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## Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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### This Week:

August 16  
District Governor Kim  
Waters

### Upcoming Meetings:

August 23  
Janice Kiker  
*The Unseen Hazard To  
Our Health*

August 30  
Larry Winter  
*GRSP Student*

September 6  
**No Meeting (DGCC  
Closed)**

September 13  
**No Meeting**  
**Amanda Burt - United  
Way Kickoff on  
September 12**

## 2016 High School Football Preview

By John Hutcheson



President Bruce Satterfield and President-Elect Kevin Brunson

Dalton Kiwanis president John Thomas opened a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Dalton and the Carpet City Rotary Club with the Dalton Kiwanis Club at the Dalton Convention Center. After welcoming remarks he introduced Rotarian and former Dalton High School Football Coach Ronnie McClurg, who emphasized that high school football in the Dalton/Whitfield area is blessed to have extremely talented and committed individuals in the coaching positions and called on five local coaches to give their assessments of the coming season,

Coach Jay Poag of Christian Heritage High School began by recognizing his school's Athletic Director, Chad Jordan, and pointed to a high level of excitement at Christian Heritage following an active summer for his team. CHHS players visited Atlanta for the Cam Newton 7-on-7 tournament and traveled to Charlotte as well. This year will see a lot of new faces on offense, but with players at 6'5", 6'7", and 6'4" there is strong potential for good passing and receiving. One team member is Coach Poag's son, and another is an exchange student from Spain who originally planned to play basketball but changed to football and shows much promise even though he'd never played the game before. On defense, five or six players are returning, and there are good prospects in the middle school for future squads. The team will go back to Charlotte for scrimmages and college tours and open its regular season with North Murray High on August 19.

Coach Chad Barger of Coahulla Creek High School said that "the Creek is on the rise" as it builds a tradition. While his squad of 53 (down from 75 in spring practice) lacks size and experience, they have good skills and will need to be creative. Coach Barger and his staff are stressing the importance of committing to the team's effort rather than merely contributing to it (analogous to how a chicken's provision of eggs to the breakfast table is a contribution, but the pig's provision of bacon represents commitment). During the summer the CCHS team went to 7-on-7 and 11-on-11 camps, where they learned to "show up, play, and press hard."

Coach Matt Land of Dalton High School noted that DHS, as in the last six years, finds itself in a new region with a new classification, facing a new set of opponents, including South Cobb High of Austell, Harrison High of Kennesaw, Osborne High of Marietta, and—at the season's end—Allatoona High of Acworth, last year's 5-A state champions. Competition of this caliber means a year of getting up early and staying late, made even more challenging by new Georgia High School Association rules about the number of practices, heat exposure, and physical contact that limit preparation and conditioning time. This year Dalton will replace twelve starters, but the quarterback is returning. The offensive line will have three seniors, two of whom are starters. With appropriate modifications, defensive strategy will be the same used since 1998. The specialty teams are good, with an excellent kicker, and for the fourth year every senior (of whom there are 27) will start or be part of a specialty team.

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Coach Josh Robinson of Northwest Whitfield High School introduced several of his players and looked back on a productive summer. Although 7-on-7 is not "real" football, it does give good competitive experience, and Northwest's players ended up second in their pool. This year they are making three replacements on the offensive line, but the new starters are adjusting well. On defense eight starters must be replaced, but here again there is much potential for success. With a new field, new jerseys and helmets, and other new equipment, Northwest is looking forward to being in the playoffs.

As in the past, Coach Sean Gray of Southeast Whitfield High School expressed gratitude to a very generous donor for enabling his school to have facilities second to none and support for players otherwise unable to afford to play. Although his team has about ninety players, there isn't a great deal of depth, so there will be a lot of doubling. Coach Gray is excited about his defense—last year's was the best in 23 years. His players are tough, and while the secondary needs work, it has skilled members. On offense there are a lot of new men but some good tall receivers. This year's seniors were once Southeast's best freshman class, and they should become the school's winningest seniors in 31 years.

Responding to a question about who had the largest lineman, the coaches conferred and decided on a Christian Heritage player who stands 6'6" and weighs 330 pounds.

## August 16th Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b><u>Member Birthdays</u></b>	<b><u>Birthday</u></b>
Turner, Henry J (CHIP)	16-Aug
Robertson, Ricky N (RICKY)	16-Aug
Ryman, Milton J. Jr. (MILTON)	16-Aug
Tatum, Laurice A (LAURICE)	18-Aug
Blackman, Bill M (BILL)	18-Aug
Hawkins, Jim R. (JIM)	18-Aug
Schwenn, John O. (JOHN)	19-Aug
Jones, Miller T. (MILLER)	19-Aug

<b><u>Partner Birthdays</u></b>	<b><u>Member Name</u></b>	<b><u>Birthday</u></b>
Robertson, Ricky	Robertson, Cherri L	16-Aug
Blackman, Bill	Blackman, Linda T.	18-Aug
Turner, Carolyn	Turner, Henry J	20-Aug
Dobbins, Donna	Dobbins, Chuck	20-Aug

<b><u>Member Anniversaries</u></b>	<b><u>Start Date</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>
Chambliss, Darla P (DARLA)	8/18/2015	1
Minter, B. Scott (SCOTT)	8/18/2015	1

<b><u>Wedding Anniversaries</u></b>	<b><u>Partner's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Anniversary</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>
Sanders, Drayton M II(DRAYTON)	Mary Etta	16-Aug	57
Laughter, R Lynette (LYNN)	Ben	19-Aug	43

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*first*

**Is it the TRUTH?**

*second*

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

*third*

**Will it build GOOD WILL  
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

*fourth*

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to  
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