



Club Calendar

**FEBRUARY IS ROTARY'S
PEACE AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH**

February 08	Jackie Harmon Former Winner of Laws of Life Essay
February 15	Sam Wellborn State Transportation Board Georgia DOT
February 22	Brian Kemp Georgia Secretary of State
March 1	Club Assembly

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Georgia Department of Labor



Mark Butler

Mark Butler, Commissioner of Georgia's Department of Labor, spoke to Griffin Rotarians and their guests on trends and challenges in employment in Georgia. Butler noted that the state's unemployment rate is at 4.4% placing Georgia at 31st in the U.S. But, he hastened to add that Georgia is also 5th in the nation in job creation and 6th or 7th in putting people to work. He explained that the difference in these statistics reflects the growth in the workforce in the state. "I am concerned about those people who want to work," he said. "My job is to place people who want to work in jobs." Since 2011, the number of jobs in the state has increased by 17%, and the rate of placing people in jobs has increased 16%. Butler noted that during that time, our workforce has grown only 8% while the number of unemployed has remained the same. "That

indicates that more people are moving into Georgia," he said. "It's growth." Approximately 200,000 are not employed in Georgia and want to work, he added. And, there are 100,000 to 120,000 available jobs as posted online. "That gap is because those wanting to work lack the technical and 'soft' skills to qualify for those available jobs," Butler said. Those soft skills include interviewing properly, showing up to work, and passing a drug test. While several in the audience indicated that this lack of soft skills is most frequently seen in young people, Butler said that many adults seeking work also lack those skills. While young people may have educational avenues to help correct or improve these skills, adults do not. He encouraged mentoring adults. "If you see adults working three jobs, you know they are workers," he said. He offered that mentoring them in time and money management could be the answer. Butler also observed that there is a problem in a business when you see entry level positions filled with 30-year-olds rather than recent graduates. He suggested those adults may also need mentoring to advance their careers. He concluded his presentation by repeating that the number one issue for his department is to pay attention to those in the workforce looking for employment and how to get them into good jobs. When asked about the possibility of Amazon settling in Georgia, he commented that Georgia can address those anticipated workforce needs because (1) not all the positions associated with that more (or other such moves) will be open immediately and at once, and (2) many of the jobs created with that move will be filled from people moving into the state. He likened that to the move of a new industry to our own community.

...By Wayne Gardner

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

February 08	Charles Penny
14	Don Crider
14	Wayne Gardner
18	John Crouch
23	Bill Dallas
23	Philip Smith
26	Joel Purser
27	Stephanie Windham

ANNIVERSARIES

February 06	Tommy & Sara Hopkins
09	Steve & Erin Mulder
10	Steve & Marty Crouch
14	Eddie & Toni Grogan
14	Mark & Linda Milam
20	Kevin & Laura Barlow
25	Eddie & Nancy Johnston
27	Joel & Rachel Purser



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



Membership Drive Kicks Off

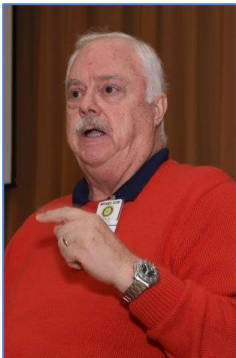


Kathleen Smith

Kathleen Smith, Chair of our Membership Development Committee, announced the start of the first phase of our 2018 Membership Drive. The overall goal is to add 8 new members to our membership by the end of June. These are the details: First, this first phase of the drive will be from February 1 to March 29. Second, invite colleagues and contacts you think might be interested in learning more about Rotary and perhaps becoming a member to attend a meeting with you. These guests will be Guests of the Club for the meal. They will be welcomed by leadership of the Club, be given an informational brochure about Rotary and the Club, and will receive a follow-up thank you to answer any questions and perhaps invite them for another meeting. Finally, for each guest you bring to

the Club between February 1 and March 29, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$250 gift card. That drawing will be April 5th.

Pres-Elect Randy Peters is Planning



Yes, President-Elect Randy Peters is making his plans for the 2018-19 Rotary Year for our Club. He is asking that members sign up for committees on which they want to serve to help him in his planning and leading the Club next year. So, do you want to serve as Bulletin Editor, Chair of the Salvation Army Committee, with the Club outings, or be part of any of our New Generations programs? Please let Randy know with an email or call or place your name on the sign up sheet that will be on our tables at Thursday's meeting. Randy said that everyone will serve on a committee. He would like for it to be our choice rather than his.

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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

Rotary eClub One– One Makeup per Quarter

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