



Club Calendar

DECEMBER IS ROTARY'S DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

December 21	Rotary Christmas Program
December 28	No Meeting MERRY CHRISTMAS
January 4	No Meeting HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 11	Spalding County Parks & Recreation Update
January 18	ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle Noon Meeting Program

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

GSU President Mark Becker

We welcomed Georgia State University President Mark Becker as our speaker on Thursday. As Tommy Hopkins, Chair of the Board of Regents, noted in his introduction, Becker recently oversaw the merging of Georgia State University with Georgia Perimeter College to make GSU the largest institution of higher



Becker

education in the state with 53,000 students. 33,000 of those students attend the Atlanta-based campus with the remainder attending classes at the perimeter campuses. "We are known as one of the most diverse universities in the nation," Becker said. "We have no majority population and no ethnic group comprises more than 50% of the student population." The U.S. News & World Report ranked, for the second year in a row, GSU as the 4th most innovative public university in the nation. The Report also ranked GSU as the 8th most in commitment to undergraduate education. Becker noted that GSU's graduation rate was now above the national average. He explained that GSU was actively changing the student experience and was updating student performance and involvement on a daily basis so that advisors could best help all students in reach their goals. "We are looking at the future needs of our students," he said. "We want to prepare them for life at the end of their education." Becker spoke about the renovation of Turner Field into GSU's football stadium which was purchased from Fulton County. Renovations began in January, and the stadium opened to games in August. GSU also purchased parking lots and other areas around the stadium with plans to add other athletic facilities. He shared a video on GSU's Institute of Biomedical Research which is working with ebola and other pathogenic viruses in hopes of developing vaccines. GSU is also involved in cutting edge astronomical studies with its telescope facility, the CHARA Array, at Mount Wilson, California. This facility allows the study of stars in galaxies other than our own.

By Wayne Gardner



Hopkins

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

December 25	Scott Owen
27	Josh Sprayberry
27	Joy Gaddy
30	Chris Edwards
30	Eric Worrell
January 02	Josh Messer
05	Kelvin Williams
06	Kevin Barlow

ANNIVERSARIES

December 28	Joy & Jeff Gaddy
31	John & Cindy Plageman
January 06	James & Lisa Jenkins



ROTARY:
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Annual Rotary Christmas Program is Thursday



THE GRIFFITARIAN

Kettle Battle Report

IF YOU PLAN TO DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE GIVE THROUGH OUR KETTLE! Griffin Rotary and Griffin Kiwanis are on the final stretch of the 2017 Kettle Battle. As of last Saturday, this "friendly" competition had netted \$40,788.90 from the two kettles. We had collected \$25,021.06 in donations at last count on Saturday. Our kettle is located at the west entrance to Kroger's.

Thank You Bell Ringers!

Our club project of ringing the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle each year probably demands more people power and hours than most if not all projects we undertake. This year, we will ring 306 hours at our Kettle at Kroger's. Thanks to the 65 Rotarians who have (or will) ring this season. And, thanks to our Bell Ringing Partners who helped us by ringing over 155 hours. They are: First National Bank (20), Sprayberry & Company (16), Beck, Owen & Murray (10), Memorial Drive Vet Clinic (10), CareMaster (10), Newton Crouch, Inc. (10), Flint River Regional Library (10), Daybreak Rotary (12.5), Griffin OB-GYN (9), Snider-Killingsworth Insurance (6), Paragon Consulting (7), United Bank (7.5), Murray Company (8), SCTC Rotaract (8), The Cancer Warriors (6), GHS JrROTC (3), GRCCA Students (3), Flint River Council, BSA (2), Liberty Technology (2), Griffin Waypoint (2).

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Annual Blood Drive Set for January 18th

Our Annual Blood Drive is set for Thursday, January 18th. Philip Smith will again be coordinating the Drive and will be asking for donors. Please plan to donate (if you are able), and please get family, friends, co-workers, and others to GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.

Merry Christmas
happy
new year!

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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