



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Griffin Rotary Welcomes New Teachers to Community



Syntel Brown

Griffin Rotarians welcomed approximately 150 enthusiastic new teachers to the Griffin-Spalding School System at Thursday's meeting. With a show of hands, it was evident that the majority of our new teachers are not new to the profession but have chosen to move to our system. After welcoming remarks by Club VP Tom Gardner, Steve Mulder, and Partners in Education Board Chair Jeff Jordan, Brett Bell introduced our speaker, Mr. Syntel Brown. Mr. Brown is a native Griffinite and a 2004 graduate of Griffin High School. He is currently teaching high school history in East Point and is the new Member-Elect of our local Board of Education. Brown shared some words of encouragement and motivation, borrowing from his own classroom experience and those of his family of educators, including his mother and aunts. He spoke directly to the new teachers saying, "I remember my first year as a teacher. It was a tough, tough time." He listed all that one must learn in that first year, but he quickly added that he is an enthusiastic educator. Brown said that a teacher is a builder, a creator, a nurturer, a caregiver, a disciplinarian, an inspirer, a motivator, and more. "We must find the potential in each of our students," he said. "We must use all the resources we have to help them reach that potential. And, we must give them the tools they need to succeed beyond our classrooms." Syntel shared a list of points from his mother, Retha Brown, that have helped him in his own growth and development as an educator. First, relax, be in control, but be prepared to be flexible. Second, college courses will not prepare you for each and every day in the classroom. Three, as a teacher, you are a student, too. Four, learn from everyone around you including fellow teachers, administrators, and even students. Five, it's okay to have fun. Six, be kind and be courteous to all others. Seven, classroom management is important, and you must remember to be tough at first and then ease up later. You cannot do the reverse. And, finally, leave room for your personal life. Brown concluded with a quote, "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." His words resonated not only with the teachers but also with all in attendance, and he received a standing ovation as he ended his presentation.



BE THE INSPIRATION

ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Welcoming Our New Teachers

"To teach is to learn twice over." *J. Joubert*

"Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me." *Fred Rogers*

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." *B.B. King*

"Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops." *Henry Adams*

THE GRIFFITARIAN



Gabreil Deller from Brazil is our GRSP student this year. Gabreil will be attending UGA. Skipper and Anna Burns are serving as his host family. Welcome Gabreil!



Jeff Jordan, Chair of the Partners In Education Board, explained the role of PIE in supporting educators in our community, including classroom grants, support for field trips, and tuition reimbursements for those seeking advanced degrees.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact President Randy if you are interested in being a member of a golf team for the upcoming Partners In Education fundraising tournament.

Sonny Hunt continues to recover at Brightmoor, and Henry Walker is recuperating at home. Keep both in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to David Galloway for being named Outstanding Nursing Home Administrator for Georgia.

Club Calendar

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

August 2 **Bob Dull, Griffin Housing Authority**

Board Meeting @ 5:45 P

August 9 **Jason Clark, Southeastern Reptile Rescue**

August 16 **Vizitech USA
 Brig. Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver, President**

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

August 10 **George Granade**
 11 **David Luckie**
 13 **John Newton**
 16 **Tamara Ison**
 18 **Bill Hardee**

ANNIVERSARIES

July 28 **Niles & Dottie Murray**
 30 **John & Elaine White**
 August 1 **Eric & Lynn Pitts**
 3 **Daniel & Stephanie Searcy**
 5 **David & Roxanne Galloway**

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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