



November is Rotary Foundation  
Month

Wednesdays, 12:15 pm  
Capital City Country Club-  
Guest/Vis  
53 West Brookhaven Drive, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30319

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The District website registration page is live ([link here](#)), so take care of this today. We're sending a big group this year and will plan to host a hospitality room.

You can stay anywhere on Jekyll Island you like, of course, and many members of our Club will be at the Jekyll Island Club ([link here](#)). ✖

## **HOLIDAY CARDS FOR GEORGIA CARES CLIENTS**

You will find some blank holiday cards and pens on your lunch table. Please take a few moments before and during the meeting to handwritten greetings in a few cards. They will be collected and forwarded to Georgia Cares.

Georgia Cares is an organization that provides services to children who are victims of human trafficking. The Rotary Club of Brookhaven supported Georgia Cares this year with a \$2,000 District Grant that provided the organization with a high-speed, high-capacity printer for their outreach and communication needs.



As the holidays approach, Georgia Cares solicits gifts for their clients in particular residential situations. They have that covered but have asked us to write out some handwritten holiday cards for the children.

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"Sending love, joy and peace to you this holiday season from a friend in Atlanta."

"All of us wish you a wonderful holiday season and peace and joy in the new year."

## **Polio News**

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November 17, 2019

## Meetings

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- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 11/20 | Garrett Smiley/Sora Schools                              |
| 11/27 | No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving                          |
| 12/4  | Evan Pearson: Director of Development, Hillside          |
| 12/11 | Rodney Mims Cook, Jr.; The National Monuments Foundation |

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- |       |                    |
|-------|--------------------|
| 11/17 | Jon Roxland (7)    |
| 11/22 | Tom Kent, Jr. (26) |
| 11/23 | John Berry (28)    |

## Rotary Online

<https://brookhavenrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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Treasurer	Michael E O'Nan
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