



**ROTARY:
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Club Calendar

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH IN ROTARY

September 14	Brad Bohannon Georgia Lottery Corporation
September 21	Dick Morrow Update on Griffin-Spalding Airport
September 28	Lea Folds, GSCS Growing Your Workforce & Our Community with Work-Based Learning
October 5	Gary Black Commissioner of Georgia Department of Agriculture

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

September 10	Howard Wallace
10	Wade Miller
12	Niles Murray
13	Dennis Easthope
19	John White
24	John Rainwater
26	Walter Jones
30	Clint Kent

ANNIVERSARIES

September 9	Frank & Carolyn Harris
18	Alan & Lany Dodson
27	Bobby & Linda Chappell

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

USG Chancellor Steve Wrigley



Wrigley

We welcomed Dr. Steve Wrigley, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia (USG), as our program speaker on Thursday. Wrigley thanked Dr. Tommy Hopkins, Chair of the Board of Regents, for introducing him, noting that he and Tommy speak almost daily. "The Regents are a true governing board," he said. "I report to them." He also recognized Max Burns, President of Gordon State College, who was in attendance, thanking him for his service on the Barnesville campus. Burns will be retiring at the end of this year. Wright then spoke to 3 main goals of the USG and Board of Regents: (1) raise numbers of Georgians with degrees beyond the high school diploma, (2) making college education more affordable, and (3) improving the efficiency of operation of

USG institutions. "We are about knowledge," he said. "Creating it, transferring it, and applying it through service programs." Raising the overall education level of our population is fundamental to economic growth, he added. Of Georgia's 179 counties, the one with the greatest proportion of adults with degrees beyond high school sets at 49%. The county with the lowest is at 6%. "I don't have to tell you which one is more competitive economically," he said. So, the USG is working with the Technical College System of Georgia to raise degree attainment levels in Georgia. Wrigley and the USG are also focusing on making college education at USG institutions more affordable. "An education in our system remains a bargain," he added. "Our tuition and fees are 25% less than those at peer institutions in other states. But, we must remain vigilant."



Hopkins

The costs of higher education have increased as state support has declined. As economic downturns have occurred, budgets have been adjusted. Fifteen years ago, higher education was supported at the rate of 75% from state appropriations with the other 25% coming from tuition and fees. Currently, this is a 50-50 relationship. "As a result, the cost burden has shifted increasingly to families," he said. The Board of Regents works to keep increases in tuition to a minimum, while USG institutions are allowing fewer and fewer fees and are working to reduce the costs of purchasing textbooks for their students. Wrigley underscored that the goal of raising attainment levels will not be achieved without improving affordability of higher education. And, the USG closely ties affordability with improved operational efficiency. Consolidation of USG member schools has so far saved almost \$24 million. Those savings have

largely been directed to student learning, including investment in counseling and other learning initiatives. Member institutions are now involved in the College 2025 Initiative which is examining improved methodologies of instruction to address the very different learning styles of today's students. Wrigley also encouraged patience with learning and knowledge citing that the theorem that served as the basis of the Google search engine algorithm was developed over 90 years earlier.

...By Wayne Gardner

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CLUB FALL OUTING SET FOR OCTOBER 12

Brant Keller announced that our annual Club Fall Outing will be held at Cherokee Rose on October 12. Clay shooting and tomahawk throwing begin at 3 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Please sign up using the sheets placed on tables at upcoming meetings or contact Brant.



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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

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