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FALL CLUB OUTING IS NEXT THURSDAY

Our Fall Club Outing is scheduled for the afternoon of October 6th at Cherokee Rose. The clay shoot will begin at 3:00 PM. Dinner will follow at approximately 5:30 PM, and there will be a Board Meeting. Brant Keller and Tim Hearn have organized this year's outing and report that we have more signed up this year than in previous years. Please contact Brant or Tim to participate in the clay shoot and/or the dinner.

REMEMBER! NO NOON MEETING NEXT THURSDAY!

IMPORTANT NOTICE! QUARTERLY DUES INVOICES BY EMAIL

Our quarterly dues will be sent via email. Please watch for those emails and the attachments. If you wish to receive your dues invoice via regular USPS mail, please contact Yvonne Langford.

Club Calendar

SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

October 6	Club Outing Clay Shoot @ Cherokee Rose
	Board Meeting
October 13	Stefanie Jehlitschka German-American Chamber of Commerce
October 20	Stephanie Davis Miracle League

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

The State of the Local School System



Smith

Jim Smith, Superintendent of the Griffin-Spalding School System, provided an update on the State of the School System. Smith noted that the system is in an "era of change" and is working to address the changes that have occurred in the ways that students learn now. "Finding facts is not hard," he said. "But, teaching students how to use those facts to solve problems is our challenge." The system has developed and adopted new vision and mission statements that are focused on the system being an 'agent of change' in developing graduates who are future 'ready learners'. "We basically want to empower our students with talents to graduate college and be career ready," Smith added. A new strategic plan has been implemented that involves student performance, accountability, curriculum assessment

and development, development of staff, and continued collaboration with the community and community-support groups. "We really appreciate the work and energy our staff is doing and the support that this community provides," he said. Various task forces are working on several issues and objectives. One is addressing needs in alternative education to include those students who need some sort of flex-time study to allow them to continue to work while completing high school. Others simply perform better outside of the regular school environment. Another effort is examining ways to better prepare youngsters for pre-K and elementary programs. "We want to avoid kids being behind their grade level because once there, they usually stay behind," Smith said. A curriculum audit was recently performed to assist the system in insuring that they are addressing what is actually the system's curriculum objectives and to develop and implement assessment tools to better track performance and progress. Smith cited that graduation rates improved from 2014 to 2015 (2016 data are not yet available) and that SAT scores have increased. But, staff are continuing to address these issues as well as attendance rates. "We are exploring various incentives in keeping students in school," he said. Smith also noted that to address all of these educational issues, the system must align with the needs of our students, the way in which they now learn, and the community's goals. "Change is a very much important part of this process," he added. Smith concluded by saying that GSCS stands for more than Griffin-Spalding School System. It also stands for Grow, Sustain, Collaborate, and Succeed. "We cannot do what we have always done just because it has always been done that way," he added. "We must make changes to achieve results."

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

October 2	Jim Dunaway
October 7	Art Hammond James Jenkins
October 14	Bill Jones
October 19	Terry Killingsworth
October 20	Jim Fortune
October 21	Bobby Chappell
October 25	Charles Woodroof
October 29	Chuck Copeland

ANNIVERSARIES

October 9	Ben & Tracy Johnson
October 11	Tim & Robin Hearn
October 24	John & Elizabeth O'Neal

GIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE griffinrotary.org

GIFFIN ROTARY – AN EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUB

ROTARY CARES FOR KIDS CAR RAFFLE



Looks like Rotarians are getting in line for a chance to win a new Infinity as part of a friendly competition among several area Rotary clubs in support of the Children's Village at Christian City. Heidi Becker drove the Infinity to Thursday's meeting so that all could see the car. Heidi also shared her own passion for providing for the children cared for at the Children's Village. Raffle tickets for the car may be purchased at \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The club buying the most tickets will be awarded \$500. The drawing for the car will be on December 1 at the Chair-ity Event in Peachtree City. For more information, please contact President Janice Wallace.

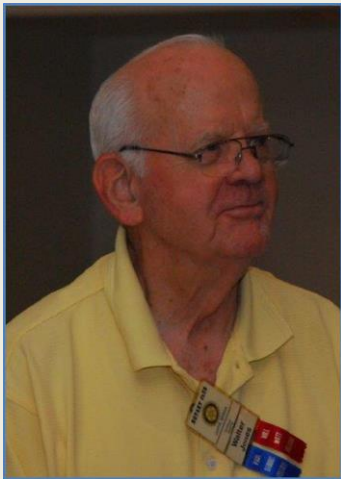
THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting, and thanks to those who earned make ups at our two projects. With those 28 make ups, we had an attendance of 98%. For those who could not attend, please know you were missed and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

MAKE UPS (28): Brett Bell (3), George Granade (2), Corey Letson, Josh Messer (3), Janice Wallace (3), William Wilson, Stephanie Windham @ Doc Holliday Festival Project; Bill Dallas (2), Sid Esary (2), Chris Holdorf (2), John Qiuinn (3), Janice Wallace (2), Howard Wallace (2), Stephanie Windham (2) @ GRSP Event

MISSING SPOKES (38): Mack Bullard, Eric Callahan, Bill Cooper, John Dillon, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Jennifer Hilton, Chris Holdorf, Brent Huckaby, Lew Hunnicutt, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Terry Killingsworth, Don King, Alton Knight, Corey Letson, Henry Mabbett, Mark Milan, Jolene Northrup, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Robert Parker, Mark Peek, Randy Peters, John Quinn, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Philip Smith, Josh Sprayberry, Robert Sullins, Chrystal Swygert, Lee Thomas, Brian Upson, Bobby Wheaton, Stephanie Windham

90 YEARS YOUNG!



Ed Worrell led our weekly singing with a round of Happy Birthday to Walter Jones who turned 90 on September 26th.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Jeffrey A. Rosencrans, Purchasing Manager for Caterpillar, has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin by Stephanie Windham. Jeff is a former member of the Rotary Club of Peoria (IL) Downtown Club. Please send any comments in writing to Yvonne Langford on or before October 12, 2016.

JULIE SIGHTING!



DARE TO BE BETTER!

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OFFICERS

President	-	Janice Wallace
Vice-President	-	Allen Edwards
President-Elect	-	Tom Gardner
Treasurer	-	Art Hammond
Secretary	-	Yvonne Langford
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Kim Brown
Club Chaplain	-	Med Roach
Bulletin Editor	-	Wayne Gardner
Photographer	-	William Wilson

DIRECTORS

Membership	-	Chris Holdorf
Public Relations	-	Brett Bell
Club Administration	-	Robert Parker
Rotary Foundation	-	George Granade
Vocational Service	-	Corey Letson
Community Service	-	Kelvin Williams
International Service	-	John Crouch
New Generations	-	Brian Upson

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