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**Club Calendar** 

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

MONTH

**Tamara** Ison

**Jason Clark** 

Wellstar's Volunteer Impact

**Rotary International** 

**Convention**, Atlanta

**Rotary Foundation** 

**SE Reptile Rescue** 

**Centennial Celebration** 

June 8

June 10-14

June 10-14

June 15



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## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM Waypoint Assisting Our Veterans

Sandra Brownlee, U.S. Army Master Sergeant (ret.), explained how Waypoint helps military veterans and her motivation in starting the nonprofit, which is not only unique to Georgia but to the U.S. as well. As a native of LaGrange, Brownlee said that she always wanted to be a nurse and that she admired the



Brownlee

character Maj. Margaret Houlihan, played by Loretta Swit, in the TV series  $M^*A^*S^*H$ . So, at the age of 18, Brownlee enlisted in the Army and went into nursing. She served five combat tours before being assigned to the Inspector General unit where she served for 10 years. Before retiring in 2008, she was in charge of the Ft. McPherson hospital unit. After retirement, she soon found that she wanted to help veterans transitioning from the service into civilian life. The concept of Waypoint really began with meetings with veterans at a Dunkin Donut Shop where there was "good coffee, free wifi, and good donuts." She said there is a tremendous need to assist our veterans. Statistics underscore that need with 22 suicides and 1600 veterans becoming homeless every day. Waypoint is a multi-use service center to assist veterans with claims as well as their

transition back to civilian life. This past year, Waypoint has assisted 1600 veterans in our area and helped rectify 47 claims. On example is that of a World War II veteran of the Navy who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. His daughter contacted Waypoint for assistance. After reviewing all his information, Waypoint was able to assist in securing his claim. The majority of veterans receiving assistance now are from the Vietnam era. They are experiencing the greatest problems with claims. Waypoint has five locations in Georgia. Their primary objective is to listen to each individual veteran's claim and, if possible, help them solve their problem. Five staff members, including Brownlee, work in the Griffin office. None are paid. Brownlee concluded by noting we need to recognize that the individual veteran put his/her life off for that period of time they served in the military and that we must help them in any way possible.

.....By George Granade



## Support Habitat for Humanity

Club President Janice Wallace presented Toni Turner of the Habitat for Humanity with a donation to assist the local chapter with construction of Habitat homes in our area. Turner noted that a new home construction had just begun with work on weekdays and Saturdays. If you are interested in assisting with the construction, please contact the local Habitat group.

## **Our Rotary Family**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

une 4	Dick Brooks
5	Jennifer Hilton
	Janice Wallace
7	Will Childs
10	Brant Keller
13	Frank Harris

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

June 9	Philp & Jackie Smith		
	Randy & Brenda Peters		
10	Art & Debbie Hmmond		
12	Jeff & Kristi Jacobs		
14	John & Erin Crouch		

15 John & Harriet Newton

## HANDBOOK UPDATES

Jim King is again updating our Club Handbook for the upcoming Rotary year. We hope to have the new Handbook revised and released before July 1. Please check your entry in the Handbook. Send any needed revisions to Jim (king109@bellsouth.net). Set an appointment with Rick Blackshear (770-227-0750) for new or replacement photos.

#### **GRIFFIN ROTARY – AN EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUB**

### **Little Free Library Dedicated at Fairmont**



Rotarian Brett Bell represented Griffin Rotary Club in dedicating the Little Free Library at Fairmont on June 1. The theme of this fifth installation of a Little Free Library in Griffin is The Three Pigs with one box made of straw, one of sticks, and one of brick with each one having ageappropriate books for readers. While this Little Free Library site was one sponsored



specifically by Griffin Rotary, Rotarians in our community are sponsoring and assisting with other Little Free Library sites. Daybreak Rotarian Bruce Reed established the first site, Don Crider is a steward for the site at Third Ward Park, Philip and Jackie Smith sponsored another site, and Yvone Langford and Georgia Business Service will dedicate a sixth site soon.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting. We had no makeups reported giving us an attendance of 69% this week. 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 (41): Bruce Bartholomew, Karl Broder, Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, Will Childs, Alan Dodson, Kristen Dutton, Dennis Easthope, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Wayne Gardner, Adam Greer, Lew Hunnicutt, Tamara Ison, Ben Johnson, Walter Jones, Kirk Kealey, Terry Killingsworth, Alton Knight, David Knight, Henry Mabbett, Josh Messer, Mark Milam, Wade Miller, Steve Mulder, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Mark Peek, John Plageman, Med Roach, Jason Robinson, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Robert Sullins, Crystal Swygert, Brooke Tardy, Lee Thomas, 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.

#### **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS +1**





President Janice Wallace recognized Bill Cooper, Jim Dunaway, and Charles Jones in separate ceremonies with their Paul Harris Fellow Plus One pins for their continued support of the Rotary Foundation.

#### MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

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

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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

Rotary eClub One – One Makeup per Quarter

**ROTARY – SERVICE ABOVE SELF** 

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