# Rotary **Club of Griffin**



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# Rotacon 2018 - April 26-29 Sandestin, Florida

# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM **Character Education in Scouting**



**Terry Whitaker** 

Terry Whitaker, Assistant Scout Executive / COO with the Flint River Council of the Boy Scouts of America, brought us a program on the mission and organization of Scouting. Whitaker told that the Boy Scouts dates to 1907 when it was founded in England by Lord Baden Powell. William Bryce brought scouting to the U.S. in 1907 after being impressed with a young scout who unselfishly assisted him in a heavy fog while visiting London. Scouting has seen extraordinary growth and diversification. Scouting is a character education program that prepares young people for leadership with the keys to success resting in the Scout Oath and the Scout Laws. "You don't have to become an Eagle Scout to benefit from the program," Whitaker added. Cub Scouts are for elementary school aged children with a focus on the family and building independence and self-reliance. The Boy Scouts are for boys in middle school and high school ages. Self-development and building physical and mental

strength are focuses for this group. Leadership skills are further developed as the scouts are youth-led. Two other programs are co-ed. Venturing is for 14-20 year olds and emphasizes building character, promoting citizenship, and developing physical and mental fitness. Exploring is also co-ed and for youth 14 to 20 years old. This avenue of scouting is more career-based with hands-on experience in various professions. The Boy Scouts educate through outdoor activities. There are also 140 merit badges they may earn which are largely for workforce preparedness. Whitaker shared that there are 25 scouting units in Spalding County with 634 young people registered in scouting last year. Sixteen scouts completed their Eagle Scout rank last year, representing 8.8% of the total number of scouts, which exceeded the national average of 6%. Whitaker concluded that scouting is Fun With A Purpose. And, he noted that there are many ways in which adults can get involved: (1) volunteer in a scouting unit; (2) serve as a merit badge counselor in your field of expertise; (3) assist in a capital campaign.

# SERIES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONCLUDES

A series of articles on human trafficking in the Sunday editions of the Griffin Daily News during April concludes with an article on Dorsey Jones as she told her story to Daybreak Rotary of her exploitation as an 11-year-old. Griffin Rotary, Daybreak Rotary, and GDN have teamed together in this project in hopes of increasing awareness of human trafficking in our community.

# REMINDER **NO MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**

# **GRIFFIN ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**Club Calendar APRIL IS ROTARY'S** 

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH				
April 26-29	Rotacon 2018 Sandestin, Florida			
April 27	No Meeting Rotacon 2018			
May 03	Hon. Drew Ferguson U.S. Congress			
	Board Meeting @ 5:45 PM			
May 10	Orla McDevitt GRSP Student			
May 17	Laws of Life Essay Winners			
May 24	Memorial Day Program Jim King & Philip Smith			

# **Our Rotary Family**

#### BIRTHDAYS

April	26	Bill Baldwin
	28	Ann Walker
	30	Tommy Hopkins
May	01	Tom Gardner
	03	Nat Doughtie
	04	<b>Yvonne Langford</b>
	06	Henry Walker
	07	John O'Neal

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

May 03	Corey & Caroline Letson
15	John & Christine Quinn
16	Crystal & Tom Sywgert



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# **Griffin Rotary Recognized by Salvation Army**



Wayne Gardner, co-chair of our Salvation Army Committee this year, proudly displayed a plaque awarded to the Club as the First Place among Groups in the community in collecting donations during the Red Kettle Drive in November and December. Gardner thanked all members for their donations of money to the kettle and especially their donation of time in ringing the bell at our kettle. During the 300+ hours of ringing, our kettle collected an average of over \$92 per hour of ringing. Gardner also noted that Kroger's was recognized as the business location collecting the most donations. Thanks to all who participated.



# Rotary Spring Fiesta – May 19th

We are rolling our Annual Fundraiser, our Membership Drive, and the Annual Spouse's Night into ONE BIG SPRING EVENT. Our SPRING FIESTA will be on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4 to 8 PM at the new Mystic Acres on Williamson Road. The food will be catered by La Parrilla with games, prizes, and a Reverse Raffle. Mark your calendars! Bring your spouse or significant other. And, invite prospective members!

# UPDATE YOUR ENTRY IN OUR CLUB HANDBOOK by contacting Jim King (email, call, or see).

**WANT TO SERVE AS GRSP TRUSTEE?** Please contact John Quinn for information and/or to volunteer.

### **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COMING TO GRIFFIN**

Rotary is in transition and, as an organization, should always be in transition to keep pace with changes in our world, our community, and in attracting the best of the best to Rotary and to Griffin Rotary. Here is the chance for you to step up and be part of that transition. Register for Rotary Leadership Institute to be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at Southern Crescent Technical College here in Griffin. For more information, contact Stephanie Windham.

#### **MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION**

Monday - 12 Noon	Henry County
Monday - 12:15 PM	Fayetteville
Monday - 6:30 PM	Coweta-Fayette
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Barnesville
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Jackson/Butts Co.
Tuesday - 12:15 PM	Thomaston/Upson Co
Wednesday - 7:30 AM	Griffin Daybreak
Vednesday – 12:15 PM	Clayton County
Thursday – 7:15 AM	Fayette Daybreak
Friday – 12 Noon	Newnan

PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough IHOP, Fayetteville Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia Lamar Co. College & Career Academy Daughtry Park, Jackson Thomaston-Upson Senior Center J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin Holiday Inn, Jonesboro Windham ,Peachtree City Newnan Country Club, Newnan

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