

Rotary Club of Griffin



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Club Calendar

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November 5	Rotary Leadership Institute Carrollton
November 10	Veterans Day Program Recognizing Our Veterans
November 17	Margie Kersey District 6900 Rotary Foundation Chair
November 24	Thanksgiving No Meeting

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

November 12	John Plageman
November 13	Thom Sandwich
November 17	Charles Jones

ANNIVERSARIES

November 7	Tom & Gail Gardner
November 19	Robert & Karol Sullins
November 24	Hal & Cathy Rahn
November 25	Chuck & Teresa Copeland
November 28	John & Ann Dillon
November 30	Brant Keller & Ann Cherette

CONGRATULATIONS

Brett Bell has been named as the District 6900 Webmaster for 2017 by DG-Elect Alec Smythe.

GIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE
griffinrotary.org

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Midwest Food Bank in Georgia



Garner

Thursday's program was presented by Will Garner, the Executive Director of the Midwest Food Bank (MFB), Georgia Division. Garner spent 26 years in active duty with the U.S. Army, retiring with the rank of Colonel. In September 2013, he assumed leadership of the Georgia Division of the Midwest Food Bank, headquartered in Peachtree City. The obvious question is why there is a Georgia Division of the Midwest Food Bank. It all started on the Kieser family farm in Bloomington, IL in 2003 when the Kieser family began providing food out of a machine shed on their family farm. MFB began by serving about 10 food pantries in McLean County, IL. What began as a family ministry, evolved into a ministry serving over 1,100 organizations across the Midwest and the Southeast. Their reputation drew volunteers, financial gifts, and corporate sponsors. Agencies needing food reached out for assistance, and expansion

of the ministry required expanding the ministry beyond the originating family. The food given out each month now reaches nearly one million people; all given without any charge to the recipients. David Kieser, President, CEO, and co-founder of MFB, captures the vision of this ministry in these words, "Our hope is to help bridge the gap between prosperity and poverty in our community." In 2015, MFB provided 315,000 cases of food with a retail value of over \$10 million. At present, they serve 263 nonprofit organizations with food over 5 states and 43 counties. Soon, they will be opening a distribution center in Arizona. After the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, they also became involved in disaster relief. In total, they delivered 150 semis of food into the area and began an important partnership with the Salvation Army. Their present needs are: support for operations, funding to finish the loading dock in Peachtree City, finding regional food sources, and enlisting volunteer semi-truck drivers for distribution of food. They are in the top 1% of charities in the United States according to Charity Navigator, and their record shows that 99.2% of all donations go to support those in need.

...Reported by Bill Hardee

ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



November is Rotary Foundation Month and also marks a very special period of giving to the Foundation in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Foundation with the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. District 6900 Rotarians are asked to give to the Centennial Celebration during Rotary Foundation Month to help celebrate this 100th anniversary. Individual giving levels will be the Governors Centennial Circle for a gift of \$536.00 and the Governors Centennial Supporter for a gift of \$26.50. Clubs with 100% participation of its membership will be recognized as Governors

Centennial Clubs. When the Rotary Foundation was first proposed in 1917, the Kansas City, MO, Rotary Club gave the first donation of \$26.50 to establish the Foundation. That donation of \$26.50 would equate to \$536.00 today. We are all asked to participate by donating to the Foundation in November. Gifts can be made online or by mail. Contact President Janice Wallace, Secretary Yvonne Langford, or Dave Galloway with District 6900 for more information or assistance with donating to the Foundation.

GIFFIN ROTARY – AN EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUB

TWO PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Lt. Tim Blevins of the Salvation Army has been proposed by James Jenkins for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin. If approved, Tim's classification will be Associations: Salvation Army. Please send any comments on this membership proposal to Yvonne Langford on or before November 9, 2016.

Jason Robinson of BB&T has been proposed for membership by Kelvin Williams. If approved, Jason's classification will be Finance: Banking – Commercial Loans. Please send any comments on his membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin to Yvonne Langford on or before November 16, 2016.

SUPPORT OUR HERO BOXES PROJECT



Griffin Rotarians are donating cash and checks to our Hero Box Project. Our challenge is to collect enough donations to supply and ship 40 to 50 boxes. Boxes are \$25 to \$40 each to stock and ship and are personalized for individual service men and women serving overseas during the holidays. We have been collecting cash donations at our meetings over the past few weeks, but **you can be billed for your donation with our dues invoices by the Club. Contact Yvonne Langford if you wish to be**

invoiced for your donation (770-227-1090 or ymlangford@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting, and thanks to those who earned make ups by attending meetings of other Rotary Clubs. With those 3 make ups Stephanie, we had an attendance of 65%. For those who could not attend Thursday's meeting, please know that you were missed and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

MAKE UPS (3): Stephanie Windham @ Daybreak Rotary, Daybreak Rotary Service Project, and RI Convention HOC Meeting

MISSING SPOKES (46): Otis Blake, Dick Brooks, Kim Brown, Mack Bullard, Eric Callahan, Bill Cooper, Chuck Copeland, Jim Dunaway, Dennis Easthope, Chris Edwards, Jim Fortune, David Galloway, Wayne Gardner, Adam Greer, Lew Hunnicutt, Ben Johnson, Kirk Kealey, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Don King, Jim King, Alton Knight, Doug Lane, Corey Letson, David Luckie, Henry Mabbett, Josh Messer, Mark Milan, Wade Miller, Niles Murray, Jolene Northrup, John O'Neal, Robert Parker, John Quinn, John Rainwater, Med Roach, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Josh Sprayberry, Chrystal Swygert, Lee Thomas, Brian Upson, William Wilson, Stephanie Windham, Charles Woodroof

DARE TO BE BETTER!

BOARD ELECTION RETURNS ARE IN!

Griffin Rotarians attending Thursday's meeting cast their ballots for four new Board members to replace outgoing Board members John Crouch, George Granade, Brian Upson, and Kelvin Williams at the end of this Rotary year in June 2017. The President's Advisory Committee, which handles our elections, announced Thursday afternoon that **Alan Dodson, Bill Hardee, John White, and Charles Woodroof** were elected to serve on the Rotary Club of Griffin Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 Rotary years. They will begin their service on the Board next July. We thank Alan, Bill, John, and Charles for their Service Above Self.

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OFFICERS

President	-	Janice Wallace
Vice-President	-	Allen Edwards
President-Elect	-	Tom Gardner
Treasurer	-	Art Hammond
Secretary	-	Yvonne Langford
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Kim Brown
Club Chaplain	-	Med Roach
Bulletin Editor	-	Wayne Gardner
Photographer	-	William Wilson

DIRECTORS

Membership	-	Chris Holdorf
Public Relations	-	Brett Bell
Club Administration	-	Robert Parker
Rotary Foundation	-	George Granade
Vocational Service	-	Corey Letson
Community Service	-	Kelvin Williams
International Service	-	John Crouch
New Generations	-	Brian Upson

ED OUTLAW

Assistant District Governor

RAYMOND RAY

District 6900 Governor

JOHN F. GERM

Rotary International President

ROTARY NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quarterly dues invoices will be sent via email in the future. Please watch for those emails with the attached invoices. If you wish to receive your dues invoice via regular USPS mail, please contact Yvonne Langford.

Raffle Reminder. Please visit the website RotaryCaresForKids.com to purchase tickets for the Infinity car raffle. Proceeds for this raffle will support the Children's Village at Christian City. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday – 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday – 12:15 PM	Fayetteville	Village Cafe, 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