

# MIDTOWN ATLANTA ROTARY CLUB

Club 4114 - District 6900



## The Midtown Messenger

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Club Information  
**Meets at Ansley Golf Club**  
196 Montgomery Ferry Rd  
Tuesday at 12:30 PM  
**Charter Date**  
Founded in April 1956

Useful Links  
[Our Home Page](#)  
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### Club Leaders



**Albert Kay Blackwelder**  
President



**Elmer Stancil Jr.**  
President Elect



**Courtney Bazemore**  
Secretary

### Meeting This Week

Norene Mostkoff, CEO, Hospice Atlanta

**March Madness Pool begins.** March Madness continues Tuesday. Teams cost \$20 this week. Winner receives \$100 and remaining proceeds to go to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Fund.

### Meeting Duties This Week

Date	Pledge and Invocation	Guests	Greeter/Attendance
3/21	Bill Parker	Donna Peoples	Kevin Perry
3/28	Tom Quinn	Meredith Regains	Barbara Rose
4/4	Diana Sauvigne'	Clay Sparrow	Elmer Stancil
4/11	Richard Swindle	Matthew Tanner	Bob Thornton

Please notify [Myron Martin](#) if you cannot perform your duties.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

Date	Speaker
3/28	Will Johnston, Founder & Executive Director, Tiny House Atlanta
4/4	TBA
4/11	Paul Morris, CEO of Atlanta Beltline Inc. , followed by Atlanta Beltline Bus Tour (2 hours)
4/18	Allan Vella, President and CEO, Fox Theatre

### Sad News

Richard Jennings passed away Sunday, March 12. He was a 47-year member of our club and a great friend to many of us. Please keep his wife, Tish, and their children and grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers. Services for Dick will be held Thursday, March 23, at St. Philips Cathedral at 2 PM with a reception to follow at the church in the Hall of Bishops. Donations may be made to the Midtown Atlanta Rotary Foundation in Dick's memory.

As the longest living member of Midtown Atlanta Rotary, Dick was interviewed about his life



**Paul Lundy**  
Treasurer



**Julie B. Goldberg**  
Past President



**Sandra Murray**  
Club Communications Chair



**Juan McGruder**  
Rotary Foundation Chair



**William L. Burns III**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**T. Myron Martin**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Thomas Worthy**  
Director at Large



**Brian McGuire**  
Club Programs Chair



**Ryan Jacobs**  
Membership Chair



**Dolph Goldenburg**  
Service Projects

and how he became a Rotarian in 2014.

Several themes interweave throughout Dick Jennings’s life: family, Midtown Rotary, banking and a love of the outdoors. Growing up in Greenwood, MS, Dick learned to hunt and fish at an early age. “As children, we would walk out in the cotton fields and hunt rabbits. There were also lakes nearby where we could fish and go duck hunting” recounts Dick. Later his family moved to Knoxville, TN, where he attended high school and then college at UT. When he was in high school, an Atlanta friend of his older brother told him: “Dick, you like the outdoors. You ought to go to Atlanta and get a job as a counselor at the Fritz Orr camp.” He got the job, and for several summers taught canoeing—a lifelong love. This interest resurfaced in the family DNA, as one of his grandsons is a top-ranked kayaker.

Dick’s first job in banking was the result of a Rotary luncheon downtown. He sat next to a director of the First National Bank who, upon finding out that the recent college graduate was looking for a job, sent Dick to their HR director with a personal recommendation. After holding various positions at First National, he retired as Senior VP. You won’t be surprised that persons who worked for him remember Dick as “the best boss they ever had.” In 1969, he was invited to join the Brookwood (now Midtown Atlanta) Rotary Club—which later became our Midtown Atlanta Rotary. He was a former President of the club and our longest serving member. Dick is survived by his wife, Tish, three children and eight grandchildren.



### Atlanta 2017- The Rotary World Is Coming To Our Front Door

### Volunteer for RI Conference and MARC Hosting A Dinner

Two opportunities to volunteer. First, you can volunteer with District 6900 for any of the days the conference is going on. Go to <http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/volunteer> to see what opportunities are available. Second, you can volunteer with our club to host a dinner with other local clubs on June 10. Email Elmer Stancil at [estancil@georgiatolls.com](mailto:estancil@georgiatolls.com) to let him know you would like to join the planning committee.



Meet more wonderful members of the HEART family who help the HEART School in Haiti thrive.



Sam St. Louis (left), with several students, teaches English and monitors the biodigester system.

Danielo (left) helping to build the second biodigester. Adult volunteers have said that Danielo shows an aptitude for engineering.

Hello my name is Danielo Joslyn, I am 14 years old and attend the

Heart In Haiti School or L'ecole Mixte De Sibert. I helped build the second biodigester. The way I helped was that I held the flashlight for the men who were working on it and I also cut the PVC pipes. Whatever the men asked for I would go get it for them to help. I am still involved in the biodigester. The way I support it is by feeding it the leftover food that would be thrown away after each cleanup in the cafeteria. I am very proud to be a part of this project. There are many things that are different from the first cooker. I am thankful for the men who came and showed me and everyone else how to build it and take care of it.

Hello my name is Samuel St. Louis, I am 20 years old and have been in Haiti volunteering at the Heart in Haiti School since July 2016. My role at the school is an English teacher and I also record data on the biodigester. The data I record is the temperature, usually in the morning and the afternoon, the pH level and the weight of the buckets which we put the biodigesters food in. I have seen biodigesters before, but never was part of the assembling of one until my volunteering at the school. This was and still is a great experience for me. Another role I have associated with the biodigester is explaining to visitors how we feed it and how it works.



## Celebrate March Birthdays

### Birthdays

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>
1	<a href="#">Ashley Baker</a>	March 4
2	<a href="#">Carol Gray</a>	March 5
3	<a href="#">Sam Choy</a>	March 20
4	<a href="#">Patricia Gardner</a>	March 22
5	<a href="#">Brian McGuire</a>	March 22

### Anniversaries

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
1	<a href="#">Meredith Regains</a>	March 10