



Club Calendar

APRIL IS ROTARY'S MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

April 12	Doug Hollbery Mayor, City of Griffin
April 19	Kelvin Williams Flint River Council of BSA
April 26-29	Rotacon 2018 Sandestin, Florida
April 27	No Meeting Rotacon 2018
May 03	Congressman Drew Ferguson

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

UGA Center for Food Safety



**Francisco
Diaz-Gonzalez**

The safety of the foods we consume is of major importance to each of us. And, reports of outbreaks of foodborne illnesses underscore the importance of insuring that we have a safe and secure food supply. The UGA Center for Food Safety (CFS) located on the Griffin Campus stands at the cutting edge of research, policy development, as well as mobilizing to assist in mitigating outbreaks of foodborne illnesses. Dr. Francisco Diaz-Gonzalez, Director of the CFS, shared the history and the mission of the Center for Thursday's program. The Center was established in 1993 under the leadership of Dr. Michael Doyle, who recently retired. It was first known as the Center for Food Safety and Quality Enhancement but was changed to the Center of Food Safety in 2001 as the focus of the Center shifted entirely to food safety. The mission of the Center is to maintain and improve the safety of foods through the development of methods

that detect, control, or eliminate pathogenic microorganisms or their toxins in foods and food products. Center scientists conduct research aimed at solving these problems. Although they do not teach formal courses, they advise and mentor graduate students working in their programs, a role in which Griffin Campus faculty have served for decades. Seven faculty and one Emeritus faculty, Dr. Larry Beuchat, work on a variety of foodborne pathogens and projects within the Center on the Griffin Campus. Adding to that expertise are 19 adjunct faculty who are in different UGA departments and even in different universities and agencies. Francisco noted that each food safety issue requires several areas of expertise to solve problems. Poultry, Georgia's top agricultural commodity, is one of the major emphases for the Center. Three faculty recently formed the Food Safety Informatics Group to focus on genomic epidemiology, bioinformatics, and metagenomics. The 40,000 square foot Center is a biosafety level 2 facility with 10 microbiology labs and five recently-renovated laboratories. It is one of the largest food safety research and educational facilities in the country. A board of advisors, consisting of representatives and stakeholders from many well-known commercial companies, help identify research needs. Francisco feels the keys to the success of the CFS is the strong collaboration with government agencies, such as the CDC; hosting the CDC Food Industry Safe Food Forum, and; the faculty at the CFS. The CFS has strong credibility with the food industry and the government.

...By George Granade

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

April 07	Kristen Dutton
11	Natalie Marshall
12	Eric Callahan
12	Patrick Michel
18	Pricha Bunya
21	Sonny Hunt
26	Bill Baldwin
28	Ann Walker
30	Tommy Hopkins

ANNIVERSARIES

April 23	David & Marie Knight
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**HELP END HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN
OUR COMMUNITY BY HELPING TO
INCREASE AWARENESS**



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

AN IMPROMPTU ROTARY TESTIMONIAL

Before speaking on Food Safety on Thursday, Dr. Diaz-Gonzalez talked about how Rotary, and especially one Rotarian, had influenced his life. The late Barlow Ware (1925-2011), who was known as "Mr. Foundation" in his club, was a light of hope for Francisco and helped him to complete his master's degree at Cornell University. Francisco had spent 7 years in Monterey, Mexico, before bringing his family to Ithaca, NY to attend Cornell. Francisco became a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar during the period of 1991 to 1992 and, while in Ithaca, interacted with several Rotary clubs and even visited Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, IL. Francisco was made a Paul Harris Fellow by Mr. Ware who worked at Cornell and lived Rotary's Service Above Self.

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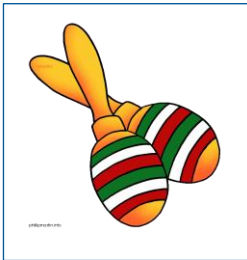
Vote for Best 6900 Service Project

DG Alec Smythe has invited all District 6900 Rotarians to vote for the best service projects this year. There are 24 nominations (3 for each of the 4 club categories). We will not be able to vote in our own category, but we can help choose the best projects in other club categories. To vote, please see DG Alec's email that went out Saturday, April 7th.

Phase 2 of Membership Drive Begins

Our Membership Development Committee completed its initial phase of our membership drive with a drawing for a \$250.00 gift card from those 9 Rotarians who invited prospective members to our weekly meetings during February and March. Tamara Ison's name was drawn from the hat as our winner! We thank all who invited prospective members. The second phase of our Drive continues this week with a special reception for prospective members to be held Tuesday, April 10th, at the Griffin Welcome Center. Please contact Kathleen Smith for more info.

Rotary Spring Fiesta – May 19th



We are rolling our Annual Fundraiser, our Membership Drive, and the Annual Spouse's Night into ONE BIG SPRING EVENT. Our SPRING FIESTA will be on Saturday, May 19th, from 4 to 8 PM at the new Mystic Acres on Williamson Road. The food will be catered by La Parrilla with games, prizes, and a Reverse Raffle. Mark your calendars! Bring your spouse or significant other. And, invite prospective members!

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
Monday – 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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