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September 24, 2017

### Club Calendar

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/25 Joe Payne, Founder VASSIC, LLC
- 10/2 Dr. Abbott, Update on Leprosy
- 10/16 Public Safety Awards
- 10/23 Emory Mulling

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**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

**9-25-2017 Joe Payne, Founder VASSIC, LLC**

## 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



On September 25, 2017, Joe Payne, founder of VASSIC, LLC, will speak to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs. According to the company's website, "Vassic offers customized Internet-based telecommunications solutions for small and medium-sized businesses. We work with the major providers to give you the power you need, while making sure you get the attention you need. With our services you can increase productivity, benefit from complete mobility, flexibility, increased security, and telecommunications systems integration."

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

## September 18, 2017 - Maria Fejervary

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





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](http://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p7894...) For more photos go to <http://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p7894...>

- 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

**NEW MEMBER INDUCTED**  
**Three New Members Inducted on September 18, 2017!**

On September 18, 2017, Jim Squire inducted three new members into the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs. We welcome Adam Bowling of Emerald Data Networks, Ed Ukaonu, CEO, Indoor Billboard Networks, and Reginald Thomas, Branch Manager, Fidelity Bank. L-R, Adam Bowling, Fred Ferrand, Ed Ukaonu, Tamara Carrera, Fran Farias, Reginald Thomas, Jim Squire. For more photos, go to <http://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p7726...>





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

For more photos, go to <http://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p1067...>





Lots of fun at the Heritage Sandy Springs' Festival. We hope everyone enjoyed volunteering at the booth and meeting up with new and old friends.



**CLUB ESSENTIALS**

**GREETERS/INVOCATION**

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

**September 25, 2017**

GREETER A: Linda Randolph

GREETER B: Chris Burnett

INVOCATION: Mike Lindstrom

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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