



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Griffin Housing Authority Is Building Communities



Bob Dull
Griffin Housing Authority

The last time Bub Dull, CEO of the Griffin Housing Authority (GHA), spoke to Griffin Rotary, he was excited about the planned renovation of the Meriwether Homes and about other communities he hoped to see renovated and/or developed. That was January 2012! On Thursday, Dull was again excited about future plans and concepts for improving community life in Griffin, but he also was proud of the achievements made by GHA since his last visit to our Club. In just over 6 years, Meriwether Homes has been replaced with modern and affordable housing. The original Meriwether community was constructed in 1952, the same year as the original Fairmont Homes was constructed. Fairmont Homes and the Nine Oaks Homes are undergoing revitalization with units being systematically 'gutted' and remodeled. And, as Dull noted, all this has and is being paid for by funds from private investors. Dull and GHA also undertook a revitalization project in the vicinity of and adjacent to our City Park. The Oaks at Park Pointe is located on Park Road and offers 2 and 3-bedroom town homes. The Iris at Park Pointe opened earlier this year, and the Terraces at Park Pointe are well underway toward completion. Dull said that GHA facilities do and will continue to offer housing for the elderly, the disabled, and the low-income families in crisis. But, he also noted that these communities are increasingly focusing on providing affordable housing for senior citizens, especially those on fixed incomes. Amenities surrounding these properties, therefore, include senior parks, walking tracks, community gardens, and more. Some even offer extra room for caregivers, if needed. GHA does not stop at just offering housing, but also provides educational programs for all ages, encourages responsible occupancy and ownership of the properties, and builds community spirit and comradery. Some community transformations to which Dull proudly attests are 100% occupancy, 100% employment, and only 6 occupants identified as 'minimum' renters. GHA was recently recognized for its innovative public housing development at The Oaks at Park Pointe with the Charles Edison Award, beating out the city of Chicago for those bragging rights. Indeed, Dull ascribes to the tenet that "housing needs to become housing of opportunity." In that process, Dull wants to eliminate the many myths and misperceptions surrounding housing offered by these GHA facilities. In concluding, he shared a video showing some of the GHA properties and management personnel.



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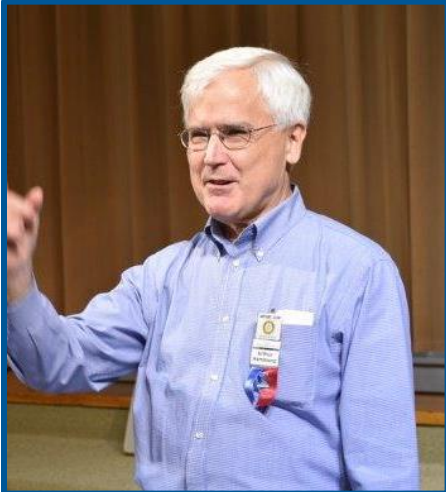
At the conclusion of our program on Thursday, President Randy Peters complimented Bob Dull, our speaker, by recognizing him as a true 'transformational leader'. Randy presented Bob with the gift of towels made by 1888 Mills and provided to us by Walmart. We thank Scott Owen and Walmart for providing these gifts for our speakers.



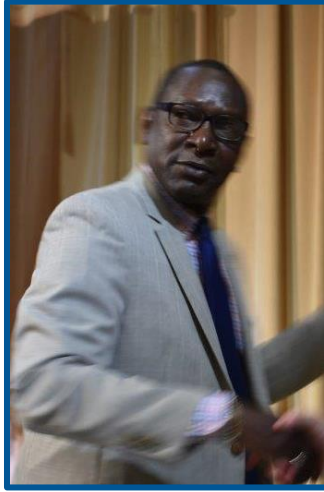
POLIO ERADICATION UPDATE

Thirteen new cases of wild poliovirus infections have been reported in 2018. Three of those are in Pakistan; the other 10 in Afghanistan where a country-wide vaccination program is being mobilized for August. Fifteen new Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus cases continue to plague The Congo, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, and Somalia. Immunizations are the key to eradicating both the wild and vaccine-derived strains.

THE GRIFFITARIAN



Art Hammond leads singing of Jim Fortune's favorite – R-O-T-A-R-Y!



Brett Bell, Program Chair, introduces our speaker.

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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.

We welcomed Henry Walker back from his recent stay in the hospital. Please keep Sonny Hunt and Bobby Chappell in your thoughts and prayers. Both are at home recuperating.

Congratulations to Kristen and James Dutton on the birth of their son. We welcome their new one to our Rotary family.

Club Calendar

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

August 9	Jason Clark, Southeastern Reptile Rescue
August 16	Vizitech USA Brig. Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver, President
August 23	Tawanda Johnson Importance of Branding
August 30	DG Court Dowis

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

August 3	Daniel & Stephanie Searcy
5	David & Roxanne Galloway
7	Kirsten & James Dutton
8	Charles & Julie Penny

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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