



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM You Can Be a Mentor!



Zhilyak

Elly Zhilyak spoke about mentoring young people at Thursday's meeting. She began by outlining the benefits of mentoring for both the mentor and the mentee. Young people who are mentored often have increased student engagement and improved grades. But, the mentor also benefits in the experience with "cultural capital" and an insight into the lives of young people. Facts have shown 52% of mentees are less likely to skip school and 37% are less likely to skip individual classes. Facts also show that students who are in mentoring relationships are less likely to become involved in alcohol and drugs and are more likely to set long-term goals. Zhilyak explained that there are many options to become involved in mentoring students. One is the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program that began in 2012 through an initiative by the Griffin-Spalding County Chamber of Commerce, the Griffin Housing Authority, and the

Griffin-Spalding County School System. The program is currently managed by the Spalding Collaborative. Caring, responsible adults are paired with students who will benefit from having a positive, stable mentor to help them on their path to becoming successful adults. Their goals are to improve student attendance, grades, and self-esteem. Zhilyak added that a mentor does not replace a parent, but is a positive role model for the student. She said the mentor acts as a listener, a role model, and a friend. And, to teach self-worth, the mentor must be actively engaged with the mentee for at least 12 months. This minimal period of time insures that the young person develops degrees of self-confidence in attaining goals in and out of school. Zhilyak pointed out that anything less than 12 months was actually more harmful to the student. She also said that the "fruits" of a mentor's labor may not be immediately or readily seen, but oftentimes students return to a mentor months or even years later with a thank you. There are currently 28 mentors in the local school system, but there is a need for at least 200 more for the 9 schools that are served in the GSCS System. Students are selected primarily by teachers and counselors; however, parents may also place the request. The mentor meets for one hour a week at the school during school time with the student. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Elly Zhilyak or go to the website (www.gscmentor.org) for more information.

.....by George Granade

Club Calendar

MARCH IS

WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

March 30	To Be Announced
April 6	Kent Wessinger Millennials in the Workplace Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM
April 13	Norma Richardson Main Street Players
April 20	Kristen Miller UGA Archway Update
April 26-29	District Conference

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

March 28	Jeff Jacobs
29	Moose Millican
April 1	Bobby Wheaton
7	Kristen Dutton
9	Bill Edwards
11	Natalie Marshall
12	Eric Callahan
12	Patrick Michel

ANNIVERSARIES

April 1	Will & Mary Childs
23	David & Marie Knight
26	Jim & Eileen Ogletree
28	Katy & Ben Arrowood

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2017 SWEETHEART'S NIGHT



Thank you Hal Rahn for providing this picture from our March 18th Sweetheart's Night held at Poplar Ridge Farms with a Cajun Cookout and music by Wayne Chastain and his band. From Hal's pictures, it appears that Jerry Walker was the top prize winner for the Best Sweetheart AND for having the Greatest Number of Sweethearts! Thank you, Charles Woodroof, Don Crider, and your committee for organizing a great 2017 Sweetheart's Event.

DARE TO BE BETTER RECOGNITIONS



President Janice Wallace honored 8 Rotarians with Dare To Be Better certificates during Thursday's meeting. From upper left clockwise, John White and Chrystal Swygert for their work with the Sweetheart's Night, Charles Woodroof and Don Crider for their leadership in organizing Sweetheart's Night, Josh Messer for his efforts in Kitchen Sink filming our Rotary Moments, Joy Gaddy for her support in publicizing our good works in the Griffin Daily News, and Charlie Doughtie and James Jenkins also for their help with Sweetheart's Night. Thanks to each of these Rotarians for their SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting. With the 1 makeup reported by Kathleen Smith, we had an attendance of 66%. 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 (1): Kathleen Smith @ Jackson-Butts Rotary

MISSING SPOKES (45): Katy Arrowood, Kevin Barlow, Otis Blake, Kim Brown, Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, Will Childs, Bill Cooper, Nat Doughtie, Jim Dunaway, Kristen Dutton, Allen Edwards, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Wayne Gardner, Adam Greer, Lew Hunnicutt, Tamara Ison, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Walter Jones, Brant Keller, Terry Killingsworth, Jim Kirby, Alton Knight, David Knight, Yvonne Longford, David Luckie, Henry Mabbett, Patrick Michel, Mark Milam, Niles Murray, John O'Neal, Mark Peek, John Plageman, John Quinn, Med Roach, Jason Robinson, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Brooke Tardy, William Wilson, Stephanie Windham

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

Wear your name badge at meetings to be counted present.

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2017 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – ATLANTA

Strike Out Polio with the Atlanta Braves – 3K Walk/Run to End Polio Now – Candlelight Vigil to End Slavery and Human Trafficking – Gone With the Wind at the Fox – College Football Hall of Fame – World of Coca Cola – And Much More

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