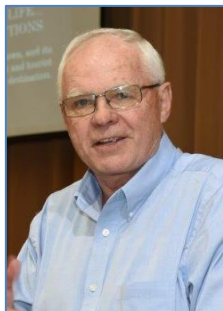




THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Re-Birth of Senoia



Ed Tigchelaar

Griffin Rotarians welcomed Ed Tigchelaar as our program speaker this week. Tigchelaar, who hails from Hamilton, Canada, openly admitted that he was only the "second string" substituting for his son Scott and son-in-law Brian who are the "first string" for Raleigh Studios based in nearby Senoia. Ed then told of the history of Raleigh Studios (formerly RiverWood Studios) and explained how the studio had built successful partnerships in the community that resulted in a rebirth of sorts for Senoia. RiverWood was started by Ed's uncle, Joe Lombardi and Joe's son Paul, in 1989. Father and son had their starts with special effects in Hollywood-based television and movie productions (e.g., *I Love Lucy*, *The Godfather Parts I & II*, *Apocalypse Now*, etc.). The two found quiet and much less expensive surroundings with

good weather near Senoia and built RiverWood there. But, unlike in many movies, the rest was NOT history. In the mid-1990's, most film production packed up and relocated to Canada which was offering huge incentives to the industry. RiverWood closed its doors for several years but reopened after the passage of Georgia HB 539 in 2008 which established tax incentives for the movie industry in Georgia. Under the leadership of Scott, Brian, and Ed (serving as engineering consultant), the studio has morphed into Raleigh Studios. Tigchelaar explained that the studio established partnerships with the local community (The Historic Senoia Project) and investors that have had a very powerful and positive impact on the local and state economy. Such productions as *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *The War*, *Meet the Browns*, *Drop Dead Diva*, and *The Walking Dead* have been filmed in Senoia and surrounding areas (including Griffin). Raleigh Studios, in turn, has provided design expertise for the master plan for downtown Senoia and the old cotton gin property to insure that these areas can serve as backdrops for future films and television productions. The partnership has served as a boon to the community. When production began in 1999, there were only 5 businesses in Senoia, and all were on "life support", as Ed noted. Now, Senoia is a vibrant community with 65 local businesses and is a popular tourist attraction. Ed added that, in 2016 alone, the film industry accounted for \$2.4 billion in revenue in Georgia. That equates to an economic impact of \$7 billion! Tigchelaar closed by saying, "This growth did not happen by chance. It involved all partners working together, taking risks together, and succeeding together." He added, "There were 3 necessary factors – vision, financing, and integrity."

Club Calendar

APRIL IS

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

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| April 6 | Kent Wessinger
Millennials in the Workplace |
| | Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM |
| April 13 | Norma Richardson
Main Street Players |
| April 20 | Kristen Miller
UGA Archway Update |
| April 26-29 | District Conference |

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

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| April 7 | Kristen Dutton |
| 9 | Bill Edwards |
| 11 | Natalie Marshall |
| 12 | Eric Callahan |
| 12 | Patrick Michel |
| 18 | Pricha Bunya |
| 21 | Sonny Hunt |
| 26 | Bill Baldwin |
| 28 | Ann Walker |
| 30 | Tommy Hopkins |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| April 23 | David & Marie Knight |
| 26 | Jim & Eileen Ogletree |
| 28 | Katy & Ben Arrowood |

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

Karl Broder, an attorney with Beck, Owen & Murray, has been proposed for membership by Janice Wallace. If approved for membership, Karl's classification will be Law – Civil Litigation.

Alvetta Thomas, President of Southern Crescent Technical College, has been proposed for membership by Katy Arrowood. If approved for membership, Alvetta's classification will be Vocational Schools – Administration.

Please direct any comments on these proposals in writing to Yvonne Langford on or before April 12, 2017.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS



President Janice Wallace (right) recognized three of our fellow Griffin Rotarians for their continued support of and contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Niles Murray (left) was recognized for earning his Paul Harris +2. Jim Fortune received his Paul Harris +1, while Stephanie Windham received her Paul Harris +5. Thanks to all of you for your Service Above Self.

ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting. We had no makeups reported giving us an attendance of 72%. 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 (0): None reported

MISSING SPOKES (36): Kevin Barlow, Tim Blevins, Otis Blake, Eric Callahan, Bill Cooper, Chuck Copeland, Jim Dunaway, Kristen Dutton, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Adam Greer, Lew Hunnicutt, Tamara Ison, Jeff Jacobs, Ben Johnson, Kirk Kealey, Terry Killingsworth, Alton Knight, David Knight, David Luckie, Mark Milam, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Mark Peek, Randy Peters, John Plageman, Eric Pitts, Tony Powell, John Quinn, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Brooke Tardy, Ann Walker, Bobby Wheaton, Kelvin Williams,

Get those makeups for missed meetings in two weeks before or two weeks after your absence.

Wear your name badge at meetings to be counted present.

2017 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – ATLANTA



Rotarians celebrate our centennial with the 2017 convention in Atlanta. Among the special speakers is **Rajashree Birla** of the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development. This group has been involved in improving the quality of life for the rural poor for over 50 years. They focus on water, health, and community structure. Bill Gates of the Bill & Milanda Gates Foundation needs no introduction to Rotarians with their Foundations' belief that the path out of

poverty is through access to quality healthcare and a quality education. Other noteworthy speakers include Johann Koss (humanitarian organization, Right To Play), Gary Haugen (International Justice Mission), Jack Nicklaus (golf icon, Rotary ambassador for polio eradication), and more.

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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

Rotary eClub One– One Makeup per Quarter