



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

August 11
Paul Alderman
Greg Bruner on Prater's Mill

Upcoming Meetings:

August 18
Jason Parker
District Governor Visit
Board Meeting

August 25
Onsy Bestawros

September 1
Mel Abernathy
GRSP Student

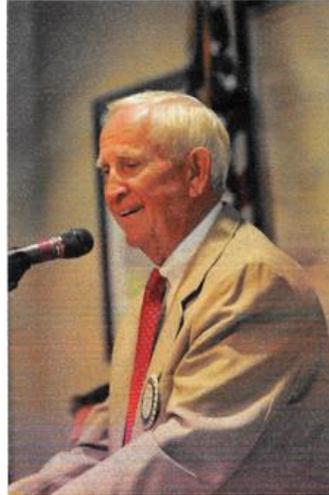
September 8
NO Meeting
DGCC Closed

Club Officers:

Jason Parker
President
Bruce Satterfield
President-Elect
Frank M. Hogshead
Secretary, Treasurer
David Aft
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High School Football Preview for 2015

By: John Hutcheson



In one of the Club's much-anticipated annual events, Rotarian and former Dalton High School Football Coach Ronnie McClurg presented four local high school football coaches who gave their previews of the coming season. He noted that Coach Preston Poag of Christian Heritage School was out of town with his team at a football camp, and he conveyed Coach Poag's expectations for a successful year. Emphasizing that high school football in the Dalton/Whitfield area is blessed to have extremely high-quality individuals as coaches, he introduced Coach Josh Robinson of Northwest High School, Coach Chad Barger of Coahuila Creek High School, Coach Sean Gray of Southeast High School, and Coach Matt Land of Dalton High School.

Coach Robinson said that after a disappointing 5-5 record in 2014, the Northwest program conducted a thorough off-season reassessment. The players have responded well to changes, including a high stress on character growth. While the 2015 team is young, most of the offensive line is returning, though none have previously been starters. The defensive line is small, but they play hard and should be better than last year, and the secondary is strong.

Coach Barger reminded the Club that the Coahuila Creek program remains developmental, making progress but still building in a new school—last year's seniors were the first to graduate from Coahuila Creek. While 2014's record was not successful, the quarterback is returning this year, and the four freshmen who out of necessity were starters last year are now back as experienced sophomores. The team has improved physically, mentally, and emotionally, with a strong defense and a fast, physical style of play.

Coach Gray noted that Southeast has been blessed to have a very generous anonymous donor whose gifts enable ongoing improvement of his program's facilities. This is Southeast's 40th year, and he has tried to build a strong sense of community around his program, partly by inviting record-setting teams from past years at Southeast and its predecessors, Valley Point and Eastbrook, for recognition at particular games. In 2014 Southeast had its first winning season and playoff game in 28 years, and despite losing thirty seniors the team in 2015 is the strongest and most athletic Coach Gray has had in his four years at the school. With a center ranked 11th in the country, the return of five starters apiece on offense and defense (including the top two defensive tackles), and an especially aggressive group of juniors, Southeast can look forward to another good year.

Coach Land said that Dalton High's move into 5-A competition last year presented a range of challenges, but expectations have always been that these will be met successfully and that new rivalries will emerge. He pointed out that of the 17 games Dalton has lost over the last five years, 15 were to eventual state champions or to teams playing for the championship. This year's team is very young and offers great chances

for development, while the coaching staff—which remains intact from last year—will emphasize that “little things lead to big things” by way of building on strengths and eliminating weaknesses. On offense only one starter is returning, but Coach Land is confident that others will be found among the 19 available candidates. On defense—always Dalton’s strong point—replacements must be found for two players who between them had 300 tackles. State limitations on practice time may delay optimum physical development of the team until two or three weeks into the season, but several players’ experience in soccer justifies hopes for great kicking. Coach Land concluded by urging Club members to remember that the most desirable product of playing high school football is developing young men of fine character rather than simply winning games.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Reed, Amanda (AMANDA)	11-Aug
Turner, Henry J (CHIP)	16-Aug
Ryman, Milton J. Jr. (MILTON)	16-Aug

Partner Birthdays

	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Smith, Sandra	Smith, Ralph	11-Aug
Laugahter, Ben	Laughter, R Lynette	11-Aug
Johnson, Kathy	Johnson, Larry Alan	13-Aug
Rhoden, Dina	Rhoden, W Scott	13-Aug
Scott, Annelle	Scott, Trammell	15-Aug

Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Hooper, Frederick L (RICK)	Sandee	11-Aug	25
Schwenn, John O. (JOHN)	Judy	14-Aug	44
Baucom, Timothy Len (TIM)	Cheryl	15-Aug	35
Sanders, Drayton M II(DRAYTON)	Mary Etta	16-Aug	57

Four Way Test

