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Club Calendar

DECEMBER IS ROTARY'S
DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT
MONTH

December 14 Mark Becker, President Georgia State University

December 21 Rotary Christmas Program

December 28 No Meeting

MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 4 No Meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 11 Spalding County Parks & Recreation Update

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

December 11 Brandon Stooksbury

16 Skipper Burns

17 Hal Rahn

17 John Quinn

18 Eric Pitts

25 Scott Owen

27 Josh Sprayberry

27 Joy Gaddy

30 Chris Edwards

30 Eric Worrell

January 02 Josh Messer

ANNIVERSARIES

December 14 Kelvin & Wynema Williams

16 Jim & Barbara King

28 Joy & Jeff Gaddy

31 John & Cindy Plageman



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM Club Assembly

President Tom Gardner kicked off Club Assembly by explaining that our Club has a Board of eight Directors who oversee 39 committees. He added that the Club was where he projected we should be at this time of his term as President to which he credited the Directors. He asked for reports or presentations from three of the Board. Art Hammond, Club Treasurer, led off by asking for a show







Tom Gardner

Art Hammond

John White

of hands from those who liked numbers and budgets. Approximately 5% raised their hands. Art said that he always thought about 95% of people were bored with financial reports. So, he referred everyone to the budget that is placed in the back of the Club Handbook each year. But, he explained we have two budgets - an operating budget and a project budget. The annual operating budget comes from membership dues and is approximately \$140,000 with \$15K to district and international dues, \$24K to our project fund, \$10K to District Conference, \$12.5K to President-Elect attendance of RI Convention, and \$50K to our weekly meals. The project budget for this year is \$41,000 and comes from the Sombrero Dash fundraiser (\$8K), our operating budget (\$24K), and interest and dividends from investments (\$3K). The project budget funds our GRSP student (\$17K) and our community service projects. explained the Club's investment portfolio of \$325,000 was in CD's until recently when they were cashed and invested in the stock market with three firms operated by members of our Club. John White, Director for Club Administration, discussed the District Conference which is scheduled to be held in San Destin April 26 - 29. John reported that 16 of 20 rooms the Club had reserved at the Embassy Suites have already been claimed by members planning to attend. John explained that participating in District Conference is more Rotary fellowship than attending meetings. John is planning for our Club to host a low country boil, a hospitality room, and other socials. He said that the Conference this year will be 20% meetings and 80% fellowship. Awards will even be presented later in the Rotary year. As in past years, the Club will pay one night's room for members, and members who have joined within the past year will have two nights paid by the Club. Charles Woodroof, Director for Membership, then stepped up to provide som e Holiday-Spirited Sunshine. Brett Bell, a member of the Sunshine Committee, also added some timely barbs.

By George Granade

Merry Christmas

GRIFFIN ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE





Kettle Battle Report

IF YOU PLAN TO DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE GIVE THROUGH OUR KETTLE! Griffin Rotary and Griffin Kiwanis are in the midst of a "friendly" competition to see who can collect the most money in their respective Kettles during the holiday ringing season. Rotary took an early lead with grocery shoppers flocking to stores for Thanksgiving foods, but Kiwanis passed us on Black Friday and Saturday. George Granade reported that thanks to some generous donations, our Kettle had collected \$15,154.29 as of last Wednesday night. Keep on ringing and keep on giving! Our kettle is located at the west entrance to Kroger's.

DECEMBER SUNSHINE



LEFT: Charles Woodroof and Brett Bell provided some Sunshine for our Club Assembly gathering.

Thank You Bell Ringers!

Our club project of ringing the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle each year probably demands more people power and hours than most if not all projects we undertake. This year, we will ring 306 hours at our Kettle at Kroger's. Thanks to the 65 Rotarians who have (or will) ring this season. And, thanks to our Bell Ringing Partners who helped us by ringing over 155 hours. They are:

> First National Bank (20) Sprayberry & Company (16) Beck, Owen & Murray (10) **Memorial Drive Vet Clinic (10)** CareMaster (10) **Newton Crouch, Inc. (10)** Flint River Regional Library (10) Daybreak Rotary (12.5) Griffin OB-GYN (9) **Snider-Killingsworth Insurance (6)** Paragon Consulting (7) United Bank (7.5) Murray Company (8) **SCTC Rotaract (8)** The Cancer Warriors (6) GHS JrROTC (3) **GRCCA Students (3)**

> > Flint River Council, BSA (2) **Liberty Technology (2)**

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MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday - 12 Noon Henry County PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough Monday - 12:15 PM IHOP, Fayetteville Favetteville Monday - 6:30 PM Coweta-Favette Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia Tuesday - 12 Noon Lamar Co. College & Career Academy Barnesville Tuesday - 12 Noon Jackson/Butts Co. Daughtry Park, Jackson Tuesday - 12:15 PM Thomaston/Upson Co Thomaston-Upson Senior Center Wednesday - 7:30 AM Griffin Daybreak J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin Wednesday - 12:15 PM Clayton County Holiday Inn, Jonesboro Thursday - 7:15 AM Fayette Daybreak Windham , Peachtree City Friday - 12 Noon Newnan Newnan Country Club, Newnan

Rotary eClub One - One Makeup per Quarter

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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