## Rotary Club of Griffin



# THE GRIFFITARIAN

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### Club Calendar JANUARY IS ROTARY'S

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH** 

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		
February 15	Sam Wellborn State Transportation Board Georgia DOT		

## **Our Rotary Family**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

January	20
	24
	29
	29
February	01
	08

Dave Lamb Bobby Shapard Mark Milam Eddie Johnston Alton Knight Charles Penny

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

January	23	Ed & Molly Worrell
	23	Eric & Annie Worrell
	31	Henry & Ann Walker
ebruary	06	Tommy & Sara Hopkins
	09	Steve & Erin Mulder
	10	Steve & Marty Crouch

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM The State of the County



William Wilson

Our own William Wilson, County Manager, provided an update on the State of the County during Thursday's meeting. William first noted that the number of building permits have been increasing over the past few years following the recent recession. Although square footage in these permits is down, he noted that this reflects that there is less construction in Sun City now and that the continued increase in permits is due to growth in the remainder of the County. He further explained that, for the last four years, revenues in the County have exceeded expenses. But, he added that this is increasingly difficult with the needs in the County and the priorities cited by individual County Commissioners. He also explained that SPLOST funds provide revenue for designated projects, but that the revenue received from the Georgia Department of Revenue collected for our SPLOSTs does not always match the sales tax actually collected. The County is also experiencing a shortfall in revenue when citizens purchase new

vehicles and the vehicle (TAV) tax is credited to a neighboring county. He asked everyone to insure that when purchasing vehicles to confirm the TAV tax is being credited to Spalding. William said that the General Fund (generally reserved for "rainy days") balance is now increasing again after much use during the recession. He added that the County's Public Works was restructured to improve efficiency and save on operating costs. Turning from budgetary issues, Wilson proudly listed a number of recent accomplishments, especially those projects completed with SPLOST funding, including paving, other road and intersection improvements, and the various parks and recreation facilities and programs. He said that the Lakes at Green Valley has been a tremendous success with only two sites that have not been purchased. Marukan Vinegar opened their 77,000 square foot facility there last October. And, Rinnai, a Japanese home appliances manufacturer will soon begin construction of their facility in the industrial park. Some items and issues that the County Commission is currently addressing include a competitive salary and benefits package for county employees, completion of the airport, management of substandard housing, and more. Wilson invited the public to attend and become involved in future Commission meetings, planning sessions, and retreats.

....By Wayne Gardner



## **Annual Coat Drive Nets 56 Coats**

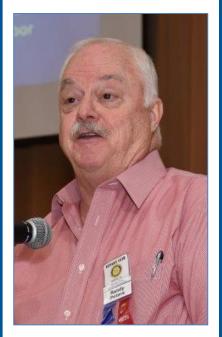


We collected 56 coats in our Annual Coat Drive. Thanks go to all Rotarians who donated and to Natalie Marshall and the Flint River Regional Library for their donations to this project. Tim Blevins shared that the coats donated last week were almost immediately used to help a family who experienced a home fire and lost their clothing and belongings.

#### **GRIFFIN ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

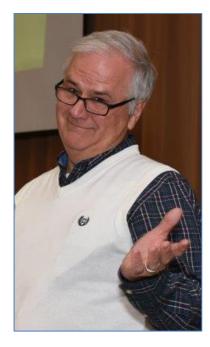
#### **THE GRIFFITARIAN**

#### Planning for 2018-19



President-Elect Randy Peters is asking members to volunteer for committee service for next year. If there are any committees on which you wish to serve, please let Randy know. He is also entertaining any and all suggestions for changes, deletions, additions in events, projects, or operations for next year. Randy has provided sheets for volunteering for committees on our tables at weekly meetings, but you may also contact Randy directly.

#### Rotacon 2018



John White announced plans for the upcoming District 6900 Conference which will convene April 26-29 in Sandestin. DG Alec Smythe has planned for fewer business meetings and more time for events aimed at John has celebration of Rotary. arranged for Griffin Rotarians to stay at the Embassy Suites again this year with a hospitality room and plenty of activities planned. Twenty Griffin Rotarians have so far signed up to attend.

## Start with Rotary And good things happen



#### **MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION**

Monday – 12 Noon
Monday - 12:15 PM
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Tuesday – 12 Noon
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Wednesday – 7:30 AM
Wednesday - 12:15 PM
Thursday – 7:15 AM
Friday – 12 Noon

Fayetteville Coweta-Fayette Barnesville Jackson/Butts Co. Thomaston/Upson Co Griffin Daybreak **Clayton County** Fayette Daybreak Newnan

Henry County

PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough IHOP, Fayetteville Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia Lamar Co. College & Career Academy Daughtry Park, Jackson Thomaston-Upson Senior Center J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin Holiday Inn, Jonesboro Windham , Peachtree City Newnan Country Club, Newnan

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#### **OFFICERS**

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Photographer	-	William Wilson			
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New Generations -Katy Arrowood

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