



## Club Calendar

### MARCH IS ROTARY'S WATER & SANITATION MONTH

March 29	No Meeting (Easter)
April 5	Francisco Diez-Gonzalez Director, UGA Center for Food Safety
	Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM
April 12	TBD
April 19	TBD
April 26-29	Rotacon 2018 Sandestin, Florida
April 27	No Meeting Rotacon 2018

## REMINDER

**NO MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## Brand Updates on FODAC



**Chris Brand**

Chris Brand, CEO of the nonprofit Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), returned to our Club to update us on the continued efforts of the FODAC to keep people with injuries, illness, and disabilities moving and active. The mission and plan of FODAC is pretty simple – to provide refurbished home medical equipment (HME) and services at little to no cost to the recipients. All parts and equipment FODAC receives are donated, and almost all repairs and refurbishing is done by volunteers. Brand noted that FODAC provides over 5,000 HME items both locally and nationally each year. They also accept computers and laptops to refurbish to provide to disabled and low income individuals at low cost. FODAC operates out of a 65,000 square foot facility in Tucker, but they have donation, or drop-off sites, in 20 locations in the Atlanta area, including ones in Fayetteville (Freedom Medical) and Morrow (St. Vincent de Paul). They also have locations across Georgia.

Through their efforts, over 40,000 wheelchairs have been provided to those in need. The estimated retail value of all medical equipment FODAC has provided exceeds \$100 million. Brand added that FODAC is now providing disaster relief in partnership with FEMA and local nonprofits and providers in disaster-stricken areas. They first assisted in relief efforts following Katrina. More recently, they provided relief following Harvey, Irma, and Maria. They work with local HME providers who have been identified by FEMA. Brand said that they quickly learned that there are no HME providers in either Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. Brand welcomes and actively develops partnerships to advance the cause of FODAC. Over 250 organizations now partner with FODAC. Many are Rotary clubs in our own District 6900. In fact, Chris is a member of the Stone Mountain Club where he served as President. He was recognized as the District 6900 Rotarian of the Year in 2017. He invited all to their fundraising events held three times each year – a Run, Walk & Roll in the spring, a Fall Golf Classic, and Breakfast with Santa in December. He explained that there are a number of ways in which individuals and groups can help the effort at FODAC. Those include hosting equipment drives or drop-offs, increasing awareness of reuse of equipment, and connect those in need with FODAC. For more information on FODAC, visit [fodac.org](http://fodac.org).

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

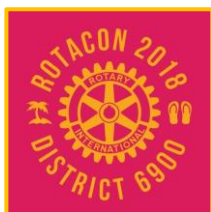
March 28	Jeff Jacobs
29	Moose Millican
April 01	Bobby Wheaton
07	Kristen Dutton
11	Natalie Marshall
12	Eric Callahan
12	Patrick Michel
18	Pricha Bunya
21	Sonny Hunt

### ANNIVERSARIES

April 01	Will & Mary Childs
23	David & Marie Knight



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MAKING A  
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**Rotacon 2018  
April 26-29  
Sandestin, Florida**

## Increasing Awareness of Human Trafficking in Our Community



Brett Bell announced a joint effort involving Griffin Rotary, Daybreak Rotary, and the Griffin Daily News in increasing awareness of human trafficking within our own community. Starting this Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Griffin Daily News will include feature articles and interviews on this global problem. The first article will focus on the statistics, or basically the scope of this problem. In following Sunday editions in April, the Griffin Police Department and the Spalding County Sheriff's Department will be interviewed to provide background on human trafficking in Griffin and Spalding County. Dorsey Jones, who was a victim of human trafficking as a child in Bainbridge, Georgia, will be featured and interviewed for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> edition. Please watch for these articles in the Griffin Daily News in April. And, please help raise awareness of this human problem. Brett says that a major objective of this effort is to gain access to the local school system to help identify and develop student leaders for a peer awareness campaign within our schools.

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## JOIN GRIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE

[griffinrotary.org](http://griffinrotary.org)

### FOLLOW

## ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN



## Rotary Spring Fiesta – May 19<sup>th</sup>

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## LIKE GRIFFIN ROTARY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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.

## 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**

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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