



## Club Calendar

**FEBRUARY IS ROTARY'S  
PEACE AND CONFLICT  
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH**

- February 22     Brian Kemp  
                     Georgia Secretary of State
  
- March 1         Club Assembly
  
- Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM
  
- March 8         Cliff Bowden, District  
                     Federation Manager  
                     Georgia Farm Bureau
  
- March 15        Daryl Fletcher  
                     Relationship Strategist &  
                     Life Coach

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

- February 18     John Crouch
- 23     Bill Dallas
- 23     Philip Smith
- 26     Joel Purser
- 27     Stephanie Windham
- March 01        Bill Cooper
- 01     Sid Esary
- 03     Bill Shapard
- 03     Lew Hunnicutt

### ANNIVERSARIES

- February 20     Kevin & Laura Barlow
- 25     Eddie & Nancy Johnston
- 27     Joel & Rachel Purser
- March 01        Mark & Sally Peak



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### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## Asphalt and Camellias?



**Sam Wellborn (r) with  
Michael Pressley of GDOT**



**Frank Harris (l) introduced  
Sam Wellborn**

Griffin Rotary welcomed Sam Wellborn, the Third Congressional District Representative on the State Transportation Board, as this week's program speaker. Wellborn is obviously no stranger to speaking before an audience as he provided an informative and entertaining talk with jokes, updates, and even an explanation of how the width of our railways and traffic lanes date back to the days of the Roman Empire. Wellborn is the longest serving member of the current 11-member State Transportation Board with 26 years of service. That Board and the GDOT oversee all aspects of transportation in our state, not just roadways but also rails, transit systems, airports, and more. "Georgia has the nation's tenth largest transportation system," he added. He introduced Michael Pressley, the GDOT District Engineer. "The power [of transportation issues] resides with Michael in your District," he said. He also noted that the construction of the local airport is back on track after some recent changes in leadership. "They have hitched up the giddyup," he said in referring to the renewed interest and progress in the airport. Wellborn then focused his remaining comments on his own passion of presenting a positive face and impression to those traveling our highways and visiting out state. Wellborn started his PowerPoint presentation with a series of images of some beautiful camellia blooms saying, "I am a camellia nut of sorts." (You may have noticed that our local camellias are either in bloom or loaded with buds and are ready to bloom.) Love of that type of beauty is the basis of his advocacy of ensuring that our welcome centers, rest areas, and roadways are attractive and well-maintained. He explained that a survey conducted five years ago showed the poor condition of our welcome centers and rest areas which had fallen into varying states of disrepair. "It was not a good experience," he said. But, since then, renovations of eight welcome centers have been completed, and rest area renovations should be completed early next year. He said that the Roadside Wildflower Program continues to enhance our roadways. This is funded, not by taxpayer funds but through the wildflower prestige motor vehicle tag fees and by private foundation support. "We budget only \$700,000 a year for this program," he said. "Each of the seven GDOT Districts receives \$100,000 for the program each year." [Editor Note: The roadside wildflower projects was initially developed and implemented by the late Will Corley, a former member of the UGA's Horticulture Department here in Griffin.] Wellborn is definitely making impacts with his 'Asphalt and Camellias' program with GDOT.

....By Wayne Gardner

# THE GRIFFITARIAN



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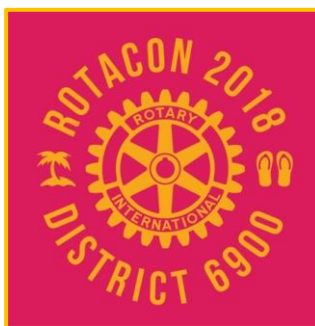
**Membership Drive Continues** for the remainder of February and all of March. Help build our membership by inviting colleagues, friends, and other contacts to our weekly meetings. They will be Guests of the Club, welcomed by our leadership, and given an informational brochure about Rotary and our Club. Each guest you bring to meetings will enter you in a drawing for a \$250 gift card (drawing on April 5).

## Rotaract Celebrates 50th!



As you may have seen in our March issue of *Rotarian*, the organization of Rotaract is celebrating 50 years of service. Our own Rotaract Partner is the campus based Southern Crescent Technical College Club with Brittany Varga and Adam Grubbs serving as co-advisors. Like many other Rotaract clubs, the SCTC club members are learners and excellent problem-solvers who look beyond their club and campus to serve. We will welcome several members to our March 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly.

## Rotacon 2018



**April 26-29  
Sandestin, Florida**

Contact John White to reserve a room and to register.

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Club Number 4129**

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## Challenge of Polio Eradication Impacted by Conflicts.

Great strides have been made to eradicate polio, but the disease remains a threat in remote and underserved areas and combat zones. Rotary started the PolioPlus program in 1985, and more work is required to reach the goal of eradication. It is a fact that as long as there is one case of polio, all are at risk. This underscores the need for continued efforts, funding, and political commitment to eradication. Can we also focus on conflict resolution to improve our chances of eradicating polio?

## 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

**Rotary eClub One– One Makeup per Quarter**

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