



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

DG Governor Alec Smythe Visit



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District 6900 Governor Alec Smythe made his official visit to our Club this week. He attended a reception hosted by Daybreak Rotary and Griffin Rotary on Wednesday evening at the UGA Research and Education Garden, participated in our Board Meeting on Thursday morning, and addressed our membership during our weekly noon meeting on Thursday. DG Alec's remarks to the Club focused on the mission of Rotary and how we as Griffin Rotarians can make our community and our world a fundamentally better place in which to live. Smythe noted that Rotary unifies members from all walks of life. Relationships within Rotary have shifted from top-down leadership models to more effective networks that are focused on attracting people of action and not just the senior member of the firm. He added, "Rotary is a huge force multiplier."

Rotarians as a group can achieve far more than an individual. "It's been 41 days since a case of polio has been reported," he said. It now appears that polio will be only the second disease to be eradicated in the history of man. And, Rotary is the driving force in this effort with matching dollars from the Gates Foundation and a number of national governments. But, Smythe added, Rotary is focused on many more projects than just polio. Donations to the Foundation also allow clubs to fund projects in their own local communities. He also recognized that the "social capital" realized in Rotary really strengthens bonds within communities and helps amplify our impacts. "Rotary welcomes divergent views, opinions, and ideas," he said. "That interaction of diverse thought is good for our community and for our health." Smythe also noted that each year there are more Georgians but there are fewer Rotarians in Georgia. He encouraged all Rotarians to invite people to join Rotary making sure that those non-Rotarians see us as a more diversified group that makes huge impacts. In closing his remarks, he asked that we give at least 5% of our funds to PolioPlus saying that we have a chance to make a permanent mark on our world by eradicating the disease. He also asked that we invite our friends to get involved in Rotary. "Rotary has changed my life," he said. And, the Rotary experience can change others while helping to make our world a better place in which to live. He encouraged the Club to do something new. "We may need more than one kind of Rotary or more than one way to achieve our mission." And, finally, he urged us to think about the mission rather than Rotary rules.

....By Wayne Gardner

Club Calendar

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November 9	Veteran's Day Celebration Jim King & Philip Smith Griffin HS Chorus
November 16	Gretchen Corbin Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia
November 23	No Meeting Thanksgiving Day
November 30	SCTC Adult Education Program, Dr. Murray Williams & Dr. Alvetta Thomas

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

November 12	John Plageman
13	Thom Sandwich
17	Charles Jones

ANNIVERSARIES

November 2	Bill & Ann Jones
2	Tamara & Greg Ison
7	Tom & Gail Gardner
19	Robert & Karol Sullins
24	Hal & Cathy Rahn
25	Chuck & Teresa Copeland
28	John & Ann Dillon
30	Brant Keller & Ann Cherrette

Sign Up for Bell Ringing

Griffin Rotary will again manage ringing the bell at a Salvation Army Kettle during the Holiday Season. Our Kettle will be located at the west entrance to Kroger's (nearest produce area). Ringing will begin on November 17th and continue through December 23rd. Ringing starts each day (except Thanksgiving and Sundays) at 10:00 AM and ends at 8:00 PM. Several businesses, banks, and organizations have already committed to helping us reach our total of 306 hours of ringing. Please contact Wayne Gardner to sign up for your ringing times. There will also be signup sheets at our upcoming meetings. When you make your donation to the Salvation Army this season, please do so through our Kettle.

THE GRIFFITARIAN

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Tim Hearn has proposed Paul Sinor of Possum on the Half Shell Productions LLC for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin. If approved for membership, Paul's classification will be Entertainment: Writer/Film Production. Please send any comments regarding Paul's membership in Griffin Rotary to Yvonne Langford on or before November 9, 2017.

2018-19 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Nat Doughtie, Tim Hearn, John Quinn, and John Rainwater upon their selection to our Board of Directors. They will serve for two years on the Board with their terms beginning on July 1, 2018. Thanks to all who agreed to have their names placed on this year's ballot and your continued Service Above Self.

LOOKING FOR GRSP HOST FAMILY FOR 2018-19

President-Elect Randy Peters is looking for a family to serve as host for our GRSP Student for 2018-19. The book compiling all applicants will soon be completed, and a host family can review these and submit their preferences. Contact Randy for more information or to volunteer.



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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