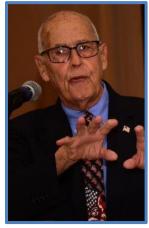




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HONORING OUR VETERANS

Sunday, November 11th, marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles to end World War I. On this date each year, the United States honors the service of our veterans with Veterans Day. Griffin Rotary honored our own veterans with a special program with a series of presentations and a PowerPoint honoring each of our members who are veterans, Col. (Ret., U.S. Army) Allan Imes provided perhaps the most emotional tribute to his fellow veterans by reciting the St. Crispin's Day speech in Shakespeare's Henry V. Although written in 1600, the words of King Henry V in that historic play have resonated through the centuries and are often quoted. Col. Imes was no exception in reciting the speech in which the King urged his men on to battle on St. Crispin Day although vastly outnumbered by the French. "From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered – We few, we happy few, we band of brothers for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother..." Co. Imes' words were a great way to conclude our Veterans Day program. Prior to Col. Imes' presentation, 1st Sqt. (ret. U.S. Army) Ricky Todd told of the history of the National Guard and specifically the Guard Unit based here in Griffin. Todd noted that this unit had deployed 3 times in the past 28 years and that the guardsmen in the unit will be deploying to Afghanistan by the end of the year. He listed a number of ways we could support the unit while on deployment. Platoon Sergeant Matthew Eubank, the Readiness NCO for the local unit, announced the unit would be departing for Ft. Stewart on November 26th and will deploy to Afghanistan before the end of the year. "Each deployment is unique," he said. "But, this unit is the best trained and best prepared of any I have worked with."

NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

Brett Bell has proposed **David Johnson** for membership. David works with One Flesh Business Solutions. If approved for membership, his classification will be Business Services – Credit Cards.

Otis Blake has proposed **Jason Storey** for membership. Jason works with Peachtree Lift LLC. His classification, if approved for membership, will be Construction: Equipment Sales.

Please send any comments on these proposals in writing to Yvonne Langford on or before November 29, 2018.

MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE TO REACH HIGHER LEVEL OF GIVING TO GRSP

Ed Worrell announced that we have over \$18K in available matching funds to help members reach their next level of giving to GRSP. Ed distributed letters informing members of the amount they need to reach the next level. It's a dollar-for-dollar match! So, if you need \$300 more to become a Will Watt Fellow or a Hue Thomas Fellow, you can donate \$150 and the Club can match that donation for you to achieve that level of giving. Contact Ed for more info and details. You can contact Yvonne Langford to ask her to debit your account. You will then pay when your dues invoice arrives. Great opportunity to support GRSP!

A FOND FAREWELL TO *THE GRIFFITARIAN*

Yes, you read that headline correctly! *The Griffitarian*, which stood as a major communication avenue for our Club for many decades, will be retired with this issue. Our readership is actually abysmal. Each week, we send out an email blast with the link to the newsletter to about 120 people. Only 10 to 15 are even opening the link each week! The rapid development of technology has changed how we send and, more importantly, receive information. People increasingly consume news and information through their smartphones and will share news through social media and other web-based entities. We often like and use news feeds on those handheld devices. And, the fewer clicks, touches, or swipes, the better!

We, as a Club, must develop and adopt other means of communicating important information. We already have some of those means. We have a WEBSITE (griffinrotary.org) for information. We LIVESTREAM each meeting, and those livestreams are saved and archived so that you can see each meeting even if you cannot watch during the meeting. That url is https://livestream.com/fbc/events/8269918, and you can access the Livestream archive by visiting our website. We have SOCIAL MEDIA accounts including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Our Facebook account is used to post images and to summarize meetings. Search for Rotary Club of Griffin.

As the Board discussed the future of *The Griffitarian*, several recognized that members read *The Griffitarians* placed on each table at each weekly meeting. But, these report mostly week-old news and information. We will, however, test the use of a one-page of information and announcements that will be placed on each table each week. These will have more up-to-date information rather than the old information in the newsletter. We also develop and show a PowerPoint for each meeting that lists announcements, includes our calendars, and recognizes events with our Rotary Family.

Yes, it is time to bid farewell to the traditional Griffitarian and to move forward in adopting and using the many technological advances to share our story and information.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A PART OF OUR SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE PROJECT

George Granade and Wayne Gardner are co-chairing the Salvation Army Kettle Drive and are asking everyone to help with this large project. The Kettle Project promises to be our largest project again this year in terms of manpower and resources required. Rotarians and business/organization partners are needed for the 300+ hours of ringing at our Kettle. Please sign up to ring at least one 2hour block of time. If you are part of a business or organization who can help us with ringing, please let George or Wayne know. Ringing will begin at the Food Depot on South Hill Street on November 16th. We will then shift to the west entrance at Kroger's from November 23rd through December 24th. We really need ringing volunteers for the week of Thanksgiving Day. You can sign up at one of our upcoming meetings or email Wayne.

FOLLOW THE LEAD OF OUR BOARD! THEY ARE RINGING THE ENTIRE DAY OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

Thanks to these businesses and organizations who have signed up to be our ringing partners this Holiday Season: Beck, Owen & Murray (10 hrs); Caremaster (10 hrs); Community Church of Griffin (6 hrs); Daybreak Rotary (13 hrs); First National Bank (20 hrs); Flint River Regional Library (10 hrs); Griffin Region College and Career Academy Student Ambassadors (15 hrs); Memorial Drive Vet Clinic (8 hrs); Murray Company Realtors (8 hrs), Paragon Consulting (4 hrs); Snider-Killingsworth Insurance Co. (5 hrs); Sprayberry and Company (10 hrs); United Bank (8 hrs). Please add your name and/or business to our list of ringers.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN APRIL IN SANDESTIN

John White asks members wishing to attend District Conference in April to register for the conference and reserve rooms through him and not District 6900. John has rooms reserved at the Embassy Suites. Contact John if you are interested in attending.

Club Calendar **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

November 15 Fred Bailey

Dept of Homeland

Security

November 16 **SA Kettle Project Begins**

November 22 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

No Meeting

Lesley Dinoff November 29

> Attorney at Law & **Headmaster Dinoff**

School

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

November 12 John Plageman

Thom Sandwich 13

Charles Jones 17

December 03 Eddie Grogan

Adam Greer 05

ANNIVERSARIES

November 19 **Robert & Karol Sullins**

Hal & Cathy Rahn 24

Chuck & Teresa 25

Copeland

John & Ann Dillon 28

30 **Brant Keller & Ann**

Cherette

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MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday - 12 Noon Monday - 12:15 PM Monday - 6:30 PM

Tuesday - 12 Noon

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Friday - 12 Noon

Tuesday - 12:15 PM

Henry County Favetteville Coweta-Favette Barnesville

PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough IHOP, Favetteville Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia

Lamar Co. College & Career

Academy Daughtry Park, Jackson

Jackson/Butts Co. Thomaston/Upson Co

Thomaston-Upson Senior Center J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin Holiday Inn, Jonesboro

Wednesday - 7:30 AM Griffin Daybreak Wednesday - 12:15 PM Clayton County Thursday - 7:15 AM Fayette Daybreak

Windham , Peachtree City Newnan Newnan Country Club, Newnan THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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