



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### Preserving the MLK Jr. Legacy



**Karcher**

Randy Peters introduced our program on Thursday noting that the topic was one that capped two important themes in the month of February. One is Black History Month; the other Rotary's theme of Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution for the month. Rebecca Karcher, a ranger with the National Park Service, then stepped to the podium to speak about the MLK Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta and the efforts and sacrifices that Rev. King and his family made in nonviolent change not only in the U.S. but also across the World. Karcher explained that the Historic Site encompasses the historic Sweet Auburn community with Ebenezer Baptist Church, the King Birth Home, the Historic Fire Station No. 6, The King Center, Freedom Hall, and an historic residential area. While Dr. King and his wife Coretta are entombed at The King Center, the most popular and most

frequently visited place at the Site is the King Birth Home. "We were forced to close the birth home for renovations in August after the first floor collapsed," Karcher said. The second floor of the home is now closed to renovations to prevent another collapse. "The home [built in 1895] was not built for hundreds of people to walk through every day," she added. These renovations underscore a challenge the National Park Service has in balancing preservation and public enjoyment at historic sites. "All who visit the MLK Site want to visit the Birth Home," she said. "People want that connection with Dr. King and his legacy." Park Service rangers work to connect with visitors to only teach but to also foster enjoyment and preservation. Much of what is preserved at the Historic Site is due to the tireless efforts of Coretta Scott King following the assassination of her husband on April 4, 1968. Ebenezer Baptist Church represents the spiritual birth home of Dr. King. His maternal grandfather, A.D. Williams, founded the church which was built in 1904. His father, affectionately known as Daddy King, served as a pastor there. Coretta, however, was the force in preserving her late husband's legacy of social and nonviolent change including establishing the National Historic Site and recognition of his birthday as a National Holiday. Karcher explained that March is recognized nationally as Women's History Month and that the Site will focus on Coretta and the impacts she made. Karcher's favorite program offered at the Site is the International World Peace Rose Garden event on May 11<sup>th</sup> each year. Children from the U.S. and many other countries write and share poetry about peace as part of the event. Many are read at Ebenezer Baptist Church that day. "The MLK message is really spread throughout the World," she said. Karcher concluded by saying that they were leading efforts to have the King Birth Home and/or Ebenezer Baptist Church recognized as International World Heritage Sites.

## Club Calendar

### MARCH IS

#### WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

- March 9 Ike English  
Dauset Trails
- March 16 No Thursday Meeting
- March 18 Sweethearts Night  
Poplar Ridge Farms  
4:30 to 8:30 PM

## Our Rotary Family

### BIRTHDAYS

- March 03 Bill Shapard  
Lew Hunnicutt
- 12 Bennie Evans
- 15 Allen Edwards
- 21 Otis Blake  
David Galloway

### ANNIVERSARIES

- March 10 Med & Susan Roach
- 20 Bill & Alisa Shapard
- 23 Doug & Becky Lane
- 24 Bill & Lou Baldwin

### CONDOLENCES

To Bill Dallas and his family on the passing of his father, Dr. William McKenzie (Mack) Dallas, Jr., on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## RECORD YOUR ROTARY MOMENT NEXT THURSDAY



Dick Brooks is shown recording his Rotary Moment at last Thursday's meeting. If you have not already recorded your Rotary Moment, please get your script ready to present and record your Rotary Moment in 60 seconds before or after our meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Kitchen Sink is recording this as part of a Video Story about our Club.

### LITERACY PROJECT AIMED AT MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Kennedy Road Middle School Principal Dexter Sands, staff and students accepted Griffin Rotary's gift of copies of Sean Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* for use in their media center by students and teachers. Also pictured are Rotarians Janice Wallace, Corey Letson, and Don Crider. Since 2003/04, our Dictionary Gift Project has been a mainstay of Griffin Rotary's efforts in Community Literacy. However, as students increasingly use digital devices as links to the web for word definitions and spelling, our efforts shifted to a gift of 200 of these books to the media centers in our middle schools.

### ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting. With the 4 makeups reported with our Literacy Project, we had an attendance of 52%. 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 (4):** Corey Letson, George Granade, Janice Wallace, Don Crider @ Kennedy Road Middle School Literacy Project

**MISSING SPOKES (63):** Katy Arrowood, Kevin Barlow, Bruce Bartholomew, Otis Blake, Kim Brown, Pricha Bunya, Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, Will Childs, Bill Cooper, Chuck Copeland, John Dillon, Nat Doughtie, Jim Dunaway, Kristen Dutton, Allen Edwards, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Joy Gaddy, David Galloway, George Granade, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Bill Hardee, Tim Hearn, Lew Hunnicutt, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Bill Jones, Brant Keller, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Alton Knight, David Knight, David Luckie, Henry Mabbett, Josh Messer, Mark Milam, Niles Murray, Jim Ogletree, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Mark Peek, Eric Pitts, John Plageman, Tony Powell, John Rainwater, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Kathleen Smith, Philip Smith, Brooke Tardy, Lee Thomas, Brian Upson, Janice Wallace, Bobby Wheaton, William Wilson, Kelvin Williams, Stephanie Windham, Charles Woodroof, Eric Worrell

### SUPPORT LITTLE LIBRARIES



Jeff Jacobs (left) and Brett Bell (right) presented Doris Breland of the Spalding Collaborative with a donation to support efforts in building, erecting, and managing more Little Libraries in our community.

### SWEETHEART'S NIGHT MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

This year's Sweetheart's Night will be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Poplar Ridge Farms on Blanton Mill Road. There will be a buffet dinner featuring a Cajun Cookout. Drinks and refreshments begin at 4:30 PM. Wayne Chastain and his band will provide the music with a sawdust-covered floor for dancing and fun. Festivities begin at 4:30 and end at 8:30 PM. So, mark your calendar and RSVP as you receive invitations by mail.

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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**