# Rotary Club of Brookhaven

# THE BULLETIN

September 10, 2018

#### **Club Calendar**

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/12 District Governor Court
Dowis

9/19 Mhairi Gormley - GRSP Student Presentation

9/26 4th Wed.: No Meeting Scheduled

10/3 BJay Pak: US Dept of Justice

# Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Bryan Katz

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/11 Karen Kropp (36)9/19 Alfred Alli (122)9/28 Cara O'Grady (5)

## **Rotary Online**

https://brookhavenrotary.org https://rotary6900.org/ https://rotary.org/

#### ROTARY CLUB OF BROOKHAVEN

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

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northlake May 9, 1989
Active Membership: 35

# **September 12 - DG Court Dowis**



Court joined the Rotary Club of Harris County in the fall of 2000 and served in almost every club position before becoming President for the 2007-2008 Rotary year. He was presented the Sheffield Award for Leadership as Club President. He is also a Major Donor, a Paul Harris Society member, a Benefactor and a level 3 Bequest Society member. His proudest accomplishment to date is a continuing service project building handicap ramps for those in need.

His service does not stop at the club level. Court has gone on to serve his district as an Assistant Governor (3 years), District Vocational Chair (2 years), PETS facilitator (4 years), Foundation Annual Giving co-Chair and as a member of the District Training Committee. He has served on the District Finance Committee and Planning & Advisory Committee for the past 2 years.

Court is more than just a Rotarian. He has served his community as the Chairman of the Harris County Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of FOCUS, he is a Boy Scout Aviation Eagle instructor and a SCCA competition driving instructor.

Court and his wife Annette live on site at their family owned resort, Pine Mountain Club Chalets located near Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. The 65 acre Family friendly Resort Destination has over 100 Chalets/Cabins for vacationers. Court is the second generation to serve as President, following his parents, Courson and Gussie Dowis, who started the development 47 years ago.

While growing up, Court and his family lived in Roswell, Ga., he then attended Southern Tech in Marietta, Ga. studying Architecture and Construction Management. After college he worked for a few firms in the construction industry until he started his own construction company in 1984 in Pine Mountain. Ten years later he took the full time duties of the Resort as President.

Annette and Court have four grown children, Michael, Joe, Amanda and Meagan and



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five grandchildren that all live in the surrounding area. When he isn't volunteering, handling vacationers or spending time with his family, he enjoys flying airplanes and racing Formula Sports Cars.

### September 19 - Mhairi Gormley

Come learn about our 2018-2019 GRSP student, Mhairi Gormley, and her plans for the year at this week's meeting!

Since 1946, Rotarians in Georgia, USA, have promoted world peace through understanding by offering scholarships to international studentsfor one year of study in Georgia colleges and universities. Georgia Rotary Clubs sponsor students recommended by a Rotary Club in their home country.

The students become adopted members of a Georgia "host family," living on-campus at the school they attend. This is a scholarship program, not an exchange!

Each year, about 60 students from all over the world make friends in the United States and other nations and learn about differing cultures and life styles. Georgia Rotarians believe "Peace is Possible" and through GRSP promote international goodwill through friendship and understanding.

#### October 3 - BJay Pak



BJay Pak is the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. He was nominated by President Trump on July 21, 2017 and was confirmed by the Senate on September 28, 2017. From 2002 to 2008, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the office that he now leads. Previously, he was in private practice representing clients in high stakes civil litigation and in criminal investigations. BJay also served as a State Representative in the Georgia General Assembly from January 2011 to January 2017, where he was a Deputy Majority Whip, and Vice Chairman of the House Judiciary Noncivil committee. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Illinois College of Law, and is also a CPA. He and his wife, Sandra, have 3 beautiful daughters and live in Lilburn.