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September 17, 2017

### Club Calendar

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/18 Maria Fejervary
- 9/25 Joe Payne, Founder VASSIC, LLC
- 10/2 Dr. Abbott, Update on Leprosy
- 10/16 Public Safety Awards

### Our Rotary Family

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### President Will MacArthur's Welcome Message

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, I welcome you to visit our club and experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. We meet on Monday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. You can reserve a spot by going to our website at [www.sandyspringsrotary.org](http://www.sandyspringsrotary.org). Join your fellow professionals, and community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can fit in your future. Experience Rotary Making A Difference!



#### UPCOMING PROGRAM

### September 18, 2017 - Maria Fejervary

On Monday, September 18, 2017, Maria Fejervary will speak to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs about safe houses in Costa Rica for victims of human trafficking.

## BIRTHDAYS

9/15 Carl Pirkle  
9/27 Mike Stacy

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Tamara Carrera  
9/17 William Snellings  
9/8 Rick Doyle

## 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: 49  

### ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

President	Will MacArthur
President-Elect	Fred Ferrand
Secretary	Mike Stacy
Treasurer	John Neill



From the FACEBOOK page, "Salvando Corazones is dedicated to the fight against trafficking of children into the sex industry in Costa Rica. Through the operation of safe homes, child survivors of commercial exploitation receive education, rehabilitative services and unconditional love and support needed to return to society as capable young adults. Salvando Corazones translated into English means "Saving Hearts" which is what we do on a daily basis. We have girls brought to us that have no hope left and it is our job to give them that hope back! We opened a Safe House for these girls at an undisclosed location (for their safety). They are now leading new lives and given that second chance they so deserve!" [Facebook Link](#)



- **MISSION** ~~~~~
  - To provide a safe and loving home to children being trafficked in the sex trade while meeting their psychological and educational needs.
- **VISION** ~~~~~
  - To see every child that goes through our program leave with a sense of dignity and empowerment, knowing they are loved, valued and free to choose the trajectory of their future.
- **CORE VALUES** ~~~~~
  - Love, Respect, Authenticity, Trust and Compassion



### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

## September 11, 2017 - IRMA

Hurricane IRMA's inclimate weather in the Atlanta area caused President Will McArthur to cancel last Monday's meeting. We hope everyone came through o.k. and pray for those seriously affected by the storm.



**UPCOMING EVENT**

**HERITAGE SANDY SPRINGS FESTIVAL,  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23-24**

President Will MacArthur: Call for Volunteers: As an early reminder, the Club, as in the past, will have a booth at the Sandy Springs Festival on Saturday (9/23) and Sunday (9/24) and we will need volunteers to man our booth on both days. If we allow for 2 hour shifts and 2 volunteers per shift we will need 16 members to volunteer. Please check you calendars and plan of volunteering at our booth. We will have sign up sheets available at our meeting on the 18th.

Then plan to attend the Festival. Bring your family. Best of all, it is FREE!





## **CLUB ESSENTIALS**

### GREETERS/INVOCATION

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

**September 18, 2017**

GREETER A: Charan Shikh

GREETER B: Jordan Hutchinson

INVOCATION: Ralph Thurmond

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

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ROTARY MONTHLY THEME - SEPTEMBER - BASIC  
EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



# **Realizing that getting children into**

# **schools isn't enough to solve illiteracy, Rotary shifts to mentoring and coaching teachers**

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