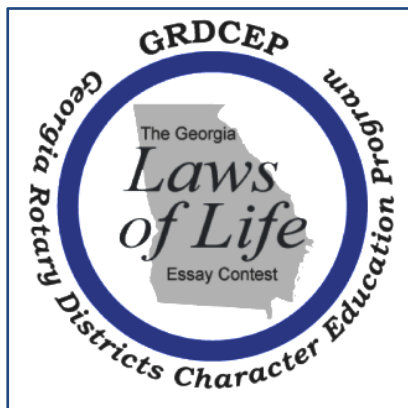




THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Laws of Life Essay Winners



Griffin Rotarians welcomed the grade winners for the Georgia Laws of Life Essay competitions held at Griffin High School. George Granade, Secretary of the Georgia Rotary Districts Character Education Program, explained that this program embodies many Rotary ideals in ethical literacy, high ethical standards, and the motto Service Above Self. This year's essay contest involved 64 Georgia high schools with 48,836 students participating, and \$22,000 in cash awards presented. Melanie Underwood, English Department Head at Griffin High and Interact Club Advisor, introduced the essay winners. She explained that each student chooses a personal motto

or value upon which he or she reflects and then composes the essay. "It is a personal essay," Underwood said. "They share their lives with you in those essays." Three of the grade winners then shared their winning essays with Rotarians and guests. First up was Jayme Angeles, the 9th grade and overall school winner, whose essay was based on never overestimating the power of self-confidence and optimism. In reflecting on her past, Jayme saw that she was very pessimistic in attempting to improve. She felt she was only a mediocre student and performer and that she relied upon a friend as her "crutch". But, she has worked to transform herself into being optimistic and positive in her studies and in her life. In turn, she met with successes which built self-confidence. Sierra Caraway, the 10th grade winner, built her theme on the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." Sierra explained that her mother had really neglected her, all but rejected her, as a young child. The lack of that motherly influence was underscored on an elementary school trip to Jekyll Island when she saw how much the mothers of the girls in her cabin had done to help them to prepare for the overnight field trip. Realizing that void in her life at that moment was devastating. But, a teacher stepped in to be a confidant, to provide emotional support, and help. Even now, she confesses, there is pain, but she has learned that others in her "village" have filled that void with friendship, love, and support. And, Kendell Wilson, the 11th grade winner, wrote about Nelson Mandella's quote, "Once a person is determined to help themselves, they can achieve anything." Kendell experienced this as a young underclassman going out for the Griffin High football team. At first, he lacked the confidence to feel that he could even complete the conditioning and strengthening that was required. He almost quit. But, several members of the coaching staff offered words of encouragement, and upperclassmen supported him as he worked even harder. Now, Kendell provides that encouragement to younger players.

Club Calendar

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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| May 25 | Final 2016-17 Club Assembly |
| June 1 | Sandra Brownlee Veterans Services |
| | Outgoing / Incoming Board Meeting |
| June 8 | Tamara Ison Wellstar's Volunteer Impact |
| June 15 | Jason Clark SE Retile Rescue |

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

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| May 29 | John Dillon |
| 30 | Andrew Blake |
| June 1 | Mark Peek |
| 2 | Katy Arrowood |
| 4 | Dick Brooks |
| 5 | Jennifer Hilton |
| | Janice Wallace |
| 7 | Will Childs |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| May 25 | Stephanie & Gray Windham |
| 28 | Alton & Annette Knight |
| June 6 | Don & Farrah Crider
Jerry & Mary Walker |

HANDBOOK UPDATES DUE

Jim King is again updating our Club Handbook for the upcoming Rotary year. We hope to have the new Handbook revised and released before July 1. Please check your entry in the Handbook. Send any needed revisions to Jim (king109@bellsouth.net). Set an appointment with Rick Blackshear(770-227-0750) for new or replacement photos.



The Rotary Club of Griffin
**5TH ANNUAL
 SOMBRERO DASH**
5K & 10K road races through beautiful Griffin, Georgia
 All proceeds benefit many fine local charities.

Griffin 5K/10K



**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017
 8:00 AM**

Race begins and ends at Food Depot (816 South Hill St.)
 Join us for a festive time celebrating Cinco de Mayo, and
 wear your Mexican themed attire. Prizes to race winners.

Register ONLINE at www.griffinrotary.org

For sponsorship information call (770) 426-5211

Event Sponsor: The Rotary Club of Griffin

Sponsorship Packages Available: 5/1000 5/500 5/250 5/150

5th Annual Sombbrero 5K/10K Dash

The skies opened with downpours just as our 5th annual Sombbrero Dash started. Yet, a number of local runners braved the rain and wet pavement to complete either the 5K or the 10K race. A number of volunteers also were on hand to register runners, work the start and finish line, direct runners on the course, and much more. Thanks to our sponsors who helped to make this annual event happen and whose contributions will add to our Community Project Fund.



All smiles on the course



Happy (and wet) medalists at awards ceremony



Thanks to our volunteers.

ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting. We had no makeups reported giving us an attendance of 60% this week. 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 (0): None reported

MISSING SPOKES (50): Kevin Barlow, Bruce Bartholomew, Tim Bevins, Karl Broder, Pricha Bunya, Skipper Burns, Will Childs, Bill Cooper, Chuck Copeland, John Dillon, Alan Dodson, Jim Dunaway, Kristen Dutton, Dennis Easthope, Allen Edwards, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Joy Gaddy, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Lew Hunnicutt, Jeff Jacobs, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Bill Jones, Kirk Kealey, Terry Killingsworth, Alton Knight, David Knight, David Luckie, Henry Mabbett, Natalie Marshall, Josh Messer, Mark Milam, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Mark Peek, Randy Peters, John Plageman, John Quinn, Jason Robinson, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Kathleen Smith, Philip Smith, Alvetta Thomas, Lee Thomas, Kelvin Williams

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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ED OUTLAW

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District 6900 Governor

JOHN F. GERM

Rotary International President

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