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Rotary



COMMISSIONER GARY BLACK SPEAKS



Gary Black

Gary Black, Georgia's Commissioner of Agriculture, told Rotarians he is convinced that Griffin Rotary must be the most agriculturally-literate Rotary Club in Georgia in that the Club has had several recent programs presented by agricultural leaders. Black said that the Department of Agriculture touches every Georgian every day through food consumed, gasoline used, and various other consumer services provided. He said that the regulatory function of the department is committed first to helping people get into business and, second, to help them stay in business. He underscored that agriculture in Georgia adds \$77 billion in economic activity annually in the state. "This has historically been the 4 P's," he said. "That's poultry peanuts, pecans, and pulp." But, he added that Georgia will become the nation's leading producer of blueberries within the year, and the state is positioned to become the nation's breadbasket of agricultural production with our transportation hubs, a replenishable water aquifer, highly competent producers, and a renowned university system providing research and developments. Black touted some new initiatives the Department had begun with individual school systems in which schools provide improved nutritional meals to students using locally-produced food products. One such program is the Feed My School For A Week in which local communities are challenged to supply school cafeteria for one week. Another involves trying recipes in schools using a Georgia-grown product (Georgia-Grown Test Kitchen). Check out these and other programs and offerings by our Georgia Department of Agriculture at www.georgiagrown.com.



Steve Crouch

DOC HOLLIDAY FESTIVAL IS SEPTEMBER 26-27



Willie Doss of Eagles Way Church invited Rotarians to the Doc Holliday Festival on September 26-27. Doss said that there will be a number of family activities in the downtown area that weekend including a re-enactment of the gun battle at the OK Corral, live music, and BBQ cook-off judging and championship. Organizers are looking for sponsors for this event that they hope will attract at least 5,000 visitors that weekend. If interested, please contact Ben Johnson.

TWO NEW MEMBERS PROPOSED

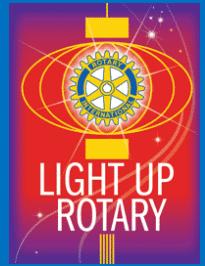
Brant D. Keller has been proposed for membership by Brian Upson. If approved, Brant's classification will be Municipal Government – Public Works. Brant is Director of Public Works & Utilities for the City of Griffin.

Kelvin Williams has been proposed for membership by Steve Crouch. If approved, Kelvin's classification will be Associations – Boy Scouts. Kelvin is Executive Director of the Flint River Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Please direct any comments to Yvonne Langford in writing on or before September 17, 2014.

SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

District 6900 Online
www.rotary6900.org



Club Calendar

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| September 11 | Richard Judy Appalachian Trail |
| September 18 | Richard Deaton Georgia Historical Society |
| September 20 | Rotary Leadership Institute Southern Crescent Tech 8 AM to 4 PM |
| September 25 | Mark Preston CNN Politics |
| October 2 | Club Outing Cherokee Rose |

Our Rotary Family

Happy Birthday To

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| Jerry Walker | - | September 7 |
| Matt Rahn | - | September 8 |
| Howard Wallace | - | September 10 |
| Wade Miller | - | September 10 |
| Niles Murray | - | September 12 |
| Dennis Easthope | - | September 13 |
| Jerry Arkin | - | September 16 |
| John White | - | September 19 |
| Walker Cook | - | September 26 |
| Walter Jones | - | September 26 |
| Marty Wynn | - | September 27 |
| Clint Kent | - | September 30 |

Anniversary Wishes To

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| Otis & Ellen Blake | - | September 7 |
| Carrie & Kurt Zeiger | - | September 8 |
| Frank & Carolyn Harris | - | September 9 |
| Alan & Lany Dodson | - | September 18 |
| Don & Emily King | - | September 26 |

Condolences To

Anna & Skipper Burns on the passing of Anna's mother Nellie Rae Gordon who truly graced those about her for over 100 years.

GRIFFIN ROTARY – AN EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUB

PAOLA CHEERS ON DAWGS OVER CLEMSON



The day started like any other; as soon as the sun cracked the horizon, humidity exploded and made me look like I just took a shower in my clothes. But, this was no ordinary day! This day was Saturday in Athens where the University of Georgia was gearing down to face off Clemson! I have never seen such a sea of red in my life, as Athens was invaded by Bulldogs supporters. The noise within the city was rising and rising as the humid air became thicker and more people kept arriving. Armed in my jeans (which I

immediately regretted wearing), my flip flops and a red shirt, I was awfully impressed with myself for fitting into the crowd. Well, that didn't last long for when the game started and the noise was at its deafening pinnacle, I stood out like a sore thumb because I had no idea what people were cheering at! I felt like I was the only participant in the Mexican wave. Every time people would jump and throw their hands in the air, I would follow a split second later with facial expressions conveying deep emotion for what just happened and I genuinely had no clue about. Four long hours went by of a game where there was more time with the clock stopped and timeouts than there was actually playing of the game. However, there was something about it... Something infectious... Something that stirred the primordial soup that is at the core of my being... Then out of nowhere... **GOOOOOOOOOO DAWGS! SIC 'EM! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!** It just felt right! Well, the day went on, and laughter was shared by all, but mostly by us GRSP's... well, because we are pretty awesome ☺.

...Contributed by Mark Chapman (Australia) pictured center top.
Also pictured is our own Paola Fetiti (middle row, 2nd from left) along with Mate, Giulia, Alejandra, Sofia, JP, and Martina. **Ready for some futbol?**

ROTARY FOUNDATION NOTES

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ENDOWMENT FUND?

The Rotary Foundation is funded in two different ways: the Annual Fund and the Endowment Fund (formerly the Permanent Fund). Donations to the Endowment Fund are made with outright gifts (cash, securities, real estate, tangible personal property or an Endowed Fund), life income agreements, or bequests by a will or trust. Contributions to this fund are invested for the future. Only earnings from their investments are used to support Foundation programs.

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY? IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY TO THE WORLD THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ENDOWMENT FUND, YOUR FOUNDATION CHAIR CAN SHOW YOU HOW.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Millie the Reading Dog is Returning to Flint River Regional Library

Millie needs Rotary volunteers to assist her with reading to kids at the Library on September 8, 22, October 6, 27, November 10, 24, and December 8, 22. Each session is from 6 to 7 PM. Childrens' Super Saturday programs need volunteers, too. Those are 2nd Saturdays in each month (2:30 to 4 PM). Contact Carrie Zeiger.

ATTENDANCE – DAVE'S PLEASED WITH UPTURN

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE REPORT = 83%

MISSING SPOKES (25): Dick Brooks, Pricha Bunya, Jim Burgess, Skipper Burns, Doris Christopher, Bill Cooper, Bill Dallas, Alan Dodson, Nat Doughtie, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Eddie Grogan, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Don King, Alton Knight, Mark Milam, Steve Mulder, Scott Owen, Randy Peters, Med Roach, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Janice Wallace, Carrie Zeiger

MAKEUPS (5): Chuck Copeland (2) & John Quinn (2) at GRSP Conclave in Columbus; Josh Hinson at eClub

MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

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| Henry County | Monday 12 Noon @ PJs Sidewalk Cafe |
| Fayetteville | Monday 12:15 @ Frank's at the Olde Mill |
| Coweta-Fayette | Monday 6:30 PM @ Senoia Coffee Company |
| Jackson/Butts Co. (12:00) | Tuesday 12 Noon @ Daughtry Park |
| Thomaston/Upson Co. (12:15) | Tuesday 12:15 @ Southern Crescent Tech |
| Griffin Daybreak (7:30 AM) | Wednesday 7:30 AM @ J. Henry's Restaurant |
| Clayton County (12:15) | Wednesday 12:15 @ Holiday Inn - Jonesboro |
| Fayette Daybreak (7:15 AM) | Thursday 7:15 AM @ Windham Peachtree City |
| Newnan (12:00) | Friday 12 Noon @ Newnan Country Club |

Rotary eClub One – One Makeup per Quarter

GRIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE

griffinrotary.org

ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN, GA
PO Box 473, Griffin, GA 30224

OFFICERS

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| President | - Jeff Jacobs |
| Vice-President | - James Jenkins |
| President-Elect | - Allen Edwards |
| Treasurer | - Art Hammond |
| Secretary | - Yvonne Langford |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | - Adam Greer |
| Club Chaplain | - Bill Hardee |
| Bulletin Editor | - Wayne Gardner |
| GRSP Host | - Chuck Copeland |

DIRECTORS

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| Membership | - Randy Peters |
| Public Relations | - Don Crider |
| Club Administration | - Janice Wallace |
| Rotary Foundation | - Chuck Copeland |
| Vocational Service | - Jim King |
| Community Service | - Beau Luckie |
| International Service | - Bill Hardee |
| New Generations/Youth | - Matt Rahn |

RAYMOND RAY

Assistant District Governor

ALICIA MICHAEL

District 6900 Governor

GARY C.K. HUANG

Rotary International President

LIVE BY ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST