



**ROTARY:  
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## Club Calendar

### SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH IN ROTARY

September 28	Lea Folds, GSCS Growing Your Workforce & Our Community with Work- Based Learning
October 5	Gary Black Commissioner of Georgia Department of Agriculture
October 12	<b>CLUB FALL OUTING NO NOON MEETING</b> Cherokee Rose Shooting Resort 3 PM – Clay Shoot 5:30 PM - Dinner

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

September 24	John Rainwater
26	Walter Jones
30	Clint Kent
October 02	Jim Dunaway
07	Art Hammond
07	James Jenkins
14	Bill Jones
19	Terry Killingsworth

### ANNIVERSARIES

September 27	Bobby & Linda Chappell
October 09	Ben & Tracy Johnson
11	Tim & Robin Hearn
24	John & Elizabeth O'Neal

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### Morrow Updates on Local Airport



**Morrow**

Griffin Rotary is always happy to welcome Dick Morrow to our program, and on Thursday, Morrow returned to provide an update on the progress of the new Griffin-Spalding airport. He first used the UGA Griffin Campus as an example of the importance of the new airport to the community and the region. The new Food Product Innovation and Commercialization Center on the Campus has already helped attract several new food businesses to the local industrial park. Food PIC along with researchers in the Center for Food Safety will continue to attract new businesses which will need a small jet runway for their operations. Morrow also cited the internationally recognized UGA Turfgrass Team headquartered on the Campus as also attracting those needing and sharing expertise on warm-season turf management to the area and who will use of a small jet port. Morrow then shifted to updating the

progress of the development of the new airport by first reviewing its history. The existing airport is on approximately 200 acres of land with 3701-ft runway. The new airport will occupy two times that amount of land and will have a 5500 ft runway. He explained that the new airport will fill a void for Level 2 airports in our area and 97% of business jets would be able to use it. The Airport Authority will actually be able to extend the runway another 500 ft in the future, thus providing for the remaining 3% of business jets. The new airport will be located ¼ mile from the Green Valley Industrial Park and will be situated between SR 16 and SR 155. Phase 1 of the development of the new airport is already underway with the purchase land along Banks Road. The Authority has purchased 39 of the 41 properties, while the two remaining properties are going through condemnation process. The plan for the new airport has been approved by GDOT and should be approved by the FAA, within the next 30 days. This new airport could also provide needed hangar and storage space for business-class jets for Atlanta-based businesses. This airport is only an 11-minute helicopter ride from downtown Atlanta, and Uber service is very interested in providing ground transportation once the airport is completed. Atlanta businesses think that Griffin and Spalding County are "sitting on a gold mine" with this new airport, Morrow added. "The Airport Authority is creating a World-Class Regional Airport." The new airport will continue to serve local residents as well as existing community businesses. It will also serve the growing movie industry in the area and help attract new international businesses in the industrial park. And, it will help in growing number of employment opportunities in the aviation business. Morrow ended by expressing his personal frustration with the "incompetence and dishonesty" of GDOT Aviation, and because of this and GDOT's unwillingness to work with the Airport Authority while he serves as Chair, he resigned that position at Wednesday evening's meeting. The Authority selected Randy Peters as the new Chair with GDOT's approval. Morrow added that with this change, "the dam will break" and development of the airport will move forward quickly. Morrow is also not seeking re-election to his post as City Commissioner citing the need to focus on his grandchildren following the recent unexpected death of his son.

....By George Granade

# THE GRIFFITARIAN

## CLUB FALL OUTING SET FOR OCTOBER 12



Brant Keller announced that our annual Club Fall Outing will be held at Cherokee Rose on October 12. Clay shooting and tomahawk throwing begin at 3 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Our monthly Board Meeting will also convene during the dinner hour. Please sign up for the shooting event and/or dinner by using one of the sheets placed on our tables at our upcoming weekly meetings or contact Brant directly. The Cherokee Rose Shooting Resort is located at 895 Baptist Camp Road.

**ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN, GA**  
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**Club Number 4129**

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## GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM



The business portion of our weekly meeting was focused on our involvement in the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP). Club President Tom Gardner presented a check from the Club to GRSP Trustee John Quinn for our Club's sponsorship of this year's GRSP Student. And, our President-Elect Randy Peters made a plea to the membership for a host family for next year's GRSP Student. That student will be selected in November, so a decision on our host family before then will insure they will be involved in the selection process. Please contact Randy or John if you are interested.

### MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday - 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday - 12:15 PM	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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