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By Jackie Culbert
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LEADERBOARD

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Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polo plus.

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I	Henry County	North Atlanta	North Atlanta
II	Johns Creek North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland	Vinings Cumberland
III	Decatur	Dunwoody	Carrolltown Downbreakers
IV	North Cobb	Alpharetta	Columbus

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, February 6th, 2025	Calling All Presidents-Elect - Zoom - PETS - Last Minute Prep
Friday, February 7th, 2025	Official Visit - Decatur Star Student
Saturday, February 8th, 2025	Official Visit - Carrolltown Downbreakers Fundraiser
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Tuesday, February 11th, 2025	Official Visit - Moultrie
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