



GRIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE  
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## Club Calendar

### JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

June 22	Kevin Hawkins Project Unlearn
June 29	Presidential Induction & Officer Installation
July 6	NO MEETING July Fourth Observation
July 13	To Be Announced
July 20	Ben Coleman Center for the Visually Impaired

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

June 23	Med Roach Crystal Swygert
26	Steve Crouch Alan Dodson

### ANNIVERSARIES

June 25	Andrew & Alice Blake
28	Bill & Jan Cooper
July 06	Bobby & Ginger Chappell
08	Charles & Andrea Woodroof
09	Dave & Diane Lamb



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## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### Southeastern Reptile Rescue



Jason Clark

Jason Clark of Southeastern Reptile Rescue entertained Griffin Rotarians and our guests with an explanation of his start and continued work with reptiles. Jason explained that he became interested in snakes as a young boy growing up in Griffin. He recalled that as a seventh grader at Taylor Street Middle School, he called Spalding County 911 and told them he liked snakes and could catch them if they received calls for that service. The 911 operator promptly told him that she hated snakes but asked for his name and telephone number to contact him. He admitted that he had not thoroughly thought through his new business plan because he realized he had no driver's license or transportation if he were called. But, that first impetus at reptile rescue grew and he now owns and operates Southeastern Reptile Rescue with his wife and family. Clark's reputation and

notoriety also have grown. The Animal Planet television network contacted him to be part of a special on reptiles of the South. After filming the special, the network called wanting to expand the planned one-hour special into a series. Jason has since consulted and assisted with movies and other TV shows. He is the Alligator Agent for Georgia, and he also has an agreement with the State to assist with reptiles which makes him to be on-call 24/7. In this role, he has inspected many homes after the law enforcement invasions and arrests throughout the state. Clark then showed and talked about snakes he brought. He first showed a rat snake which he said is the most common and harmless snake in Georgia. He then showed a king snake which he noted is known for preying upon and eating other snakes. He emphasized that the common feeling that "the only good snake is a dead snake" is incorrect and he added that, in Georgia, non-venomous snakes are protected by law. He then shifted to venomous snakes saying that more people are bitten by copperheads than any other snake in Georgia. Although copperheads are not aggressive, most people are bitten within 2-3 minutes after seeing the snake as they try to kill or catch it. Jason called up John Quinn

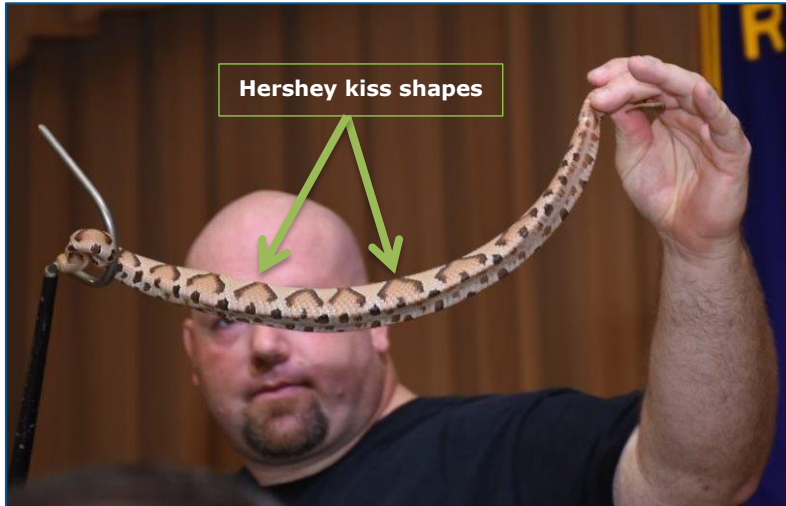
to help demonstrate the similar appearance of corn snakes and copperheads. John's close encounter was with the corn snake. But, Jason produced a copperhead (without John's help) to point out that they can be identified by the shapes that look like Hershey kisses along the sides of the body. Clark also mentioned the cottonmouth as a venomous snake that lives in and around bodies of surface water and has very poor eyesight. He added that to identify venomous snakes, one cannot rely on the triangular shape of the head because many non-venomous snakes will change their head shape as a means of mimicking venomous snakes

to the protect themselves when cornered. Eye shape is also not a good identifying character because the eye shape of venomous snakes may become more ovoid at night to allow entry of more light. More information on Southeastern Reptile Rescue can be found at their website, snakesareus.com.



John Quinn's Close Encounter

## Herpetology One-O-One



Hershey kiss shapes

Jason Clark of Southeastern Reptile Rescue shows a copperhead (top, note the Hershey kiss shapes on side), a rat snake (right), a corn snake (lower right, appears similar to the copperhead but marking patterns differ), and a king snake (bottom).



### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended last week's meeting. We have no attendance report for our June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we had 48 makeups reported giving us an attendance of 100% this week. For those who could not attend that and last Thursday's meetings, please know that you were missed and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

**MAKE UPS (48):** Jim Kirby (e-Club), Brett Bell & Janice Wallace (Little Library Dedication), James Jenkins & Chuck Copeland (Senior Games), 25 at Sombrero Race Day, 16 at Sombero Dash Planning Committee meetings

**MISSING SPOKES (48):** Kevin Barlow, Bret Bell, Tim Bevins, Eric Callahan, Will Childs, Bill Cooper, John Dillon, Kristen Dutton, Allen Edwards, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Joy Gaddy, David Galloway, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Lew Hunnicutt, Jeff Jacobs, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Bill Jones, Brant Keller, Terry Killingsworth, Jim King, Alton Knight, David Knight, Dave Lamb, Yvonne Langford, Davd Luckie, Henry Mabbett, Patrick Michel, Mark Milam, Wade Miller, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Mark Peek, John Plageman, Jason Robinson, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Kathleen Smith, Philip Smith, Lee Thomas, Bobby Wheaton, Kelvin Williams

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

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### MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday – 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday – 7:15 AM	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**