rotary Youth Exchange program, and the club participates in both:

- **Outbound Program (Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship program):** The club awards a scholarship valued at more than \$24,000, to one or more local Dunwoody area high school student(s) each year. The student spends one full school year overseas, attending high school, and living with host families selected by Rotary. There is no cost to our club, as all tuition, room, board, and miscellaneous expenses are donated by our Rotary partners overseas.
- **Inbound Program:** Our club hosts an Inbound high school student, selected by a partner Rotary club overseas, to spend one school year living in Dunwoody and attending Dunwoody High School, while living with local host families in the Dunwoody community.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- The club's RYE involvement is managed by a **Youth Exchange Officer** and committee. The committee includes the Youth Exchange Counselor and additional certified youth volunteers.
- The **Youth Exchange Counselor** serves as the primary contact and champion for the club's Inbound student. He/she meets regularly with the student and the host family and writes regular status reports on the exchange experience.
- **Host Families:** You can apply to host an inbound RYE student for part of the school year; this includes living in your home. In addition to certification, host families have two in-home interviews, and go through some additional training.
- **Certified Youth Exchange Volunteers:**
 - Help recruit, select, train, and support student candidates for the scholarship program
 - Recruit, select and train host families in the local community
 - Manage relationships with administrators, counselors, and educators at Dunwoody High School.
 - Certified volunteers may also chaperone group activities and trips for Inbound and/or Outbound students from other parts of Georgia and the Southeast USA, and may also participate in regional, national, and/or international Rotary Youth Exchange conferences and conventions.

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Important Note: Following Rotary International's Youth Protection policies, and the U.S. Department of State's rules for youth exchange programs, all volunteers for the program must pass an annual criminal background check, and complete recurrent training on the program and youth protection and care.

Rotary Youth Exchange (cont'd)

Typical Time Commitment:

- Youth Exchange Officer (YEO): 3 – 5 hours per month
- Youth Exchange Counselor: 5 – 10 hours per month
- Certified Volunteer: 2 – 4 hours per month
- Host Family: Part of the school year

Key Dates:

Class of 2024-25	Selection and training/orientation process for 2025-26 school year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July- August 2024 – Outbound Students depart for their year overseas, inbound student arrives • June 2024 – Outbound Students return, inbound students head home • July 2024– Rebound Orientation and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring and Summer 2024 – Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship informational sessions for students and parents in local community • August 1, 2024– Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 school year open to Dunwoody area high school students • November 1, 2024 – Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship application period closes • December 2024 – Scholarship award presentations and The Big Reveal (country assignment) event • January 2025 – Outbound Orientation 1 for Future Outbound Candidates • April 2025 – Language Camp for Future Outbound Candidates • June 2025 – Outbound Orientation 2 for Future Outbound Candidates

History of Our Involvement: The RYE program is relatively new in Georgia - launched here in 2016, with 10 pilot clubs, including our club. To date, we have awarded three scholarships to students at Dunwoody High School, each valued at \$25,000. This year we are sending a student to Spain and hosting our fourth Inbound Student, who will study at Dunwoody High School.

Funding: There is no cost to the club to award the RYE scholarship to one or more local Dunwoody high school student(s). The cost to our club to host an Inbound student from another country for one year is only \$1750.00. This is funded from our Charitable Fund.

RYLA



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What It Is: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a Rotary International program designed to help youth hone their leadership potential. In District 6900, the annual RYLA camp is organized and run by the Rotary Club of Americus. Teaches high school students leadership and awareness of Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody sends children of Rotarians and board members of the Dunwoody High School Interact Club to this camp.

Purpose/Impact: To develop leadership skills and an awareness of Rotary among our future leaders.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Two Rotarians coordinate the selection and registration process for the students.

Typical Time Commitment: About 10 hours each year

Key Dates:

- December – Ascertain dates, program and deadlines for RYLA in June
- January – Inform club members of the program and see if any members want to send their children or grandchildren
- February – attend Interact meeting and discuss with Interact president nominations for RYLA
- March – finalize selection and forward applications to RCD Americus with check to fund participants
- May - check all is ready
- June – ensure attendees are dispatched and returned safely

History of Our Involvement: We have participated in the RYLA program for more than 20 years.

Funding: The club funds up to six RYLA scholarships each year – this year we have budgeted \$3600 (\$600 per student) – this is funded by the Dunwoody Charitable Fund.

Special Olympics



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What It Is: Rotarians support a basketball clinic for about 16 teams of special needs students from a dozen schools. Rotarians act as scorekeepers, ball chasers, and most importantly as cheerleaders. A box lunch is usually served after the event.

Purpose/Impact: Volunteer Opportunities: We typically need at least 10 to 12 volunteers to act as scorekeepers, ball chasers, and most importantly as cheerleaders. We welcome Rotarians and look to the Metro Atlanta Rotaract Club and Dunwoody High School Interact Club to supply another 6-10 volunteers.

Typical Time Commitment: Generally 4 hours, from 9 AM to 1 PM. For the project chair, an additional 2 to 4 hours, creating articles for the bulletins, making announcements at meetings, coordinating volunteers.

Key Dates: This regional tournament is generally held on a Friday in October or early November. It is important to get to the DHS Interact Club early to get their participation.

History of Our Involvement: We have been involved in this project since 2010.

How We Fund This Activity: We will typically give an annual donation of \$2,500 to Special Olympics to be the medical sponsor of the annual Special Olympics statewide games.

Tapestri Book Bags



What Is It: Tapestri is an organization that supports immigrants who have been subject to Human Trafficking. One of the ways Dunwoody supports Tapestri is by stocking and assembling book bags that the children of these families can use for school.

Purpose/Impact: Volunteer Opportunities: We typically need at least 10 to 12 volunteers to pack these bags that help children feel equipped for school like other children are.

Typical Time Commitment: Generally 2-3 hours to pack bags. For the project chair, an additional 47 to 8 hours, creating articles for the bulletins, gathering/ordering supplies, making announcements at meetings, coordinating volunteers.

Key Dates: Generally happens in July before start of school year

History of Our Involvement: We started this project with Tapestri in 2023 under President Jack Sparks' leadership. Years ago, we provided similar book bags with school supplies for families at the Atlanta Women and Children's Day Shelter.

How We Fund This Activity: We fund this through the Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund.

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Toys for Tots



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What It Is: Dunwoody Club members donate toys at the Annual Holiday Luncheon. Toys are then given to US Marine Corps to support their holiday program.

Purpose/Impact: Make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Encourage donations: Write an article for the bulletin, make announcements and provide/collect sign-up sheets.
- Donate unwrapped toys
- Help drive toys to collection center after luncheon

Typical Time Commitment: Time to purchase toys; an hour to help drive toys to collection center

Key Dates: Annual Holiday Luncheon in December

History of Our Involvement: We have been involved with Toys for Tots for about the last 15 years.

How We Fund This Activity: Individual members bring unwrapped toys and cash contributions to the Club's Annual holiday luncheon. No club funding required.



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What It Is: We volunteer at the USO facility at the Atlanta Airport. We serve lunch and snacks to military personnel and their families travelling through the airport – and provide the lunch food.

Purpose/Impact: To honor our military personnel and their families, and make their travel easier. Demand for the USO has declined since the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have declined. However, there will always be a need for this service and remains a good outreach program for the Club. We are always well received by the military personnel and their families.

Volunteer Opportunities:

For each day we serve at the USO, we need 8-12 volunteers onsite. Their assignments include:

- Staff the USO welcome booth at the top of the airport’s escalators
- Staff the kitchen – help with food preparation and clean-up

You may also volunteer to bake cookies for the soldiers – collected in advance of our day at the USO.

Typical Time Commitment: We generally have two shifts of 3.5 hours each

Key Dates: Open based on scheduling with USO, but typically we will do one day in the spring and one late fall.

History of Our Involvement: We have supported the USO and volunteered at the airport for about the past 15 years.

How We Fund This Activity: Our expenses for food typically run in the \$400 range for each of our volunteer days. We have also donated money in the past to the USO to help support military personnel and their families. Rotarian Charlie Augello collects donations for the USO at his East 48th Street Market.