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MONTH**

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March 19, 2017

## Club Calendar

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- 3/20 Dr. Mark Newton Retired Educator
- 3/27 Rotary India Exchange Trip - Fran & Phil Farias
- 4/3 April 3, 2017 ALIA EL-SAWI - VICTIM ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST FOR IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE), HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 3/11 Joe Jones
- 3/13 Phil Farias
- 3/18 Nesbit Toole

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/23 John Neill
- 3/13 Ed Steele

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## President Lisa Stueve's Welcome Message



Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs meets most Mondays at the Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Suites at 12:15 PM. The lunch program includes club business and also hosts guest speakers - business professionals, elected officials, non-profit leaders and others from the Sandy Springs area.

We're always looking for ways to make an impact in the community; our club members are actively engaged with senior and youth programs that support leadership development and student scholarship. While our motto and most important feature of Rotary International is "Service Above Self," we also work together in fellowship as we enjoy great camaraderie. Like us on Facebook [Sandy Springs' Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date on our club's activities!

I hope you will enjoy our weekly newsletter and I invite you to join us for lunch soon!

Lisa Stueve, President, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, 2016-17

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

## March 20, 2017 - Dr. Mark Newton Educator

Dr. Mark Newton will speak to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs on education. He is a retired educator from Gwinnett Tech and currently teaches digital classes at Georgia State and classroom classes at Piedmont College.

## Rotary Online

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

### ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm  
Hilton Suites  
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, NE  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buckhead January 13, 1972  
Active Membership: 50

### ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| President                | Lisa Stueve    |
| President-Elect          | Will MacArthur |
| Immediate Past President | Jerry Hicks    |
| Fellowship Director      | Fred Ferrand   |
| Program Director         | Billy Lovett   |
| Vice President           | Jim Squire     |
| Secretary                | Mike Stacy     |
| Treasurer                | John Neill     |

## Casino Royale! Recap Casino Royale On March 11th

Rotary Club of Sandy Springs members and guest rolled the dice and played cards during the annual Casino Royale Gala on March 11, 2017 at the Dunwoody Country Club. Food tastings, drinks, casino games, a silent auction, music and the raffle were all part of the evening that took a special time to recognize the Public Service employees of the City of Sandy Springs Fire, EMC and Police Departments. Enjoy more photos at <http://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p4870...>



### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

## March 6, 2017 - Jeffrey Stepakoff - Executive Director, Georgia Film Academy

On Monday, March 6, 2017, Jeffrey Stepakoff spoke to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs about the Georgia Film Industry and the amazing Georgia Film Academy.

Jeffrey Stepakoff was raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He is an accomplished writer-producer and an experienced academic, with a twenty-eight year entertainment industry career that includes sweeping internationally-recognized credits, leadership roles in content creation and production management, and a track record of collaboration, innovation, and success in virtually all forms of commercial media.

After earning a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and then completing his Master of Fine Arts in Playwriting at Carnegie Mellon University, School of Drama, Stepakoff moved to Hollywood and began writing and producing film, television and digital entertainment.

He has "written by" or "story by" credits on thirty-seven television episodes, has written for fifteen different series, and has been a writer and/or writer-producer on eight primetime or first-run cable staffs, credited on more than two hundred episodes of popular television. The TV credits for which he is most known include the Emmy-winning *The Wonder Years*, *Sisters*, *Wild Card*, *Hyperion Bay*, *The Magic School*, *C16:FBI*, *Robin's Hoods*, *Land's End*, *Flipper*, *Sons & Daughters*, *Major Dad*, *The Yakov Smirnoff Show*, *Beauty & the Beast*, *Have Faith*, *Simon & Simon*, and break-out hit *Dawson's Creek*, where he was Co-Executive Producer. Until July 2015, he worked as the Co-Executive Producer of *Chasing Life* for ABC Family.

Stepakoff has also created and developed pilots for many of the major studios and

networks, including 20th Century, Paramount, MTM, Fox and ABC, and a variety of production companies and producers, such as Alloy Entertainment (Gossip Girl, The Vampire Diaries), Michael Pillar (Star Trek: Voyager, Deep Space Nine), and David Milch (Deadwood, NYPD Blue).

He has also developed and written major motion pictures, including Disney's Brother Bear, Tarzan, for which Phil Collin's won an Academy Award, and EM Entertainment's Lapitch, Croatia's selection for the 1998 Academy Awards.

Stepakoff has worked for numerous entertainment companies in the research and digital arts space, such as SimEx-Iwerks Entertainment, HarperCollins Interactive, Citicorp Transactional Technology, Digital Pictures, Inscape (HBO/Time Warner), and Universal Studios. He wrote the popular videogames Quarterback Attack with Mike Ditka. Creating a new storytelling model as one of the first "webisodic" shows, and the initial original content project for the digital media division of Paramount Studios, he developed and wrote Perspectives, an interactive drama series for the internet.

There are over a million copies of Stepakoff's novels in print in twenty languages, as well.

Learn More About the Georgia Film Academy at [Georgia Film Academy](#)



#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWS

### **Congratulations, Jim Squire, For Receiving Recommendation for District Governor 2019-20!**



Past District Governors, the current District Governor, and future District Governors of Rotary International's District 6900 met together at the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs on 2-6-2017 to make an important announcement that the District 6900 selection committee has recommended Jim Squire, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, to be the District Governor for 2019-20. Congratulations, Jim. Present were PDGs Claudia Mertl, Margie Kersey, Ralph Thurmond, Bob Hagan (Skyping from India), Blake McBurney, DG Raymond Ray, and DG-Elect Alec Smythe, DG-Nominee Court Dowis, Jr. For more photos, go to

<http://www.zenfolio.com/rotaryclubofsandysprings/p1029290527>

#### RECENT ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS NEWS

### **District 6900 India Team Comes Home**

Fran and Phil Farias, both members of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, were members of the District 6900 Team India and have returned home. We will learn more about their adventure in an upcoming program.



#### RECENT ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS NEWS

### **2016 Sandy Springs Rotary Foundation Dan Keels Scholarship and Technical School Scholarship Winners**

The Sandy Springs Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation that provides scholarships to deserving students. Congratulations to the 2016 winners of the Dan Keels Scholarship and the technical school scholarship listed below.

#### **Dan Keels Scholarship Winners for 2016**

Georgia Tech - Anjana Anandkumar for \$2,000.00

Alabama A&M - Jordan Mason for \$2,000.00

FAMU (Tallahassee) - Auriel Durr for \$2,000.00

### **2016 Technical School Scholarship**

Gwinnett Technical - Cassandra Lloyd Douglas for \$500

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 year. For more information and a link to the application, go to <https://sandyspringsrotary.org/v2/page/293>

## GREETERS/INVOCATION

### **Next Week's Greeters and Invocation**

**March 20, 2017**

GREETER A: Ashley Garrison

GREETER B: Nate Kongthum

INVOCATION: Sally Wyeth

If you are unable to serve as a greeter or give the invocation, please be responsible for finding a replacement.

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## **2017 DISTRICT 6900 CONFERENCE CRUISE**

### **Make Your Reservations Now!**

A cruise is a little different from a regular conference. It is impossible to wait until the last minute to register or reserve a cabin. We are asking that you make your plans to join us and register for the conference and **book your cabin.**

Passports are not required but are highly recommended. If you do not have a passport, you will need a CERTIFIED COPY of your birth certificate and another government issued ID, such as a drivers license. Get all the details at <https://rotary6900.org/event/709>


## ROTARY MONTHLY THEME - MARCH - WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

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