



Club Calendar

JANUARY IS ROTARY'S
VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

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| February 01 | Mark Butler, Commissioner
Georgia Department of
Labor |
| | Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM |
| February 08 | Jackie Harmon
Laws of Life Essay |
| February 15 | Sam Wellborn
State Transportation Board
Georgia DOT |

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

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| January 29 | Mark Milam |
| 29 | Eddie Johnston |
| February 01 | Alton Knight |
| 08 | Charles Penny |
| 14 | Don Crider |
| 14 | Wayne Gardner |
| 18 | John Crouch |
| 23 | Bill Dallas |
| 23 | Philip Smith |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| January 31 | Henry & Ann Walker |
| February 06 | Tommy & Sara Hopkins |
| 09 | Steve & Erin Mulder |
| 10 | Steve & Marty Crouch |
| 14 | Eddie & Toni Grogan |
| 14 | Mark & Linda Milam |
| 20 | Kevin & Laura Barlow |

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

New Meaning of "C" at Winship



**Suresh
Ramalingam**

We routinely associate the term The Big 'C' with cancer disease, but Dr. Suresh Ramalingam, Deputy Director for Emory University's Winship Cancer Institute, explains that "C" has a new meaning at Winship. The Institute was recently granted the status as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the highest such designation awarded by NCI. This recognizes the current status of Winship but, more importantly, it infuses resources, support, and funds for Winship to combat cancer in Georgia and our region. Winship has now joined an elite group of such centers in the U.S. And, such centers tout up to a 25% higher survival rate of cancer patients. This funding has allowed Winship to recruit and add world-class researchers and clinicians to their program. They have provided \$9.6M in 'seed grant' funds to researchers which, in turn, has provided results that provide a foundation for securing more than \$24.8M

in extramural funds to support cancer research. Dr. Ramalingam noted that it really begins in the research laboratories where researchers are delving into immunotherapy, cancer metabolism and cell biology, cancer prevention, genetics and epigenetics, discovery and development of therapeutic technology, and much more. The research conducted at Winship is transformative in that research developments are used to change and re-align clinical practices. Discoveries are often translated into clinical trials in which new drugs and treatment regimens are tested. Over 500 patients undergo treatment in clinical trials each year at Winship. Those patients are basically receiving tomorrow's treatment today, Ramalingam explained. "Over 75% of drugs approved by the FDA for cancer treatment were tested on patients at Winship," he added. He pointed to some exciting Innovative advancements that are underway. Immunotherapy is at the forefront of cancer research and treatment. This involves administering an antibody that initiates the immune system of a patient to attack the cancer. Several successes have been achieved with this innovative approach. Ramalingam also pointed to the newly-constructed Emory Proton Therapy Center located only a few blocks from Emory Midtown in Atlanta. It will be the first of its kind in Georgia and will begin treating patients later this year. Proton radiation uses protons to precisely treat cancerous tumors. It is more precise than conventional radiation therapy so that it minimizes impact on healthy tissues and reduces side effects. Healthcare professionals and researchers are members of 36 departments. They easily and effectively form teams to address cutting-edge challenges with healthcare involving cancer prevention, treatment, and care. All NCI-recognized centers in the U.S. share information and data to further enhance cancer prevention and treatment. And, Winship delivers research-based knowledge to their staff and students. The Institute is also highly involved in community-based prevention and awareness programs. Ramalingam stated that 38% of females will contract cancer in their lifetimes, and 40% of males will contract the disease. So, each of us will be impacted by cancer either directly or through a friend or family member. When asked what individuals can do, Ramalingam replies, (1) get early screening and detection; (2) Refer patients to Winship; (3) Support research; (4) Advocate for cancer research priorities; (5) Participate in Winship community activities.

...By Wayne Gardner



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Griffin Rotary Donates to GRCCA



Katy Arrowood, CEO for the Griffin Regional College and Career Academy, accepts a donation of \$1000 from Griffin Rotary and presented by Club President Tom Gardner. The donation will be used to further develop the facilities of the newly-opened Academy.

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January Sunshine

Frank Harris stepped to the podium during Thursday's meeting to provide a little ray of sunshine with a couple of "tried and true" jokes. It seems that Frank used these jokes many years earlier and could have served as a precursor for "retirement" of the Sunshine Committee for a few years. Thanks for the Sunshine, Frank!

Start with Rotary
 And good things happen



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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