



Club Calendar

MARCH IS ROTARY'S WATER & SANITATION MONTH

- March 15 Daryl Fletcher
Relationship Strategist &
Life Coach
 - March 22 Chris Brand
Friends of Disabled Adults
& Children
 - March 24 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
Columbus Ironworks
 - March 29 No Meeting (Easter)
 - April 5 Francisco Diez-Gonzalez
Director, UGA Center for
Food Safety
- Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM



WHO?

Have you
asked to
join
Rotary?

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – PHASE 1

The first phase of our Membership Drive will continue through the end of March. Those bringing prospective members as guests to meetings will be eligible for a drawing for a gift card to be held on April 5. Invite a friend or colleague to a meeting. Kathleen Smith is also asking for names and contacts for prospective members you might suggest. Over 90% of Rotarians joined because they were asked!

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Georgia Farm Bureau



Cliff Bowden, District Federation Manager with the Georgia Farm Bureau, explained what many in the audience had been asking, "Just what does the Georgia Farm Bureau do?" Bowden oversees a 17-county district including Spalding and his own native Meriwether counties. The GFB is the state's largest and strongest voluntary agricultural organization with almost 285,000 member families. Bowden attributes the strength of the GFB to its foundation at the local level with 158 of Georgia's counties having a local GFB office. And, although GFB may be best known for its insurance, the overall mission of GFB is to promote agriculture, and they do so at the local, district, state, and national levels. GFB began in 1939 when a group of 50 farmers in the Bartow County area formed an association

to promote agriculture. The insurance member service was added in 1959. About 94% of members have an insurance product with GFB. There are a number of other member services offered with the \$25 annual membership fee. The Certified Farm Market Program identifies products produced on farms meeting certain standards. The Ag In Class Program is an educational program that focuses on kids by sponsoring, among other programs, Farm Days and Farm Safety Days. The Women's Leadership Committee is one of the more active programs and is working hard on ag literacy. The Young Farmer Program is connecting those younger members for mutual support and mentoring. The Commodity Advisory Program is also an active program with 20 commodity committees. Local committees identify and prioritize their own local needs. These are promoted and supported locally but also melded with priorities from other counties in a district, and those from other districts to identify state priorities which are promoted and supported at that level. More recently, GFB added Identity Theft Consultation and Restoration as a member service. They also have established a Foundation for tax-exempt donations, and they have a banking system with credit cards, checking and money market accounts, and loans for equipment purchases. GFB member families are definitely getting a huge "bang for their buck" with that annual membership fee. But, as Bowden concluded, "The Georgia Farm Bureau has been in the business of the promotion of agriculture since 1937, and it always will be."

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

- March 12 Bennie Evans
- 15 Allen Edwards
- 21 Otis Blake
- 21 David Galloway
- 28 Jeff Jacobs
- 29 Moose Millican

ANNIVERSARIES

- March 20 Bill & Alisha Shapard
- 23 Doug & Becky Lane
- 24 Bill & Lou Baldwin
- 25 Dennis & Brenda Easthope



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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – MARCH 24TH

COLUMBUS IRONWORKS – 8 AM TO 1 PM – Contact Randy Peters

THE GRIFFITARIAN



Rotacon 2018

April 26-29
Sandestin, Florida

Contact John White to reserve a room and to register.

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PO Box 473, Griffin, GA 30224
Club Number 4129

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RYLA Conference Attendees Wanted – Contact Jeff Jacobs

Any rising high school juniors wishing to attend? The Conference is at Georgia Southwestern University June 2-6. We will support two students to attend. Contact Jeff Jacobs.



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We could win \$250.00 if we have the highest percentage increase in LIKES of our page. So LIKE our page and get others on FB to do the same.



Rotary Spring Fiesta – May 19th

We are rolling our Annual Fundraiser, our Membership Drive, and the Annual Spouse's Night into ONE BIG SPRING EVENT. Our SPRING FIESTA will be on Saturday, May 19th, from 4 to 8 PM at the new Mystic Acres on Williamson Road. The food will be catered by La Parrilla with games, prizes, and a Reverse Raffle. Mark your calendars! Bring your spouse or significant other. And, invite prospective members!



Our speaker, Cliff Bowden, enjoyed meeting with George Granade and Lew Hunnicutt of the UGA Campus. Cliff worked in the Field Research Unit under George's supervision before returning to school.

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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