



Jeff Williams
Square Foot
Ministry

SQUARE FOOT MINISTRY WANTS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Jeff Williams, Executive Director of Square Foot Ministry (SFM), spoke on the mission and works of SFM, a Christian-based non-profit based in Fayette County. SFM's primary mission is to "transform neighborhoods and lives", and much of their effort is invested in the Fairmont Community here in Griffin. To date, SFM has built 10 homes, a children's park, a women's shelter, and a food bank in and around Fairmont. The SFM approach involves neighborhood transformation, community care, and community partnerships. Transformation follows partnering with deserving families, donors, and volunteers to construct homes in "challenged" neighborhoods. Their community care focuses on engaging these selected families in teaching how to care for their new home investments and providing no-interest mortgages at low monthly payments on the principle. Community partnerships build and expand facilities for other non-profits who serve the needs of the community. Building homes is a major undertaking with the majority of the land clearing and house construction done by volunteers. Each 1100 to 1200 square foot house requires about 160 volunteers to complete and costs \$80,000 to \$85,000. About 90 to 95% of the volunteer force is from Fayette County, and Williams wants to build a network of volunteers here in Griffin. SFM will complete two additional houses on Lynn Lane in mid-November, and three additional lots have been secured for home constructions in Fairmont. Funding for their work comes from churches, individual or organization donations, and grants from Christian-based groups. They also invest the funds collected from their mortgage payments into their fund. If you are interested in donating and/or becoming a SFM volunteer, please visit <https://www.squarefootministry.org/>.



BE THE INSPIRATION

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE PROJECT BEGINS NOVEMBER 16

George Granade demonstrated the motion required to ring the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle noting that all those who could do so possessed the qualifications to



serve as a bell ringer at our Kettle this holiday season. George explained that we will be ringing at the Food Depot on South Hill Street from November 16th through November 21st. We will then shift to the west entrance at Kroger's from November 23rd through December 24th. We will be managing over 300 hours of ringing this season. Ringing times will be assigned in 2-hour time slots this year, and we ask that every Rotarian ring at least one 2-hour time slot. Businesses, organizations, and others will be asked to help us ring so that we can meet our commitment. You can sign up at our upcoming meetings. We thank Young Life, First National Bank, Griffin Region College and Career Academy, Sprayberry and Company, Flint River Regional Library and several individual Rotarians who have already signed up to ring.



UPCOMING PROGRAM ON THURSDAY – CHRISTY PLOTT

Christy Plott will speak this Thursday about American Tanning and Leather LLC that has been a family-owned and family-operated business since 1923. We can expect some interesting stories on how American Tanning and Leather has adapted to the many challenges the business has successfully faced over the past 95 years. The business moved to Griffin in 1976 and, in 1980, began to increasingly focus on tanning and finishing alligator and reptile skins. Come out Thursday to hear what promises to be a very interesting program.

THE GRIFFITARIAN



GRIFFIN ROTARY NETWORKING AFTER HOURS

Kathleen Smith announced a new membership building initiative at Thursday's meeting. Kathleen is planning bimonthly social gatherings that will be in the evenings and will be more informal than our weekly daytime meetings. This will allow for Griffin Rotarians to get to know each other even better, to more effectively introduce and integrate our new members into the Club, and to invite prospective members. Smith hopes these After Hours Networking events will support our membership goals of retaining members and attracting new members.

The first Griffin Rotary Networking After Hours will be held on Thursday, October 25th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Margo's. All are invited to attend and enjoy a favorite beverage and some extended fellowship. The first drink is on the Club. After that, all drinks and food are the responsibility of the Club member. Bring a friend or someone you know who will be an excellent Rotarian and may have an interest in joining Rotary.

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Club Number 4129

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WATCH ROTARY'S WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT

World Polio Day is October 24th. Rotary will host a special event that evening in which health experts and celebrity ambassadors will discuss progress towards a polio-free world. You can live stream the event on your computer or smartphone by registering in KUDO (computer) or adding the KUDO app to your phone. The event will begin at 6:30 PM on October 24th.

Club Calendar

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

October 18	Christy Plott American Tanning and Leather
October 20	Rotary Leadership Institute, Gordon College
October 24	WORLD POLIO DAY
October 25	Cynthia Cole Historic Banning Mills
October 25	ROTARY NETWORKING AFTER HOURS Margo's 5:30-7:00 PM

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

October 14	Bill Jones
19	Terry Killingsworth
20	Jim Fortune
21	Bobby Chappell
25	Charles Woodroof
29	Chuck Copeland

ANNIVERSARIES

October 24	John & Elizabeth O'Neal
November 02	Bill & Ann Jones
02	Tamara & Greg Ison
07	Tom & Gail Gardner

BEST WISHES KELVIN

We wish Kelvin Williamson the very best as he moves to Jacksonville, FL, to take another position with the Boy Scouts of America.

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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