

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

August 3, 2022

## Meetings

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/5 Jack Sparks, Owner, Mosquito Joe of North Atlanta
- 8/12 Boris Salinas, Dunamis Foundation, Quito, Ecuador
- 8/26 Cathie Brumfield, The Power of Native Plants
- 9/2 Justin Campbell, Director of Studio Operations, Gray TV

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/2 George Stewart, Jr.
- 8/4 William Thiele
- 8/14 Cathie Brumfield
- 8/15 Jack Francisco
- 8/17 Charlie Augello

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/2 William Grogan (42)
- 8/3 Deb Cameron (31)
- 8/12 Marion Bunch (44)
- 8/19 Mike Parks (5)
- 8/20 Ron Barden (55)
- 8/29 Buzz Law (14)
- 8/31 Rick Woods (21)

## Rotary Online

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
DUNWOODY**

Fridays, 7:15 am

## This Week's Speaker

### Jack Sparks, Owner, Mosquito Joe of North Atlanta



Join us this Friday to welcome our own Jack Sparks as speaker. You can join us live at LeMeridien or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419>

Jack is the owner of Mosquito Joe of North Atlanta. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Jack graduated from John Carroll Catholic High School. After high school he went on to attain his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alabama. After graduating, Jack began his career in banking here in Atlanta, GA with Bank of America. He went on to attain his MBA from Business School Lausanne in Lausanne, Switzerland before returning to Atlanta and the banking industry. [[more](#)]

## Opportunity to Serve

### Join DeKalb Rotary Council to Collect FODAC Equipment This Saturday, August 6

Le Méridien Atlanta Perimeter  
111 Perimeter Center West  
Atlanta, GA , GA 30346



## LEADERSHIP

President	Jennifer Shumway
President-Elect	Jack Sparks
Immediate PP	Carter Stout
Treasurer	Cathie Brumfield
Secretary	Matthew Johnson
Foundation	Jennie Stipick
Membership	David Burr
Public Image	Freddy Morello



Join the Rotary Club of North Atlanta and DeKalb Rotarians on Saturday, August 6 in our annual FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) equipment drive. With your help in years past, this project has collected more than \$1,000,000 worth of durable medical equipment from local residents and businesses in the metro Atlanta area; that equipment is then refurbished and redistributed to those in need.

On Saturday, August 6 at 8:30 am, we will meet at the back patio of the 57th Restaurant, located next to PDK Airport on Clairmont Road in Chamblee. RC of North Atlanta will provide a kickoff breakfast and drinks for the volunteers and give everyone a few minutes to socialize before heading out to pick up equipment about 9 or 9:30 (everyone is usually done between 1 and 2 pm).

[Sign up today!](#) [more]

### Fellowship Opportunity

## Join Dunwoody's Wine Fellowship for a Trip to North Georgia Wineries

On Saturday, August 27, a group of about 10 members of the Dunwoody Family of Rotary will be heading out to visit some of the North Georgia wineries - we're planning on a couple of vehicles with designated drivers. If you'd like to join in the fun and fellowship, please contact Carter Stout as soon as possible - he is trying to finalize our count by this Friday, August 5, so we can make our final plans.

### Service Opportunity

## Join the Forest Restorers and Fern Rescuers on August 13



We are back at the Dunwoody Nature Center next Saturday, August 13, after a brief summer hiatus - from 9-11:00 AM or so. Cathie Brumfield visited our site this week, and was very pleasantly surprised to see how good it looked after our time off. **We have really knocked out a lot of ivy and wisteria.** With a dedicated team next Saturday early we can pull up the nasty Japanese stiltgrass that has sprouted before it goes to seed, with a little wisteria and ivy and be in really good shape for fall planting.

Cathie is thinking once we see how it cleans up next Saturday, she may donate some lady and Christmas ferns to the forest area, and some mountain mint to the meadow from her yard. The invasives have overwhelmed all the good stuff, but as we remove invasives we can introduce natives and they will actually help us keep the bad plants down while looking good. Nature hates a vacuum.

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**How a Fig Tree Supports the USO ... by Charlie**

## Augello



This is the story of a hobby - propagating Fig trees - that resulted in raising funds to assist our military personnel through the services of USO at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. And a story about how you can be part of the story ...

Back in the 40's my father, Salvatore Augello, planted a cutting from a Turkish Brown fig tree that originated from his hometown of Castrofillipo, Sicily. He planted it in the small back yard of my Uncle Joe's apartment house on E. 48th Street in Manhattan, which is also where I grew up.

In the late 50's my father took a cutting from the fig tree and planted it in the back yard garden of my sister's home (May & husband Tony) on Long Island. In the late 70's Tony gave me a few cuttings from his fig tree to plant at my home in Massachusetts. A couple of cuttings survived, and we brought them with us when we moved to Georgia as the weather would be very compatible for fig trees.

As the Turkish fig tree blossomed my interest in expanding the varieties also expanded resulting in seven fig trees - the original one in the ground and the others growing in large black plastic buckets. The trees loved their new home and care. To control the growth of each of the trees and making harvesting manageable, I started pruning each tree every year and propagating the cuttings to pass along to our children and grandchildren and to sell at the Market to raise money for the USO.

We now have several varieties Turkish Brown, Black fig and Green fig.

**NOW FOR SALE:** Today, you can have your choice of Turkish Brown, Black Fig, and a very limited amount of Green Fig trees. We're selling them at the market for \$25 each - **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** - and all funds are donated to the USO!

## Mark Your Calendars....

Here's a way to keep up with all that's happening with the Rotary Club of Dunwoody. If you would like to add an event - or add a story to the bulletin, send an email to Jackie Cuthbert at [cuthbert@mindspring.com](mailto:cuthbert@mindspring.com) by Tuesday evening.

July 29	Sunny K. Park, Chief Executive Janitor, General Building Maintenance (GBM)
Aug 6	Sat: 830am - FODAC, meet at 57th Fighter Restaurant at Peachtree Dekalb Airport. Sign-Up here: <a href="#">Volunteer Form</a>
Aug 7	Sun: 12pm - Rotary Youth Exchange District Lunch in Peachtree City. Location TBA
Aug 13	Save the Forest, Restore the Ferns at Dunwoody Nature Center - 9 - 11 am - contact Cathie Brumfield
Aug 18	Thirsty Thursday: Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Perimeter - Dunwoody, 4401 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., Chamblee GA
Aug 20	Bounds Garden Party "Rave" - 9 am - for ALL ages, YOUNG and older
Aug 27	Sat: 9am - Day trip to GA Vineyards/Wine Tour - Save the Date, Details to follow.