



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## IN MEMORIAM



**Walker E. Cook, Jr.**

Walker passed away at Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital on July 31<sup>st</sup> following a brief illness. Walker had served as a Griffin Rotarian since 1971 and was a Paul Harris Fellow and Will Watt Sustaining Member. Our condolences to his lovely wife Barbara Jo, his daughter Barbara Joy Kulp, his son Walker III, and their families.

## Club Calendar

### AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN ROTARY

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| August 10 | Scott Harris<br>Fernbank Science Center<br>2017 Solar Eclipse                |
| August 17 | Local High School Gridiron<br>Preview with Coach Lloyd<br>Bohannon           |
| August 24 | Kathleen Smith<br>Wellstar Foundation<br>Georgia Rural Tax Credit<br>Program |

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------|----------------|
| August 10 | George Granade |
| 11        | David Luckie   |
| 13        | John Newton    |
| 16        | Tamara Ison    |
| 18        | Bill Hardee    |

### ANNIVERSARIES

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| August 05 | David & Roxanne Galloway                   |
| 06        | Kristen & James Dutton                     |
| 07        | Tim & Paula Blevins                        |
| 08        | Charles & Julia Penny                      |
| 15        | George & Jill Granade<br>Jim & Jayne Kirby |
| 21        | Wade & Jill Miller                         |
| 23        | Josh & Lauren Sprayberry                   |
| 31        | Thom & Linda Sandwich                      |

### Gray Long Attends RYLA



Gray Long, a rising junior at St. George's Episcopal School, thanked Rotarians for sponsoring his participation in the RYLA Conference in Americus, June 24-28. Long said that he was most inspired by the keynote speaker who encouraged RYLA attendees to "to be a positive impact". Long looks forward to applying all that he learned to our community. Each year, our Club sponsors 2 or 3 students for the RYLA event.

Contact John Quinn to volunteer to host GRSP students for the GRSP weekend in Clayton County September 8-10. Our Club will provide homestays for 15 of the students. That will be housing for Friday and Saturday evenings.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### REACH Scholarship Program Growing



Herring

**Jennifer Herring**, Senior VP for College Affordability Initiatives for the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), is excited about the growth and the potential of the REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) Scholarship Program in encouraging and supporting young scholars as they progress from middle school, through high school, and into college. Students undergo a rigorous selection process to become part of the REACH Program. Once in the program, they must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5, a clean discipline record, and have a strong attendance record. The "carrot" at the end of the high school experience is a \$10,000 scholarship to attend University System of Georgia schools, Technical Colleges, or

participating private schools in Georgia. Students are also required to meet regularly with academic coaches and a mentor in the local community. Herring likened the program to "local communities reaching out and wrapping their arms around these students."

**Brad Bryant**, VP with the REACH Georgia Office, explained that funding the program is a cooperative arrangement between the Georgia state legislature, the GSFC, and the local community. REACH began in 3 school districts in 2012. This fall, 103 of the 180 districts in Georgia will be participating with 1200 scholars enrolled. The first class recently graduated from their respective high schools with some impressive statistics. Of those 17 graduates, they maintained an average GPA of 3.51, 15 were HOPE eligible, all graduated on time or ahead of schedule, and all are college bound (2 to technical colleges, 14 to USG schools, 1 to Emory). Our local Griffin-Spalding School System will be one of those 103 participating districts this fall. **Dr. Tommy Hopkins**, USG Board of Regents Chair, introduced the 5rising 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students who have been accepted in the REACH Program here. They are **Carlos Alvarez** (Cowan Rd Middle), **Diego Deliz** (Rehobeth Road Middle), **Thavious Neal** (Rehobeth



Bryant

Road Middle), **Marcolya Sutton** (Kennedy Road Middle), and **Emily VanEps** (Carver Road Middle). These 5 students were selected from a pool of 148 applicants. In closing, Herring and Bryant outlined their wish list for the future of REACH in Georgia including involvement of all 180 school districts in the state, securing necessary funding to insure long-term sustainability, and increasing student enrollment in the program. Bryant noted that civic clubs that give high school seniors small scholarships might reconsider and invest those dollars into the REACH Program where the same investment will have even greater impact.



Hopkins

....By Wayne Gardner

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### 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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