



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### The UGA Turfgrass Program



**Clint Waltz**

Clint Waltz, a Turfgrass Specialist headquartered at the University of Georgia Griffin Campus, outlined the research and outreach activities in UGA's highly visible and globally-recognized turfgrass program. The entire program, which reaches across the three UGA campuses (Griffin, Athens, Tifton), supports a total of 22 scientists and their programs in four disciplines at UGA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Thirteen of those scientists are located on the Griffin Campus where 25 acres of land and a number of greenhouse facilities are dedicated to research on various aspects of eight species of grasses, including every grass grown as a lawn grass in Georgia. Griffin and Tifton each have their own breeding programs aimed at developing grasses in the distinctly different geographic and climatic regions. Waltz explained that the entire turf industry generates \$175 billion each year in the

U.S. and that landscape service alone accounts for \$50 billion annually and provides for 1 million jobs. Georgia ranks as the ninth among all states in the turf industry. Here, managed turfgrass covers 1.8 million acres making it the largest agricultural commodity in the state. It also accounts of 87,000 jobs and each year generates \$7.8 billion in revenues to the Georgia economy. "Turf is a big economic generator for our state," Waltz said. The various industry segments that UGA's Turf Team addresses include golf courses, sports fields, commercial lawn care, sod production, homeowner and urban agriculture, and county agents. On the Griffin Campus, Waltz noted that the 4000 ft<sup>2</sup> Turfgrass Maintenance Facility located at the junction of Ellis Road and Experiment Street was constructed in 2009 to provide work and parking areas for equipment used in the research on the adjacent turfgrass plots. In addition, the Turfgrass Research & Education Facility will be the newest addition to the Campus and will house seven faculty and their programs once it opens. Dedication of the building is scheduled for September.

.....By Wayne Gardner

## Club Calendar

### JULY MARKS THE START OF OUR NEW ROTARY YEAR

- July 20 Ben Coleman  
Center for the Visually Impaired
- July 27 Casey Bethel, 2017 Georgia  
Teacher of the Year  
  
Griffin-Spalding New  
Teacher Luncheon
- August 03 Marjie Dickey  
REACH Scholarship  
Program

Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

- July 20 Jim Ogletree
- 22 Corey Letson
- 27 Brooke Tardy
- August 01 Kim Brown

### ANNIVERSARIES

- July 17 William & Jackie Wilson  
Allen & Kelley Edwards  
Chris & Michelle Edwards
- 18 Tony & Lisa Powell
- 21 Charlie & Chris Doughtie  
Jim & Lynn Dunaway
- 28 Niles & Dottie Murray
- 30 John & Elaine White
- August 01 Eric & Lynn Pitts

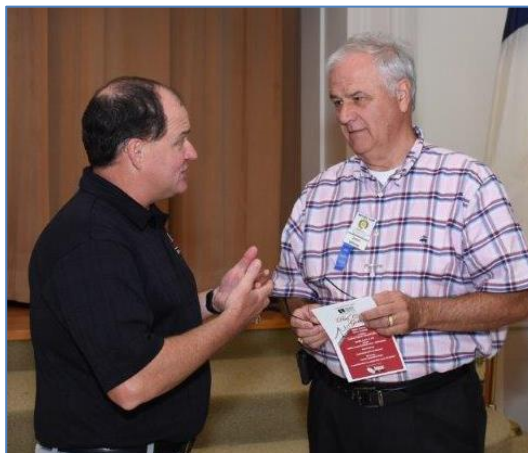


**Tom Gardner presided over  
his first Griffin Rotary meeting  
as Club President**



**Lew Hunnicutt introduced our  
speaker Dr. Clint Waltz from the  
UGA Griffin Campus**

# THE GRIFFITARIAN



**John White (right) grabbed the opportunity after our program to speak with Dr. Waltz about details on home turfgrass management.**



**Art Hammond led the group in singing of R-O-T-A-R-Y! That's two weeks in a row, Art!?!**

**ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN, GA**  
**PO Box 473, Griffin, GA 30224**  
**Club Number 4129**

## OFFICERS

- President - Tom Gardner
- Vice-President - Janice Wallace
- President-Elect - Randy Peters
- Treasurer - Art Hammond
- Secretary - Yvonne Langford
- Sergeant-at-Arms - George Granade
- Club Chaplain - Wade Miller
- Bulletin Editor - Wayne Gardner
- Photographer - William Wilson

## DIRECTORS

- Membership - Charles Woodroof
- Public Relations - Brett Bell
- Club Administration - John White
- Rotary Foundation - Alan Dodson
- Vocational Service - Corey Letson
- Community Service - David Galloway
- International Service - Bill Hardee
- New Generations - Katy Arrowood

## DISTRICT 6900 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### ED OUTLAW

Assistant District Governor

### ALEC SMYTHE

District 6900 Governor

### IAN H.S. RISELEY

Rotary International President

## JOIN GRIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE

[griffinrotary.org](http://griffinrotary.org)

## FOLLOW ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN



**The Board held its first meeting of the new Rotary year at the Naomi Woodroof Pavilion on the UGA Griffin Campus on Thursday evening. George Granade and Yvonne Langford hosted the meeting.**

## 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**

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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