



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

UGA President Jere Morehead



Morehead

Dr. Tommy Hopkins, incoming Chair of the Board of Regents, introduced Dr. Jere Morehead, UGA President, as our featured speaker. Dr. Morehead immediately spoke on several bragging points for the University and for the local UGA Griffin Campus. He pointed to the Food Product Innovation & Commercialization Center (led by Kirk Kealey) and the world-renowned UGA Turfgrass Team (led by Paul Raymer) on the Griffin Campus as examples of how research at UGA and its delivery to clientele and citizens is boosting the state's economy in adding jobs, developing new products, and assisting businesses. "The Griffin Campus," he said, "has a leading role in research in the agricultural, biological and environmental sciences." He noted that research at UGA overall continues to rapidly expand. "As the scope and

complexity of our research enterprises enlarges, UGA is up 22% in extramural funding this past year," he added. "This is good news for the state and for UGA." Morehead also pointed to last year's freshman class as the most academically talented class for the fourth consecutive year. The average GPA is 3.98, average SAT 1302, and average ACT 29, and 80% of them are from the state of Georgia. An Experiential Learning Initiative was introduced campus-wide this year. Every major now must offer in its curriculum a learning experience that is outside the classroom to provide real-life experiences to better prepare students for the marketplace. He added that UGA continues to rise in the US News & World Report rankings of Tier One Research Institutions. Most recently, UGA rose from 21st to 18th on that list. Morehead explained that the campaign Commit to Georgia is now underway. \$680 million of the \$1.2 billion target has already been raised. That includes a \$30 million gift from the Woodruff Foundation for programming for needs-based students. "We are committed to elevating teaching, elevating research, and strengthening the bond of UGA with the state," Morehead concluded.

Club Calendar

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

December 8	Tamara Ison Wellstar-Spalding Hospital
December 15	Annual Christmas Program Steve Mulder
December 22	MERRY CHRISTMAS No Meeting
December 29	HAPPY NEW YEAR No Meeting
January 5	To Be Announced

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

December 5	Adam Greer
December 6	Kirk Kealey
December 7	Robert Sullins
December 10	Tim Hearn
December 11	Brandon Stooksbury
December 16	Skipper Burns
December 17	Hal Rahn John Quinn
December 18	Eric Pitts
December 19	Robert Parker

ANNIVERSARIES

December 13	Chris & Lynn Holdorf
December 14	Kelvin & Wynema Williams
December 16	Jim & Barbara King
December 19	Walker & Barbara Jo Cook

BELVINS AND ROBINSON INDUCTED



Tim Blevins (Salvation Army, 2nd from left) and Jason Robinson (BB&T, center) were inducted by President Janice Wallace as our newest Griffin Rotarians. Tim was nominated for membership by James Jenkins (Chuck Copeland stood in for James), while Kelvin Williams sponsored Jason. Jason's classification is Finance: Banking - Commercial. Tim's classification is Religion: Christian - Salvation Army. Welcome to our Rotary Family.



Kelvin Williams (left) and Stephanie Windham (right) were recognized with Dare to Be Better Recognitions by President Janice Wallace for sponsoring new members to build our membership.



President Janice Wallace announced that Steve Crouch is our President-Nominee and will serve as Club President in 2018-19

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting, and thanks to those who earned make ups ringing the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle. With the 40 make ups, we had an attendance of 100%. For those who could not attend Thursday's meeting, please know that you were missed and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

MAKE UPS (40): Brett Bell, Dick Brooks (2), Chuck Copeland, Allen Edwards, Sid Esary (2), Wayne Gardner (3), George Granade, Art Hammond (2), Jeff Jacobs, Walter Jones, Kirk Kealey (2), Dave Lamb (3), Natalie Marshall (2), Charles Penny, Randy Peters, Philip Smith, Josh Sprayberry (2), Brian Upson, Ann Walker (4), Janice Wallace (2), Bobby Wheaton, William Wilson (2), Stephanie Windham (3) @ Salvation Army Kettle Project

MISSING SPOKES (40): Katy Arrowood, Otis Blake, Mack Bullard, Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, John Dillon, Jim Dunaway, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Chris Holdorf, Ben Johnson, Brant Keller, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Don King, Alton Knight, David Knight, Dave Lamb, David Luckie, Mark Milan, Wade Miller, Jolene Northrup, Jim Ogletree, Scott Owen, Robert Parker, Mark Peek, Randy Peters, John Quinn, Hal Rahn, Med Roach, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Josh Sprayberry, Chrystal Swygert, Brooke Tardy, Bobby Wheaton @ Salvation Army Kettle Project

Get those makeups for missed meetings in two weeks before or two weeks after your absence.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RING THE BELL



Griffin Rotarians are in the midst of our annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive. This is one of our most visible projects in our local community that serves those in need during the Holiday Season and throughout the year. Please volunteer to ring the bell at our

Kettle. We have only 15 hours left available for ringers. Email Wayne Gardner at wayne.a.gardner@gmail.com for a time to ring.

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MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday – 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday – 12:15 PM	Fayetteville	Village Cafe, 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