



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
ROTARY SPRING FIESTA ON MAY 19TH, 4 TO 8 PM
MYSTIC ACRES, WILLIAMSON ROAD

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Congressman Drew Ferguson



Hon. Drew Ferguson
U.S. Congress
Georgia's Third District

The Honorable Drew Ferguson (U.S. Congress, Georgia's Third District) spoke to the Rotary Club of Griffin about his first year in Congress. He began by saying that Griffin and his life had changed in the last year as he began his service in Congress. He stated that Griffin now had the College and Career Academy which, a year ago was just being discussed. He added that a year ago he was seeking the election to the 3rd District Congressional seat, and now he serves in that seat. The freshman Congressman said that he has found there are a lot of fine and good men and women in Congress who represent their respective districts. But, he noted that regional differences make it difficult to pass legislation and, unfortunately, there is a growing division between rural America and urban America. While both segments require legislative attention, those in rural America face major problems which must be addressed. Even with this divisiveness, Congress has passed over 500 legislative bills this past year, with the majority being bipartisan. Legislation important to the Third District includes the Perkins Career and Technical Education bill which affects technical colleges. Ferguson said that it has support from both parties and deals with the union of high schools and technical colleges. The Congressman feels that the first phase of the proposed infrastructure program will positively impact aviation, including the new regional airport for Griffin and Spalding County. This legislation has passed from committee with only 13 descending votes. The nation's economic growth is the highest in the last 15 years, which the Congressman attributes to tax reform and regulatory relief. He noted that one of the biggest problems facing America with this growth is the source of the work force. There must be a realignment of education in the U.S. to address those needs so that we help match people with their skills, talents and interests. He added that the 2018 Farm Bill will have reforms to the SNAP program and the food stamp program. Ferguson stated that such programs as Social Security and Medicare must undergo reform. The Congressman closed by thanking people in the community for offering their thoughts and ideas to him.

By George Granade

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 16th at Southern Crescent Technical College here in Griffin. For more information, contact Stephanie Windham.



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Rotary Spring Fiesta – May 19th



Griffin Rotary is 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 19th, 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 in which every member has been entered. Mark your calendars! Bring your spouse or significant other. And, invite prospective members!

THE GRIFFITARIAN

Club Calendar

APRIL IS ROTARY'S MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

May 10	Orla McDevitt GRSP Student	May 24	A Tribute to Our Fallen Veterans
May 17	Laws of Life Essay Winners	May 31	Roy Bowen Georgia Association of Manufacturers
May 19	Spring Fiesta Mystic Acres 4 to 8 PM	June 7	Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
May 04	Yvonne Langford	May 15	John & Christina Quinn
06	Henry Walker	May 16	Crustal & Tom Sywger
07	John O'Neal	May 18	Kirk & Alexandria Kealey
19	Charlie Doughtie		
29	John Dillon		
30	Andrew Blake		

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Mac Isaacs has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Griffin by Frank Harris. Mac is a retired magazine publisher and a former member of our Club. Mac resides on Pine Valley Road in Griffin and has been a guest at our recent meetings. Any concerns must be sent to Yvonne Langford in writing on or before May 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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Club Number 4129

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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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