



# Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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## This Week:

April 7

*GRSP Student Program*

## Upcoming Meetings:

April 14

Kevin Harris

*Steven R. Angle,  
Chancellor, University of  
Tennessee at  
Chattanooga*

April 21

**Golf Tournament**

April 28

Whitfield Healthcare  
Foundation

*Business Forum Speaker  
/ Hamilton Medical Center*

May 5

Amanda Reed

*5th Grade Awards*

May 12

Bitsy McFarland

*Dalton Library Director -  
Darla Chambliss*

May 19

Jonathan Bledsoe

*Rotary Scholarships*

May 26

**DGCC Closed**

**No Meeting**

## Earl Lusk Memorial Golf Tournament - April 21st

By: Chuck Dobbins

Please remember that April 21st is the Earl Lusk Memorial Golf Tournament at the Dalton Golf and Country Club. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 AM and the tournament will be a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. This is an event where we need every Rotarian to participate. Please help us by securing sponsors, being a sponsor, getting a team together, donating prizes, or working the tournament.

To register to play or sponsor online visit:

<https://fs18.formsite.com/foundation/RotaryGolf/index.html>

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## Estella Liermann

By: John Hutcheson



Rotarian Bruna Langner introduced her friend Estella Liermann, who, like Bruna, is originally from Brazil. Estella told the Club how she had contracted polio sixteen months after her birth in 1960, a year before polio vaccine was available in Brazil and two years before it arrived in her locality. She thanked Rotary for its fight against polio, noting that in 1980 there were 1,280 cases in Brazil but only 122 in 1982 after a campaign of mass vaccination.

Initially thought to have the flu, Estella suffered paralysis in her right leg and was diagnosed with polio in a Sao Paulo hospital, where she was placed in an iron lung for a month and received the first corrective polio surgery to be performed in Brazil. As she grew, additional surgeries were performed, leaving her with one leg 1.5 inches shorter than the other. Realizing during her hospital stays that others were far more seriously stricken than she, she considered herself "so, so lucky," and she strove to encourage and entertain her fellow patients even as she struggled privately with her own fears. At school her disability led many to bully or ostracize her, but with seven siblings (including five brothers), she had learned to be tough and she "worked twice as hard" to prove herself.

In 1989 Estella came to the United States to look for opportunities where she would not face professional barriers like those her situation generated in Brazil. Speaking no

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English, she settled in Sarasota and worked first as a housecleaner, but she resolved to surround herself with Americans and master their language and culture. Eventually she went into automobile sales, and in 1996 she moved to Cleveland, Tennessee, where she operated a car sales business for twenty years. Although the onset of neurological problems in 1998 led to a diagnosis of post-polio syndrome, this disappeared after a couple of years and she continued her business until she closed it two years ago and began searching for new paths to follow. By its overcoming of physical adversity and achievement of professional success, Estella's life dramatically illustrates the importance of Rotary's work to eradicate polio.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Member Birthdays**

Lindsey, Robin Lee (ROBIN)  
McClurg, Charles R. (RONNIE)  
Sellers, Kathryn Oehler (KATHRYN)  
Poehlman, John H. (JOHN)

**Birthday**

10-Apr  
11-Apr  
11-Apr  
11-Apr

**Partner Birthdays**

Ross, Jennifer  
Abernathy, Virginia

**Member Name**    **Birthday**

Ross, Tyson J    8-Apr  
Abernathy, Sid G.    13-Apr

**Member Anniversaries**

Blackman, Linda T (LINDA)  
Carter, Teresa (TERESA)

**Start Date**

9-Apr-13  
9-Apr-13

**Years**

2  
2

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Smith, Ralph (RALPH)  
Brunson, Kevin M (KEVIN)

**Partner's Name**    **Anniversary**    **Years**

Sandra    7-Apr    32  
Cindy    8-Apr    15

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