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Comer Yates is the Executive Director of the Atlanta Speech School. Founded in 1938 by Katherine Hamm as a facility primarily focused on educating children with hearing loss (her son was deaf), the Speech School now includes three programs. One, named for Hamm, is for children who are deaf or hard of hearing; another is for children with dyslexia; and the third is a preschool for children with speech and language delays. The Speech School also houses five clinical programs, diagnostic facilities, and a mainstream preschool where youngsters from the Hamm Center blend with kids without hearing loss in order to ensure that they are ready to move on to their neighborhood schools.

Comer Yates was a practicing commercial litigation attorney at Nations, Yates & Toman when he accepted the position as Executive Director in 1998. Following his graduation from Emory in 1974, Yates spent several years as a high school teacher and, after earning his law degree from Emory in 1982, he taught at the School of Law as adjunct faculty and also led the mock trial team at southwest Atlanta's Therrell High School for nearly two decades. Yates earned a prestigious 11Alive Community Service Award for that work. He recently was reappointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the Georgia Commission on Hearing Impaired and Deaf Persons.

Yates sees one of his major roles as connecting the school with like-minded partners who share the school's mission of helping children achieve full potential through language and literacy—and "find their voice for a lifetime,” Yates says.
Some 1,800 children and adults are served annually, and Yates is proud that no student has ever been turned away for financial reasons. Recently, the school's reach has expanded to include teacher training through its Rollins Center for Language and Learning. The O. Wayne Rollins Foundation–funded center focuses on providing professional development to teachers of children from low-income families who are caught in an intergenerational cycle of illiteracy and poverty.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Atlanta and serves as Chair of the Rotary Education Foundation. He serves on the Board of Camp Twin Lakes, the Berry College Board of Visitors, the Junior League of Atlanta Advisory Board, the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church and is active with Friends of the First Tee of East Lake. He is the Vice-Chair of the Georgia Commission on Hearing Impaired and Deaf Persons. He participated in Leadership Atlanta - 1994 and has served in leadership capacities for the Anti-Defamation League and the Atlanta Area Association for Independent Schools. He received the Most Innovative Partnership in Education Award from the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in 1994.

Comer was born in Atlanta and is married to Sally Quillian Yates. They have a daughter, Kelley, and a son, Quill.

### Dunwoody Rotary Recognized in Bangkok

**President Elect Susan Schwall** on stage at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok Thailand accepting the Changemaker Award on behalf of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody from Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee.

This award was granted to only 15 out of the 34,000+ Rotary Clubs in the world. **The Rotary Club of Dunwoody** was the only Club in the United States in our size category (51-100 members) that won the award and only 3 clubs worldwide of our size won the award. Photographs courtesy of Past District Governor Robert Hall.

### Batters Up for Challenger Baseball!

Volunteers needed to help special kids!

On **Saturday, May 19**, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody will again host the annual end of year picnic for the Murphey Candler Little League Challenger baseball team. Challenger is a program whereby kids with disabilities are able to play real baseball with the help of non-disabled peer volunteers from other teams in the Murphey Candler system. We have hosted this event for over 10 years and help by cooking hamburgers, hot dogs with all the trimmings for the players and their families, and by lending a smile and friendly Rotary goodwill.
You are encouraged to bring your spouse and family-this really is more fun than work, and no one goes away hungry. We will set up, cook and serve from **12:30-2:00PM**, at Murphey Candler Park at 1551 West Nancy Creek Drive (a little over a mile from Ravinia inside the Perimeter). Please contact **Shawn Hardister** (shardister@brooksmcginnis.com) if you can help.

**On the Way to Bangkok**

Captured at the airport in Tokyo by Rotary Club of Buckhead President Elect Candace Klein, our very own **Past District Governor Bob Hall and Charlene Hall** during the long trip to the Rotary International convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

Also on the road to the convention from the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** are **President Elect Susan and Bob Schwall** and Rotarians for Fighting AIDS Founder and Chief Executive Officer **Marion Bunch**.

**Beach Trip for Past District Governor Bill Mulkey!**

Your children or grandchildren may have played “Where in the World is Carmen Miranda.” Members of the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** can now play **“Where Will Past District Governor Bill Mulkey Show Up Next.”**

Recently, **Roy and Franci Ethridge** spotted Bill on the beaches of south Florida where they vacationed after the District Conference. As you can see, he is looking quite svelte and should probably have his hat on to protect him from those UV rays!

If you spot PDG Bill out and about, please send a picture to your Bulletin Editor!

**Volunteers Needed for Dunwoody Arts Festival**

A Mother's Day tradition in the City of Dunwoody, the crowd-pleasing Dunwoody Art Festival, will celebrate its third dazzling show **THIS WEEKEND** on May 12 and 13. For more information, visit the Festival's website at http://dunwoodyartfestival.splashfestivals.com

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody NEEDS YOU HELP!

As in the past, Dunwoody Rotarian Volunteers will have the opportunity to play a role that is central to the success of this event, which is expected to draw a remarkable crowd of more than 70,000 families, friends, visitors to the streets of Dunwoody.
Dunwoody Rotarians play a central role helping the Artists with Set-up (Saturday 5:00 – 9:00am) and Artist Booth Break Down (Sunday 6:00 – 8:30pm). The artists have been effusive in their appreciation of the volunteers who welcome them and help them with set up and break down. Information is available at www.splashfestivals.ivolunteer.com/2012dunwoodyartfestival.

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to sign up! See Charlie Augello or Past President Kathy Brandt or go to www.splashfestivals.ivolunteer.com/2012dunwoodyartfestival. Follow the instructions at the top of the page and click on one of the tabs "Artist Set up" or "Artist Breakdown". Click the "Volunteer tab - and the form to complete will pop up.

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**Help Peachtree Middle Celebrate!**

Principal Scott Heptinstall has asked for about 10 volunteers to supervise dismissal of school on the **last day of school, May 24**. **Volunteers are needed from 3:45 - 4:15**. No experience or training is required -- Principal Heptinstall simply wants extra adult supervision.

This is a great opportunity to see all of the middle school students at their happiest! Please contact Deb Cameron if you can help -- dcameron@mflaw.com.

**Community Help Opportunities**

We can help our community and help our Club by voting and signing up this week.

Recently, some teenagers vandalized the community garden at Brook Run. These gardens kept the local food bank supplied. There is much community support being devoted to rebuilding the gardens. Among the many community efforts underway is the "voting" initiative which is an eligibility factor for grant application for planting a fruit orchard.

Get full details and register your vote by going to http://orchard2012.org/. Thanks to Past President Kathy Brandt for bringing this to our attention.

An opportunity also exists to raise some money for our Club. The Dunwoody Patch, a local e-news site, is offering to make contributions based on the number of people who sign up for their e-newsletter. You can get details and sign up by going to http://dunwoody.patch.com/articles/patch-gives-back-help-a-nonprofit-by-signing-up-for-our-e-newsletter?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001. Thanks to Don Griffing for spotting this one!

**Service Above Self Invitational - Golfers Wanted!**

The Rotary Club of Brookhaven will be hosting the 2nd annual Service Above Self Invitational Golf Tournament on May 14th at the Cherokee Country Club. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the Shepherd Center's SHARE (Shaping Home and Recovery Excellence) Initiative. The mission of the SHARE Initiative is to provide a continuum of
rehabilitation care for soldiers who have sustained a spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury while serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan and to assist, support, and educate these soldiers and their families as they return to their home and community so they can achieve the highest levels of independence and quality of life. Our May 25th speaker will be Christine O’Hara from Wounded Warriors which is associated with the Shepherd Center’s Share Initiative.

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody is a "Hole" Sponsor of this event and will be recognized on all marketing materials and in the program and on the tournament banner. If you are interested in participating in this event, the cost of registration is $500 per Rotarian golfer and $625 per non-Rotarian golfer. If four Dunwoody Rotarians sign up to Golf our sponsorship level will be increased to "Captain" and the Club will receive additional benefits. Please let President Laura know if you are interested. For more information go to www.sasinvitational.org or contact our former Assistant Governor and Honorary Member, Bill Smith.

Member News

Happy Birthday!

May 09        Mike Stipick
May 14        Larry Christopher
May 14        Elaine Dolt
May 17        Craig Gregozeski
May 17        Warren Turner
May 20        Tina Philpot
May 28        Cassandra Mills

Happy Anniversary!

May 09        Kelly and Pam Hundley
May 11        Hoshi and Baku Daruwalla
May 11        Jeffrey and Penny Priluck
May 21        Sidney and Alia Browning
May 25        Warren and Emily Hutmacher
May 27        Jack and Lee Francisco

Rotary Club of Dunwoody Information!

The following links will open The Rotary Club of Dunwoody's website for information on our leadership, recognition of our members' important contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the Georgia Rotary Student Program, along with Rotary's Four Way test. Please be sure to use these links to celebrate our many contributions:

Rotary Club of Dunwoody Leadership 2011-2012
Rotary Foundation Major Donors
Paul Harris Society Members
Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members
Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellows
Our Support of the Georgia Rotary Student Program
We are the Home of 3 Past District Governors!
Our Service Above Self Recipients
District 6900
Rotary International Leadership

The Four Way Test and the Object of Rotary