



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
ROTARY SPRING FIESTA ON MAY 19TH, 4 TO 8 PM
MYSTIC ACRES, WILLIAMSON ROAD

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM
Orla McDevitt, GRSP Student



Orla McDevitt
2017-18 GRSP Student
Edinburgh, Scotland

Orla McDevitt, our 2017-18 GRSP Student, bade farewell to Club members on Thursday as she ended her year at the University of Georgia. Orla admitted that she was very apprehensive about the GRSP experience when she landed in Georgia last July 22nd, just a few days after her 18th birthday. She immediately saw there were a number of differences between the U.S. and her native Edinburgh, Scotland – one being that although both countries speak English, the accents and phrases make them sound totally different. But, Orla found that she adapted quite well and even uses “y’all” frequently. She shared that the UGA experience “was amazing.” She found the campus to be beautiful, Saturdays during football season exciting, and the courses and friendships among her best life experiences. She added that the GRSP experience was even more amazing. The GRSP weekends allowed the 45 students to see and experience different parts of Georgia and, more importantly, make new friends representing 14 different countries. “We all shared our own traditions,” she said. “We became a family.” They enjoyed Music Mid-Town Festival, St. Patrick’s Day in Savannah, G-Day in Athens, and a day at Six Flags. Orla also traveled with a smaller group of friends for weekend or holiday excursions to New York City, Chicago, and Miami. They visited Mexico over New Years, and Washington, DC over Easter. And, she will visit with family in San Francisco before returning to Scotland later this month. As she reflected on her entire GRSP experience, she said that it helped her broaden her horizons, immersed her into American culture (which she enjoyed), and taught her much in her travels with GRSP friends. She loved sharing her Scottish traditions with her new friends. She taught others Scottish dances and Scottish songs. “The experience also made me appreciate my home,” she added. Orla thanked her host family (Wade, Jill, Jack, and Josh Miller) for their care and support. “This was the first time I could be a big sister,” she said. She also thanked the Club for supporting her. “GRSP really does change lives,” she added. “When I return, I will become more involved in Rotaract and Rotary and encourage others to apply for this wonderful program.”

By Wayne Gardner

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COMING TO GRIFFIN

Rotary is in transition and, as an organization, should always be in transition to keep pace with changes in our world, our community, and in attracting the best of the best to Rotary and to Griffin Rotary. Here is the chance for you to step up and be part of that transition. Register for Rotary Leadership Institute to be held June 16th at Southern Crescent Technical College here in Griffin. For more information, contact Stephanie Windham.



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Rotary Spring Fiesta – May 19th



Griffin Rotary is 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 in which every member has been entered. Mark your calendars! Bring your spouse or significant other. And, invite prospective members!

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Club Calendar

MAY IS ROTARY'S YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

May 17	Laws of Life Essay Winners	May 31	Roy Bowen Georgia Association of Manufacturers
May 19	Spring Fiesta Mystic Acres 4 to 8 PM	June 7	Take Me Out to the Ballgame
May 24	A Tribute to Our Fallen Veterans	June 14	Donald Leslie Shepherd Center

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
May 19	Charlie Doughtie	May 15	John & Christina Quinn
29	John Dillon	May 16	Crustal & Tom Sywgert
30	Andrew Blake	May 18	Kirk & Alexandria Kealey
June 01	Mark Peek		
02	Katy Arrowood		
04	Dick Brooks		

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Mac Isaacs has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin by Frank Harris. Mac is a retired magazine publisher and a former member of our Club. Mac resides on Pine Valley Road in Griffin and has been a guest at our recent meetings. Any concerns must be sent to Yvonne Langford in writing on or before May 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR DUES INVOICE VIA EMAIL? If it is not in your inbox (past 1-2 weeks), check your spam filter for the invoice.

UPDATE YOUR ENTRY IN OUR CLUB HANDBOOK by contacting Jim King (email, call, or see).

WANT TO SERVE AS GRSP TRUSTEE? Please contact John Quinn for information and/or to volunteer.

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Club Number 4129

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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
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

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