

# THE BULLETIN

June 27, 2019



Home of  
District Governor Elect:  
Jim Squire  
&  
Past District Governors  
Frank Bentley,  
Ralph Thurmond,  
and Barry Smith

## Meetings

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

6/3 Bob Belmonte  
6/6 Steven Jordan  
6/6 James Paschal  
6/13 Sally Wyeth McLaughlin  
6/23 Rusty Paul

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/11 Steve Soteres (33)  
6/14 Fred Ferrand (33)  
6/23 Benjy Dubovsky (46)  
6/28 Linda Randolph (33)

## 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  

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### President Nancy Schroeders 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

### Christopher Tomlinson of the State Road & Tollway Authority to address the club



Christopher Tomlinson serves as the Executive Director for the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and as Interim Executive Director of the newly created Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (the ATL). In his combined executive leadership roles, Mr. Tomlinson leads three state level authorities whose shared missions are focused on improving mobility in Georgia by providing reliable, innovative transportation solutions to Georgia motorists and transit commuters.

Mr. Tomlinson sits on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), where he currently serves as President. He also serves as his agencies' primary liaison to the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Public Private Partnership (P3) program.

Prior to his current roles, Mr. Tomlinson served as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for SRTA. In this role, he was responsible for day-to-day operations and legal issue management. Prior to joining SRTA, Tomlinson served as General Counsel for several state agencies, including GDOT, the Georgia Technology Authority and the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, where he also served as Deputy Director for the Construction Division.

Mr. Tomlinson graduated cum laude from Morehouse College with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Georgia State University College of Law. He resides in Loganville with his wife, Lillian, and their two children.

## AGENCY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SRTA operates all toll facilities within Georgia and serves as a transportation funding/financing arm for the state. In addition, SRTA manages IIXpress" - the State's regional commuter coach transit service which provides service in the metro Atlanta region and administers the Atlanta region's vanpool program.

GRTA serves as the Governor's voice for strategic direction and approval of metro Atlanta's federally required overall transportation plan and reviews Developments of Regional Impact to understand their effect on the region's transportation network.



## LEADERSHIP

President	Fred Ferrand
President-Elect	Nancy Schroeder
Treasurer	John Neill
Secretary	Mike Stacy
Foundation	Rick Doyle, III
Membership	Adam Bowling

The ATL provides transit governance, planning and funding oversight for all transit projects and operators within the 13-county metro Atlanta region.

More information about the SRTA can be found here: <https://www.srta.ga.gov>



### Previous Program

## Joe Labriola from Second Helpings Atlanta Performs a Great Service to our Community

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, Joe Labriola, executive director of Second Helpings Atlanta visited our club. He brought with him a plan to feed the hungry. A plan to give a hand-up to the folks in need around our town. The SHA is a non-profit local foundation with a goal of curbing food waste which currently cost the US over \$218 billion a year. Second Helpings Atlanta seeks to work hard to prevent hunger by rescuing 300 - 800 pounds of food every day. The organization of the food rescue is done at SHA and much of the leg work is augmented with volunteer help. The volunteers are asked to participate in small increments of time, known as the 90 minute model.

Joe explained "The SHA 90 minute model" in detail to illustrate the profound effect that one person can have in a very short period of time. The idea is that anyone can give an hour and a half out of their day, week, or month and have a high impact volunteer experience. The 90 minute model is based on the idea that grocery stores use to not "break the cold chain". He explained that grocery stores encourage shoppers to keep their food as fresh as possible by taking it directly home and putting cold items in the refrigerator as quickly as possible to prevent spoilage. This translates to volunteer pick-up and delivery as well. Once a pick-up is made by a driver, it MUST be delivered promptly and as directly as possible to a client or service agency to maintain the integrity and viability of the food.

Using the phrase "The multiplier effect", Joe described how delivering food to the many community services programs around Atlanta, has actually paid off in over \$50,000 of cost avoidance. The deferred savings are re-focused on the important services provided by those agencies.

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs would like to thank Joe for his service to our community. If you would like to volunteer please feel free to reach out directly to Joe at: [director@secondhelpings.info](mailto:director@secondhelpings.info)



*Joe Labriola - Executive Director at Second Helpings Atlanta*



*From left to right: Jim Squire - District 6900 Governor Elect, Joe Labriola - Executive Director at Second Helpings Atlanta, & Fred Ferrand - 2018-2019 President of Sandy Springs Rotary Club*

These photos and many more can be found here:

<https://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/joel...>

For more information about [Second Helpings Atlanta click here.](#)



**July 8th Program**

## **Randolph G. Russell, Author of American History in No Time to address the club**



Randolph G. Russell is the author of *American History in No Time, a quick and easy read for the basics*. He has been welcomed by numerous audiences across the country, including Rotary clubs in Orlando, Birmingham, and Las Vegas. In addition to his expertise in history, the author is an accomplished musician who has performed in many European countries and throughout the U.S. In business, he held a number of financial management positions with companies in Florida and Georgia.

Russell holds degrees from the University of Miami and the University of Florida.

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His book can be bought here:

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/23368479-american-history-in-no-time>



**A Look Ahead**

## **Here's an easy and quick glimpse of our Rotary meetings to come**



**Is your name mentioned below?**

## **Greeters and Invocation Leader for July 1, 2019**



Rotary Club of Sandy Springs Greeters & Invocation leader for next meeting.  
(07/01/2019)

Invocators, as per the "Make it fun and they will come." theme, have a joke ready!

**Greeter A:**

*TBD*

**Greeter B:**

*TBD*

**Invocation Leader:**

*TBD*