



Blood Drive Nets 51 Units

Philip Smith, organizer of Griffin Rotary's Thirteenth Annual Blood Drive, reported that 51 units were donated during Thursday's Drive at the First Baptist Church. We thank those 21 Rotarians who donated along with the 30 other donors from our community.



Club Calendar

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

January 19	Dorsey Jones Human Trafficking
January 26	Derek Waugh Georgia Sports Hall of Fame
January 28	Rotary Leadership Institute Americus, Georgia
February 2	The Carter Center

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

American Red Cross Blood Service



Fern

Brian Fern, Senior Account Manager for the Donor Resources Department of the American Red Cross, thanked Griffin Rotary for organizing and hosting annual blood drives for the past 13 years. He reported that a total of 508 units were collected through last year's drive. "That's 1,524 lives you saved through those donations," he said. Fern explained that each unit donated is centrifuged to separate its 4 components – white blood cells, red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. All but the white blood cell fraction are individually used to save lives. So, each unit donated actually saves 3 lives! Sadly, there is a shortage of blood over the United States, and Georgia is one of the "import" states that must rely upon shipments of blood from other states to serve the needs of our citizens. Fern said that 49 to 50 percent of Americans are eligible to

donate, but only 8 percent of those actually donate. That calculates to less than 3 percent of Americans donate. "If we could only double that percentage, we could manage all blood shortages in the U.S.," Fern said. At the start of 2017, there were 50,000 units in storage for use in Georgia. Fern said that while that sounds like a large number of units, it actually is classified as an Emergency Need level. Georgia's perennial shortage problem has been exacerbated by winter storms that have cancelled scheduled blood drives in the Midwestern and Northeastern U.S. from which supplies use with blood to help alleviate our shortages. He added that surgery and subsequent treatment for an organ transplant requires 50 to 200 units of blood. "We have one such organ transplant facility in Georgia," Fern said. Many professionals in medicine and blood donor service had hoped that new surgical techniques would reduce the demand for blood during surgical procedures, but these reduced needs have not yet been realized. "Sponsoring a blood drive is very beneficial," Fern said.

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

January 15	William Wilson Brett Bell Daniel Searcy
January 16	Lee Thomas
January 18	Jim King Steve Mulder
January 20	Dave Lamb
January 22	Bruce Bartholomew
January 24	Bobby Shapard
January 29	Mark Milam Eddie Johnston

ANNIVERSARIES

January 17	Bruce & Susan Bartholomew
January 16	Yvonne & Robert Langford
January 23	Ed & Molly Worrell Eric & Annie Worrell
January 31	Henry & Ann Walker

KATHLEEN SMITH PROPOSED AS NEW MEMBER

Kathleen Smith, Director of the Wellstar Foundation, has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin by Brett Bell. Please offer any comments regarding this membership proposal in writing to Yvonne Langford on or before January 18, 2017.

GRIFFIN ROTARY ONLINE

griffinrotary.org

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting, and thanks to those who earned make ups ringing the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle. With the 36 make ups, we had an attendance of 99%. 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 (36): Katy Arrowood, Brett Bell, Andrew Blake, John Crouch, Allen Edwards, David Galloway, Tom Gardner, Wayne Gardner, George Granade, Art Hammond, Yvonne Langford, Corey Letson, Brian Upson, Janice Wallace, William Wilson @ January Board Meeting; Bruce Bartholomew (2), Tim Blevins, Skipper Burns, Alan Dodson, Allen Edwards, George Granade, Will Childs, Bill Hardee, Tim Hearn, Doug Lane, Natalie Marshall, Josh Messer, Steve Mulder, Niles Murray, Charles Penny, Jeff Rosecrans, Philip Smith, Janice Wallace, Ed Worrell, Eric Worrell @ Blood Drive

MISSING SPOKES (37): Kevin Barlow, Bruce Bartholomew, Mack Bullard, Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, Will Childs, Alan Dodson, Nat Doughtie, Jim Dunaway, Dennis Easthope, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Lew Hunnicutt, Jeff Jacobs, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Alton Knight, David Knight, Doug Lane, David Luckie, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Mark Peek, John Plageman, Tony Powell, Hal Rahn, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Brooke Tardy, Lee Thomas

MEMBERSHIP

Sweetheart's Event Set for March 18th



Charles Woodroof, co-chair for this year's Sweetheart's Night event, announced Thursday this annual Club Outing will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at the Poplar Ridge Farms on Blanton Mill Road. The Barn is actually on a working cattle farm, but Charles and his co-chair Don Crider promise there will be no paddies in which to step when you and your sweetheart arrive. There will be a buffet dinner featuring a Cajun Cookout, and there will be plenty of opportunity to dance on the sawdust-covered floor to the tunes of Wayne Chastain and his band. Festivities begin at 4:30 and end at 8:30 PM. So, mark your calendars for our annual Sweetheart's Night on March 18th. More details will be forthcoming.

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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

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