



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

February 24
Archana Srivastava
*Dr. Steven G. Wassilak -
Center of Disease Control*

Upcoming Meetings:

March 3
Director Program
*Pat Frawley, CEO of
Community and Southern
Bank*

March 10
Sherwood Jones, III

March 17
Kelly Jones
*Hamilton NICU / March of
Dimes - Jessica
Truelove, Dr. Liz
Kennedy & Dr. Vic
Thomas*

March 24
David Aft
Rotary Dinner Event

The SPLOST 2015

By: Kathryn Sellers



Mike Babb, Whitfield County Commission Chair, Dennis Mock, Mayor of Dalton, were introduced by Rotarian Robert Smalley. Mayor Mock deferred to Chairman Babb who spoke about all the facts involved with the upcoming vote on the SPLOST, the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The special election is to be held on March 17. To pass, the majority must be 50% plus one. It would go into effect on July 1, 2015 and last for four years.

Babb pointed out that Whitfield County has a "pull factor" of 1.41 which means that about 41% of our sales taxes would be paid by people who live outside the county, a positive for residents. He also pointed out that Whitfield is one of only 7 counties without a SPLOST now, meaning other counties see the value of this method of funding projects. (Whitfield has the second largest homestead exemption (\$20,000) so the county collects about 15-18% less.)

To obtain the necessary funds for the needed advancements, the only other option is to levy a larger millage rate for property taxes. When comparing our millage of 8.061 % to nearby counties, both Floyd (11.1%) and Bartow (9.68%) are much more and each spends more per capita.

If passed, the SPLOST would benefit the City and County and the smaller cities in the county and thus is the first intergovernmental agreement with all our cities. It would raise an expected \$63.6 million. 79% would go to transportation or roads and bridges, including the straightening of Hwy 201. Twelve million would go to fund an upgraded public safety digital communications system that will partner with the Tennessee Valley System cutting the formerly projected cost in half. A new northwest area fire station, \$9.9 million for upgraded ladder trucks, fire engines and patrol cars are in the public safety portion. Quality of Life projects vary from technology and materials for the Whitfield Library to a walking track at the Miracle Field, the Haig Mill recreation project and the Rocky Face bike park.

Brian Anderson of the Dalton Whitfield Chamber commented that this plan is the best conceived method of blending sales tax and property tax so that property owners and businesses don't bear all the burden.

President Aft suggested that we all become educated about the issues and summed up with this pertinent message, "If you don't vote, you don't have a voice!"

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

No birthdays this period.

Birthday

Partner Birthdays

Kiker, John
Jolly, Becky
Brooker, Janet
Jones, Danielle
Ward, Allen
Johnson, Pat

Member Name

Kiker, Janice F. 24-Feb
Jolly, Hilliard R. 25-Feb
Brooker, Robert H. 27-Feb
Jones, J Sherwood III 27-Feb
Ward, Barbara K. 27-Feb
Johnson, Roy Glenn 1-Mar

Birthday

Member Anniversaries

Smith, Ralph (RALPH) 24-Feb-98 17
Dickson, Thomas S. (TOM) 24-Feb-98 17
Griffin, Ronald L (RON) 1-Mar-88 27
McFarland, James S. Sr.(STUART) 1-Mar-89 26
Sutherland, George W. (GEORGE) 1-Mar-76 39
Bowen, William C. III(BILL) 1-Mar-75 40
Manly, William Judson Jr.(JUDSON) 1-Mar-64 51
Turner, Henry J (CHIP) 1-Mar-75 40
Pierce, Sara C. (SKEETER) 1-Mar-94 21
Allgood, Charles Y. (CHARLES) 1-Mar-81 34

Start Date

Years

Wedding Anniversaries

Mooney, Patricia H (PATTY)

Partner's Name

Bobby

Anniversary

27-Feb

Years

16

Four Way Test

