

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2023

## Meetings

May is Youth Service Month

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

5/4 Lorri Christopher  
5/20 Tina Philpot

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 Jennie Stipick (15)  
5/11 Hoshi Daruwalla (15)  
5/27 Jack Francisco (15)  
5/28 Bob O'Brien (46)  
5/28 Matthew Johnson (12)  
5/29 Terence Shortal (127)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
Le Méridien Atlanta Perimeter  
111 Perimeter Center West  
Atlanta, GA , GA 30346



## LEADERSHIP

Fundraising	Bob O'Brien
President	Jennifer Shumway
President-Elect	Jack Sparks
President Nominee	Louise Barden
Immediate PP	Carter Stout
Treasurer	Cathie Brumfield

## This Week's Speaker

## Mary Pat Matheson, Atlanta Botanical Gardens



Join us this Friday at LeMeridien to welcome Mary Pat Matheson, Anna and Hays Mershon President and CEO, Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

Since 2002, Matheson has directed all operations for the 30-acre public garden, and under her leadership, the nonprofit organization has actively expanded fund-raising, education, marketing, business administration, horticulture and conservation efforts with a rapidly growing membership base of more than 50,000. Additionally, she is responsible for the development of the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gainesville, a 185-acre public garden in Gainesville, Georgia. [[more](#)]

## Service Opportunity

## We Still Need YOU for the Dunwoody Arts Festival Next Weekend

Secretary	Matthew Johnson
Foundation	Jennie Stipick
Membership	Dave Burr
Admin	Ed Holliday
Sergeant-at-Arms	Griff Ransom
Public Image	Imani Reynolds
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Community Service	Rick Woods



We are eight days out from the Dunwoody Arts Festival. Thanks to your enthusiastic turnout, we have Friday night and most of the early Saturday morning slots filled for Artist Set-up but still need a few volunteers:

- One more person for Friday, May 5 Artist Set-up from 6-9 pm
- One or two more people for Saturday morning Artist Set-up from 6-9 am
- Volunteers to help tell our Rotary story at Dunwoody Rotary's informational booth on Saturday and Sunday during festival hours. Thanks to Dave Burr for helping make sure we have plenty of promotional materials.

To volunteer for any of these spots, please send your name, email, cell phone and desired role to Kathy Brandt 404-797-0705 or [kgbrandt1@comcast.net](mailto:kgbrandt1@comcast.net).

#### Golf Tournament Update

## It's Almost Time to Tee Off for Our Second Annual Golf Tournament



We're just about ready for Dunwoody's second annual FORE the Memories Golf Tournament on May 15 at the prestigious St. Marlo Country Club in Duluth, GA. Our golf spots are full - and we have many sponsors on board.

We may have room for a few more volunteers - check in with Dottie Toney Ransom if you'd like to volunteer. And you can always visit the tournament website or contact Rick Woods if you'd like to make a contribution to this fund-raising effort. Your support will benefit the Alzheimer's Association and other charities we support in the Dunwoody Community.

Watch for more information early next week in a special edition of the weekly bulletin.

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### District Conference 2023

## SanDestin was the Rotary Place to Be Last Weekend!



We had a great time in SanDestin last weekend - these photos just show a small part of

the fun as we enjoyed Green Acres and fellowship with friends. We hosted a hospitality suite with Sandy Springs that welcomed many of our District friends. Ask Meredith about her vintage hat - all part of Friday night's Green Acres costume event.

The club was recognized for Best Foundation giving and President Jennifer received her District Governor's citation for a job well done!

We had 16 members of our Dunwoody Rotary family there - including Camille, our Rotary Youth Exchange student, and Shashwat, this year's GRSP student.

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#### **District Conference 2024**

### **Take Advantage of Early Registration for Jekyll Island - March 21-24, 2024**



**Yes, we are talking about next year's District Conference and a special registration price that's good through this Sunday, May 7.** Join us as we Amplify Rotary and feature the Lady with a Song, none other than our District Governor-Elect André Marria. DGE André is a Lady with a Song, and this conference will be filled with music, laughter, fun, and fellowship. The conference will be at the beautiful Jekyll Island Convention Center March 21-24, 2024. Let's celebrate all the ways our clubs make Rotary BIGGER, BETTER, AND LOUDER!

To register, login to [rotary6900.org](http://rotary6900.org) and click on "Register for the 2024 District Conference at Jekyll Island." The registration fee through May 7, 2023 is only \$200. The price goes up to \$275 on May 8, 2024, so register early to get this special rate. There are also special rates for guests, students, and children under the age of 17. The registration fee will go up again in September (\$295), so it pays to register early! [[more](#)]

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#### **Save the Date**

### **Plan to Join Our Year-End Celebration!!!**

On Thursday, June 15, plan to join us at the Dunwoody Country Club for the time-honored tradition of celebrating Jennifer Shumway's leadership this Rotary year and welcoming in Jack Sparks and his leadership team for the 2023-24 Rotary year. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and we'll take the time to recognize some Rotarians for their special contributions to the club and the work we do!

The event runs from 5:30 to 7:30 pm - we'll be serving heavy appetizers and beverages! You and a guest are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Louise Barden by email at [lbarden@comcast.net](mailto:lbarden@comcast.net).

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#### **Fellowship Opportunity**

### **Join Us for Theater Night - June 3**



Ron and Louise Barden would like to invite you to join us at the Aurora Theatre at 8 PM on June 3 to see a hysterical comedy, "The Play that goes Wrong." They saw this in NY, as did Carter. If you'd like to join, please buy your own tickets at <http://www.auroratheatre.com>. At this time, seats are available and there are no bad seats in this beautiful new theatre. I suggest you buy tickets soon. If you wish to meet for supper before the play, let Louise know and she will make reservations at a restaurant near the theatre in old downtown Lawrenceville.

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