



Roswell Remembers – 9-11 Ceremony Report

Roswell will never forget! And Roswell Rotary Club is proud to sponsor and present this solemn remembrance of the attacks on America on September 11th, 2001.

The committee this year, headed up by Georgia Senator John Albers and Board Service Chair Walt Woliver, put together a committee of over twenty Rotarians to bring this program to the community of Roswell.

The event was held around the reflecting pond at the Roswell Area Park at the Mike Gann memorial. Mike Gann was a long time Roswell resident and regular user of the Roswell Area Park who was killed in the 911 attack. Represented were all of the first responders in Roswell, including the Roswell Police Department, the Roswell Fire Department, Roswell EMS, and others including the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Roswell City Council members, radio personality Rhubarb Jones, the 8th Grade Chorus from the Holcomb Bridge Middle School, Roswell Municipal Court Judge Brian Hansford, local Girls Scout troops and local Boy Scout Troops participated. The Roswell Fire Department displayed a huge American Flag at the top of two ladder trucks displayed above the pond with eight U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Atlanta Detachment Contingent members playing four patriotic songs. Red, white and blue floating floral displays released in the pond representing the 343 Firefighters, 71 Law Enforcement Officers and 2,563 Civilians that lost their lives in this attack, helped to punctuate this serious time of reflection. At this time, we also honored the Firefighter and Police Officer of the year.

This was a joint project between Roswell Rotary and the City of Roswell. The Committee was made up of over 20 Roswell Rotarians and twelve members of the City of Roswell including the Roswell Recreation and Parks Department, the Roswell Police Department, the Roswell Fire Department and Roswell EMS. The Committee met for almost a year to plan this great event. This was the 12th year our Roswell Rotary Club has participated in this great event. Our budget was \$1,500.00 and we spent \$2,600.00 with the difference made up of individual donations.

There were over 900 in attendance at this event.

It was a moving ceremony that was concluded with a stirring rendition of Taps played by our own Rotarian member Alan Christian.

Hundreds of citizens attended and there was much press coverage of the event recognizing the efforts of Roswell Rotary and the City.