



Club Calendar

SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

September 8	Local Post-Secondary Education Updates from GRCCA, GSC, SCTC, UGA
September 15	Club Assembly
September 22	Trudy Gill, Leadership
September 29	Jim Smith, Superintendent Griffin-Spalding Schools

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

September 7	Jerry Walker
September 10	Wade Miller Howard Wallace
September 12	Niles Murray
September 13	Dennis Easthope
September 19	John White
September 24	John Rainwater
September 26	Walter Jones
September 28	Walker Cook
September 30	Clint Kent

ANNIVERSARIES

September 7	Otis & Ellen Blake Jenniffer & Gary Hilton
September 9	Frank & Carolyn Harris
September 18	Alan & Lany Dodson
September 26	Don & Emily King
September 27	Bobby & Linda Chappell

GIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE griffinrotary.org

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM Bert's BIG Adventure



Katy Arrowood
wearing gold



Stacey Weiss



Anna Bozeman-Thompson

Program co-Chair Katy Arrowood introduced our speakers saying that the program could be a "tear jerker". Katy pointed out that she was wearing gold to show her support Team Lake and the ongoing battle to end childhood cancer. Stacey Weiss, co-founder of the non-profit charity Bert's Big Adventure, explained that their concept is to bring together families whose children suffer from chronic or terminal illnesses. "Families often say that they feel alone," she said. "Bert's Big Adventure allows them to form bonds, friendships, and lasting relationships." Fifteen families are selected to participate each year. The high point of the year-long adventure is a trip to Disney World in Orlando each February. But, the adventure is far more than that trip. The nonprofit hosts four reunions each year to allow previous participants to come together in a large group again. And, Fairy Grandparents volunteer to help with hospitalized children where they read, play games, and spend time with the children. That time sometimes gives families time to take care of other matters. Weiss said that hope is a very powerful force, and that Bert's Big Adventure is trying to provide that magic for these children and their families. Families who have been part of the Adventure say that they support each other, do not feel alone anymore, feel connected with others, and definitely have hope. Anna Bozeman-Thompson, whose son Lake was an Adventure member, shared that Lake was not able to make the Disney World trip because of his illness. But, the families on the trip regularly Facetimed with Lake and his family during the trip to remain connected. Bert's Big Adventure arranged for Lake to meet the Atlanta Hawks. He even signed a one-day contract to play in the NBA with the Hawks. "I got to see my son's dreams come true, thanks to Bert's Big Adventure," she said. Lake passed away on May 1, 2015, due to acute leukemia. In referring to Bert's Big Adventure, Ms. Bozeman-Thompson said, "They will never know what they mean to our family and other families. They touched our family so very much. And, we are only a small part of who they touch." Weiss said that the nonprofit originated in Atlanta but has since spread to six cities in the U.S. She added that they are a 501(c) nonprofit and welcome any and all donations and support.

BERTSBIGADVENTURE.ORG

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Kristen Dutton of Whaley, Hammonds, Tomasello, PC has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin by Rotarian John Plageman. If approved for membership, her classification will be Finance: CPA - Tax. Send any comments in writing to Yvonne Langford on or before September 15th.

**ROTARY CLUB OUTREACH AT
DOC HOLLIDAY FESTIVAL**



Will Doss accepts check from President Janice Wallace for a space at the upcoming Doc Holliday Festival on September 24th. Griffin Rotary will team with Daybreak Rotary with a tent and display to promote Rotary and increase awareness of human trafficking.

LAKE THE GREAT



Stacey Weiss and Anna Bozeman-Thompson pose with poster commemorating Anna's son Lake and their continuing battle to end childhood cancer.

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended Thursday's meeting. With our 14 makeups, we had an attendance of 80%. For those who could not attend, please know that you were missed and that we hope to see you at our next meeting.

MAKE UPS (14): Eddie Johnston @ Henry Co. Rotary; George Granade, Randy Peters, Janice Wallace, Stephanie Windham @ Public Safety Luncheon Project; John Crouch, Tom Gardner, George Granade, Terry Killingsworth, Yvonne Langford, Howard Wallace, Janice Wallace, William Wilson, Stephanie Windham @ DG Social.

MISSING SPOKES (41): Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, Jim Dunaway, Chris Edwards, Jim Fortune, Joy Gaddy, George Granade, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Jenniffer Hilton, Brent Huckaby, Lew Hunnicutt, Tamara Ison, Ben Johnson, Bill Jones, Walter Jones, Kirk Kealey, Brant Keller, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Don King, Alton Knight, Henry Mabbett, Natalie Marshall, Josh Messer, Patrick Michel, Mark Milam, Niles Murray, Jolene Northrop, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Mark Peek, Randy Peters, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Josh Sprayberry, Robert Sullins, Chrystal Swygert, Lee Thomas, Bobby Wheaton

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH GRSP CONCLAVE



John Quinn needs additional volunteers from our Club to assist with the GRSP Student Event on Sept 9-11. John needs families to serve as hosts for students for two nights, transportation to and from events, and assistance with serving lunches at the events. Please contact John for more information and/or to volunteer.

**DARE TO BE
BETTER!**

FALL CLUB OUTING SLATED FOR OCTOBER 6TH



Brant Keller and Tim Hearn are organizing our Fall Club Outing which is scheduled for the afternoon of October 6th at Cherokee Rose. Brant and Tim will be getting a count of those wishing to participate in the clay shoot and/or dinner. Please contact Brant or Tim for more information and/or to sign up. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables at our upcoming meetings.

PLAN FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOW!

Contact John White to make your reservation for attending District Conference next April aboard a cruise ship to Nassau. DG Raymond Ray promises that this Conference will be very unique filled with events and fun. Our Board has approved funds to support those attending (\$200 for expenses + registration fee).

**ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN, GA
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ED OUTLAW

Assistant District Governor

RAYMOND RAY

District 6900 Governor

JOHN F. GERM

Rotary International President

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