



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

The Center for the Visually Impaired



Ben Coleman

Ben Coleman, Director of Program Marketing for the Atlanta-based Center for the Visually Impaired, explained how this "grass-roots" organization created by parents of visually-impaired children as a support group in 1962 has now grown to provide a diversity of services to all age groups. "It is a small nonprofit," Coleman said. "That makes marketing a challenge." The Center currently serves about 4,000 clients of all ages each year. Fifty-four percent of those are from low-income households. The Center's mission is in 'empowering' individuals with little to no vision enabling them to function as independently as possible (functional limitations). They do so through techniques, education, and use of devices. Until recently, the Center restricted its work to Atlanta. But, now they are reaching out to serve clients within an approximately one hour drive from Atlanta. He noted that they now work in partnership with the local

Takle Eye Center in offering rehabilitative and assessment services through that office once or twice a month. Clients typically have less than 20/60 vision with functional limitations including conditions resulting from glaucoma, maculation degeneration, or diabetes. Clients range from infants, blind preschoolers, visually-impaired high school age, working age adults, and senior citizens. Services are individualized based upon needs. Center personnel offer nonmedical therapy (much the same as physical therapy), with programs involving newborns (only one in the state), music therapy, classroom activities, after-school activities, weekend and summer camps, and educational resources dealing with diabetes, orientation and mobility, technology skills, and more. "We want our clients to be independent and to succeed," Coleman added. Coleman encouraged audience members to "connect with us" by going to their website (www.cviga.org) to Learn about the Center and its programs, to Volunteer to assist with educational activities and other events, to Refer others in need of assistance to the Center and the website, and to Donate to assist with the mission of the Center.

.....By Wayne Gardner

Club Calendar

JULY MARKS THE START OF OUR NEW ROTARY YEAR

- 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
- August 10 Scott Harris Fernbank Solar Eclipse on Aug 21

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- July 28 Niles & Dottie Murray
- 30 John & Elaine White
- August 01 Eric & Lynn Pitts

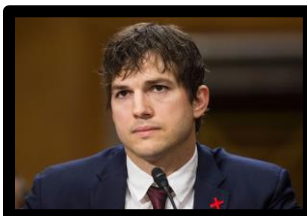
CONDOLENCES

To Katy Arrowood and her family on the passing of her husband, Ben Arrowood, on July 17th. A memorial service was held on July 20th at Lord and Stephens Funeral Home in Athens.

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT PASSES AWAY



Sam F. Owori passed away unexpectedly on July 13 due to complications from surgery. Sam had been a member of the Rotary Club Kampata, Uganda for 38 years. His term as Rotary's 108th President would have begun on July 1, 2018



KUTCHER FIGHTS TRAFFICKING

Ashton Kutcher, better known for his acting, has joined the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Kutcher has co-founded Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children that helps combat trafficking and the conditions that feed it.

THE GRIFFITARIAN

Griffin Rotary Supports Fortify Georgia



Griffin Rotary President Tom Gardner was pleased to donate a check from the Club in support of Fortify Georgia. Pictured with Gardner are Mimi Johnson, Director of the Fortify Resource Center, and Kim Pendleton, Fortify Georgia Director. Pendleton said that Fortify is an army of volunteers, none of whom are paid, providing support for foster families and encouraging others to become foster families. Johnson coordinates the resource center located at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds to provide furniture and provisions to foster homes. The center is open every second Saturday of each month to accept donations. "Twin beds and mattresses are a real need," said Johnson. Gardner commented that Fortify exemplifies RI's and Griffin Rotary's mission and theme of Rotary Making a Difference.

CLUB HANDBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

The 2017-2018 Griffin Rotary Club Handbooks are completed and available for pickup at the next few Thursday meetings. Thanks again to Jim King for coordinating the publishing of this very useful publication. Standing O for Jim!

NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON THURSDAY

We welcome our new Griffin-Spalding teachers on Thursday. Arrive early and help welcome our new teachers to the community and school system!

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

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