



# THE GRIFFITARIAN

DISTRICT 6900 CLUB NUMBER 4129

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# ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# Club Calendar

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH
IN ROTARY

November 2

**District Governor Alec** 

Smythe

Board Meeting @ 10:30 AM

November 9

Veteran's Day Celebration Jim King & Philip Smith

Griffin HS Chorus

November 16

Gretchen Corbin Commissioner, Technical

College System of Georgia

November 23

No Meeting Thanksgiving Day

# **Our Rotary Family**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

October 29

**Chuck Copeland** 

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

November 2

Bill & Ann Jones

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Tamara & Greg Ison

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Tom & Gail Gardner



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM UGA Provost Whitten Speaks to Rotary



**Pamela Whitten** 

On her second visit to Griffin Rotary, UGA Provost Pamela Whitten focused her remarks on the UGA Griffin Campus. Since its inception as the Georgia Experiment Station in 1888, the campus has made significant contributions to agricultural production, food safety and security, and environmental management. Research and outreach impacts extend well beyond Georgia's borders with internationally-recognized programs on the Campus. Whitten added that the economic impact of the Campus in Spalding County alone exceeds \$15 million annually. Undergraduate academics is a relatively new addition to the Campus programming with 11 undergraduate degree programs and 9 graduate programs now being offered on the Campus. 'The faculty on the Campus are exceptionally

talented," Whitten said. "Students enrolled there work alongside them in their research and outreach programs. This is a very unique and enhanced learning experience." Whitten also thanked the local community for its continued support of the growth of the Campus, citing the Student Learning Center and the recent donation by the Dundee Community Association to construct the Dundee Café on the Campus. The Food Product Innovation and Commercialization Center is now in full operation thanks to the efforts of UGA in concert with our local Development Authority. And, the Turfgrass Research and Education Building, dedicated in September, was provided by funding from our State Assembly to support the \$7.8 Billion turfgrass industry in Georgia. Whitten closed by speaking to the efforts of the Archway Partnership in the local community as well as the local impact of the Cooperative Extension Service through its adult and youth programming.

....By Wayne Gardner

# Orla McDevitt - Our 2017-18 GRSP Student



Orla McDevitt from Edinburgh, Scotland, made her first visit to the Club as this year's GRSP Student. She has "loved every minute" of her 3 months at UGA where she taking courses in social studies, psychology, and women's studies. She also loves game days in Sanford Stadium but confesses that she really loves European football with her favorite team being Celtic FC based in Glasgow. She plays the guitar and the clarinet and also sings and studies American Civil War history. Her mother is a nurse, her dad an elementary school principle, and her older sister is attending law school. She shared some pictures of her Scottish homeland and family and thanked the Club for sponsoring her GRSP experience and Wade and Jill Miller for serving as her host parents. We look forward to seeing Orla again very soon.

# **Griffin Rotary Supports Griffin Waypoint**



Club President Tom Gardner (right) presented a donation from our Club to Sandra Brownlee, CEO of the nonprofit Griffin Waypoint during Thursday's meeting. Brownlee and Waypoint serve as resources for military veterans in the form of assistance, training, and networking as they exit the military into civilian life or are working with the VA on various claims.

## **NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

Tim Hearn has proposed Paul Sinor of Possum on the Half Shell Productions LLC for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin. Please send any comments regarding Paul's membership in Griffin Rotary to Yvonne Langford on or before November 9, 2017.

## 2018-19 BOARD ELECTIONS THURSDAY

Members will select 4 Board members who will begin their terms on July 1, 2018. Those nominated for the 4 Directors are Kim Brown, Nat Doughtie, Tim Hearn, Natalie Marshall, Patrick Michel, John Quinn, John Rainwater, and Bobby Wheaton. Nominations from the floor will be accepted before voting begins this Thursday.

# Bell Ringing Project Kicks Off Nov. 17th



Griffin Rotary will again manage ringing the bell at a Salvation Army Kettle during the Holiday Season. Our Kettle will be located at the west entrance to Kroger's (nearest produce area). Ringing will begin on November 17<sup>th</sup> and continue through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ringing starts each day (except Thanksgiving and Sundays) at 10:00 AM and ends at 8:00 PM. Several businesses, banks, and organizations have already committed to ringing 125 of the total 306 hours we will ring. If you know of other possible Ringing Partners who would manage blocks of ringing hours, or you want to sign up for your 3 hours of ringing, please contact Wayne Gardner. There will also be signup sheets

at our upcoming meetings. When you make your donation to the Salvation Army this season, please do so through our Kettle.

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#### **MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION**

Monday - 12 Noon PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough Henry County Monday - 12:15 PM Fayetteville IHOP, Fayetteville Monday - 6:30 PM Coweta-Fayette Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia Tuesday - 12 Noon Lamar Co. College & Career Academy Barnesville 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

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