



ROTARY:
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GRIFFIN ROTARY WELCOMES OVER 100 NEW TEACHERS AND ADMINSTRATORS

Each year, Griffin Rotarians roll out the red carpet to welcome new teachers to our school system and community. We hosted over 100 this Thursday as Casey Bethel, 2017 Georgia Teacher of the Year, spoke to our gathering.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

2017 Georgia Teacher of the Year

Casey Bethel, the 2017 Georgia Teacher of the Year, gave an inspirational and motivational presentation on the excitement of teaching. He began by saying that he had given several speeches this week and had more to give later, but this was the only one he had starred on his list and looked forward to presenting because he was speaking with teachers. He added that he loved that this event brought together educators and the community and wished that



Casey Bethel

his own school system had something similar. Bethel also looked forward to speaking here because he is no stranger to the area. As a freshman at Fort Valley State, he worked with Dr. C.J. Chang on the UGA Griffin Campus in the summer of 1996. For that summer and the next two summers, he said that he learned many life lessons that shaped him into who he is today, both from Dr. Chang and by living in the on-campus housing and wandering about the campus and its field research plots. He also looked forward to his Griffin visit as an opportunity to talk with new teachers and to welcome them to this wonderful profession of teaching young people and helping to shape their futures. Bethel shared some insight on his affinity to teaching as he explained that he did not expect to be named as the Douglas County Teacher of the Year and had nothing prepared to say

in accepting the honor. So, his impromptu acceptance was, "We should all still believe in education. We should all still believe in the teaching profession. Teachers still have the potential to radically transform the lives of the students who sit in their classrooms." He underscored that statement in telling about his 5-year-old son, Jaxon, who has cerebral palsy and was entering Pre-K last year. Jaxon was excited and stumbled several times as he hurried out in front of his dad on his first day of school. He even had to wait at the door for Casey saying, "Hurry up! You're holding me up." Casey's fears about Jaxon entering school were quickly erased as he watched through the window in the classroom door as the two teachers welcomed Jaxon. Bethel walked away knowing that the teachers' love would motivate Jaxon and would encourage him to learn and grow that school year. Using that as his 'spring board', Bethel challenged the teachers gathered there to learn and use his "Three Be's." First, Be Inspirational: Build Ambition. Each summer, Bethel works in a lab at Georgia Tech, and he chooses two of his students who want to be scientists to work with him. That experience for those students builds ambitions. Second, Be Innovative: Build Critical Thinkers. Bethel asked the teachers to find new ways to instruct and to not rely on the way it is always done. He said to basically "think out of the box." And, third, Be Invested: Build Relationships. He said that every child deserves a champion, and he encouraged the teachers there to be one of those. This, he said, begins with relationships and really knowing the students. "Once a child knows you, they will go to the moon and back for you," he said. He closed by saying BE in it to win it for every child!

....By George Granade

Club Calendar

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN ROTARY

August 03	Marjie Dickey REACH Scholarship Program
	Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM
August 10	Scott Harris Fernbank Solar Eclipse on Aug 21
August 17	Local High School Gridiron Preview with Coach Lloyd Bohannon

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

August 01	Kim Brown
10	George Granade
10	Wade Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

July 28	Niles & Dottie Murray
30	John & Elaine White
August 01	Eric & Lynn Pitts
03	Daniel & Stephanie Searcy
05	David & Roxanne Galloway
06	Kristen & James Dutton
07	Tim & Paula Blevins

CONCERNS & PRAYERS

For Howard Wallace as he recovers from
knee replacement surgery.

THE GRIFFITARIAN

Support for Education Celebration and Partners in Education



President Tom Gardner presented Hal Rahn, CEO Norcom, and Stephanie Windham, chair of the GSCS Partners in Education, with checks in support of the annual Education Celebration held by Norcom to provide teachers with school supplies for their students and to the Partners in Education for their ongoing support of teachers in our local school system.

Support for Griffin Choral Arts and Griffin Area Arts



Steve Mulder (left), Judy Parker, and Art Hammond (right) received checks from Club President Tom Gardner in support of the Griffin Choral Arts (Judy and Steve) and the Griffin Area Arts Council (Art). Griffin Rotary provides annual support to both organizations in their cultural programming in our community.

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Welcome to our New Teachers!



MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday - 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday - 7:15 AM	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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