



Club Calendar

**JANUARY IS ROTARY'S
VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

January 18	Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle
January 25	Suresh Ramalingam Winship Cancer Institute
February 01	Mark Butler, Commissioner Georgia Department of Labor
	Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM
February 08	Jackie Harmon Laws of Life Essay

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

January 15	William Wilson
15	Brett Bell
15	Daniel Searcy
18	Jim King
18	Steve Mulder
20	Dave Lamb
24	Bobby Shapard
29	Mark Milam
29	Eddie Johnston
February 01	Alton Knight

ANNIVERSARIES

January 18	Yvonne & Robert Langford
23	Ed & Molly Worrell
23	Eric & Annie Worrell
31	Henry & Ann Walker
February 06	Tommy & Sara Hopkins

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Update on Parks & Recreation



Kelly Leger



TJ Imberger

Kelly Leger (Leisure Service Manager) and TJ Imberger (Director of Parks, Public Grounds and Public Works) with the Spalding County Department of Parks, Public Grounds and Leisure Services presented an update on projects funded by SPLOST in our county. Both proudly pointed to the recognitions the Department has received, including being recognized by the 2017 Agency of the Year by the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association. Leger also noted that SPLOST funds create and sustain services and facilities offered by the Department. One of their biggest projects has been the revitalization of the Fairmont Community Center. Remodeling of the interior and exterior of the facility is ongoing with a new HVAC, gymnasium flooring, and meeting rooms. The Center will serve as the start of a trail network in the Fairmont community. Leger shared that this is a vibrant Center with a variety of programs to serve the entire community including after-school programs, non-cook cooking classes, GED classes through SCTC, and more. The Department has also initiated a highly successful Senior Nutrition Program with SPLOST funding. This program now provides for Meals on Wheels serving and delivering 90 meals to seniors every day. Meals are not their only offering with this program. They also provided fruit baskets during the holiday season and care gift boxes periodically. Leger proudly pointed to the Senior Center as offering great programs for our senior citizens. They have the basic exercise and recreation facilities and classes, but they also have raised bed

vegetable gardening, creative art and crafts, and the Silver Sneakers program. The Center has excellent banquet and conferencing facilities for rent by the public. Imberger spoke on the cooperative projects with the cities of Orchard Hill and Sunnyside. A new 3-pavilion complex has been completed at Orchard Hill and can be rented for events. Sunnyside also has a new pavilion, and both cities have new playground facilities. Sunnyside also now has the third rubberized walking track in the county. Disk Golf courses have been added at Wyomia Tyus Park and the Dundee Lake Park. Orchard Hill will be adding a 9-hole Disk Golf course soon. The popularity of Disk Golf is obviously on the rise with a number of players coming to our facilities from all over the country to play. Leger reported that the Pickleball Complex at Wyomia Tyus opened in 2017 and hosted 4 tournaments. Imberger said the facility was designed and constructed for players and for spectators with a pro shop, concessions, bleachers, grilling areas, and covered spectator areas. The complex has 18 courts, 4 of which are covered. Once completed, the complex was recognized as the 2017 recipient of the Project Award by Georgia Recreation and Parks Association. The 4 pickleball tournaments hosted last year were the Georgia Games tournament, the Doc Holliday tournament, the Southeastern tournament, and the Super Senior International Association Tournament. Those 4 generated almost \$390K in local economic impact. Imberger noted that all tournaments hosted by all sports contributed about \$1.5 million in economic impact to the county last year. When asked about the proposed aquatic center, Imberger said that site for the center has not been identified and the project is still in planning stages. Without a doubt, programs with our Department of Parks, Public Grounds & Leisure Services are significantly improving our quality of life in Spalding County.

....By Wayne Gardner



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Rotary Projects Achieve Historic Highs



Griffin Rotary passed a couple of milestones in two of our annual community projects – our Annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive and our Annual Blood Drive. Philip Smith reports that we collected 53 units in Thursday's Blood Drive, with 21 of those units donated by Rotarians. This surpasses our previous high of 51 units donated in last year's Drive!. The Salvation Army reports that we collected \$28,945.36 in donations in our Kettle located at Kroger's. This amount exceeded our previous high of \$23K collected in the 2015 Holiday Season. When you enter the numbers in a calculator, we collected over \$91 per hour of ringing at our Kettle! Wow! Thanks to everyone!

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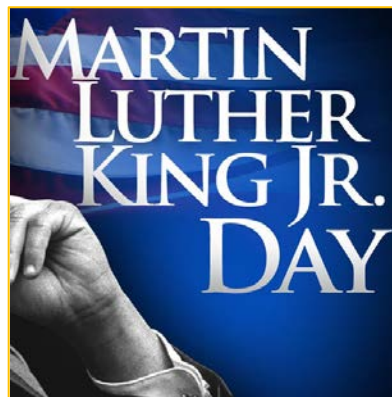
ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN



Coat Donations Next Thursday



Tim Blevins and Wayne Gardner sort the 25 coats donated at Thursday's meeting. We will be collecting coats again this Thursday, January 25th. All will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need.



**HONORING THE LEGACY,
 ENGAGING THE DREAM**

2018-19 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Contact Pres-Elect Randy Peters to volunteer for committees on which you want to serve or chair during the next Rotary year. Randy is in full planning mode for his year.

MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday – 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday – 12:15 PM	Fayetteville	IHOP, Fayetteville
Monday – 6:30 PM	Coweta-Fayette	Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Barnesville	Lamar Co. College & Career Academy
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

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