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## Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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### This Week:

January 10th  
Scott Minter  
Vocational Service  
Program - First  
Responder Awards

### Upcoming Meetings:

January 17  
Miller Jones

January 24  
Amanda Brown  
Director, Creative Arts  
Guild

January 31  
Russian/Georgian  
Performing Youth Group

February 7  
Sherwood Jones, Jr.

## Haig Mill Lake Project Update

By John Hutcheson

President Bruce introduced Steve Card and Steve Robertson of the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department. As the Director of DPRD, Steve Card led a presentation on the progress of the plan to develop a recreational area around the Lower Haig Mill Lake, noting that a public meeting on the subject is scheduled for January 5 at City Hall. The Haig Mill Lake project will be funded by \$7.7 million to be generated by the SPLOST approved by voters in 2015, with \$5.5 million allocated to the project itself and \$2.2 million designated for connectivity with an improved Lakeshore Park. Both components are parts of a larger vision that proposes a chain of recreational green spaces running from downtown Dalton to Heritage Point on the North Bypass. After eight months of permit acquisition, bids for work on the first phase should go out in the next week or two.



*Steve Card*

Lower Haig Mill Lake is a 125-acre reservoir, built and stocked in 1989, surrounded by 120 to 125 acres of developable land. DPRD is working in partnership with Dalton Utilities, the lake's owner, to create what could be a "crown jewel" recreational opportunity in North Georgia, with the general feel of a state park. Safety and maintenance of water quality will be the highest priorities, and the finished project will be fenced, open only when staff are present. Swimming will not be allowed, and a 3.5 mile walking trail around the lake will always remain at least 150 feet from the waterline. Engineed vessels of any kind will be prohibited, but fishing will be allowed from four fishing piers and from rented non-motorized craft such as canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats.

Near the south end of the lake an Activity Area of 15 acres will have two pavilions, a themed playground, and an outdoor classroom incorporating wetland areas as mandated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division—this will enable the classroom to be used cooperatively with local schools and Dalton State College. The anchor facility will be a lodge which will generate revenue through rentals for meetings, weddings, and other special occasions. A 2,000-sq.ft. deck will overlook the lake and a 5,000 sq.ft. main area inside will seat 150-175 for major banquets and have partitioning for smaller functions. The lodge will also have a full kitchen, a welcome area and rental desk, and a classroom. In partnership with the Dalton Convention Center it will operate in a fashion similar to that of the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center.

Anticipated construction costs (real ones cannot be determined until the bidding process closes) total \$5 million, including \$1.2 million set aside for contingencies, and construction could proceed in phases as funds become available. If the lodge is built, annual maintenance and operation expenses are estimated to be \$141,000, with revenues of \$129,880; without the lodge (having only a small rental shack), M & O costs would be \$91,000, with revenues of \$18,000. All these figures reflect conservative estimates of staffing needs and rental income.

Projected to open in early 2018, the finished project would be unique in the region and a magnet for young professionals and entrepreneurs, both those who grew up in Dalton and others contemplating a move here. For this demographic cohort, quality of life is a paramount

consideration, and parks are central to realizing that ideal. DPRD has a history of successful partnerships with other entities, and this one will be no different from past engagements.

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**Announcements**

President Bruce reminded members to vote on January 10. He announced that Past Presidents of the Club will meet today for further discussion of the Club's upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He noted that hosts are needed for the Golden Gates, a performing group of young Russians whose appearance in several area schools between January 26 and February 3 is being sponsored by both the Dalton and the Carpet City Rotary Clubs. Finally, he recognized Dr. Onsy Bestawros as the Club's newest Paul Harris Fellow and Past President Dr. John Richmond, who has qualified for his third Paul Harris Fellowship.



Dr. Onsy Bestawros and Dr. John Richmond

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## January 10th Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Member Birthdays**

Abernathy, Sid G. (SID)

**Birthday**

14-Jan

**Partner Birthdays**

Kelehear, Pat  
McCoy, Barbara  
Wright, Betty  
Schneller, Douglas

**Member Name**

Kelehear, Leon S.  
McCoy, Norman D.  
Wright, William B. Jr.  
Schneller, April D

**Birthday**

12-Jan  
14-Jan  
14-Jan  
15-Jan

**Member Anniversaries**

No member anniversaries this period.

**Start Date**

**Years**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Bestawros, Onsy A (ONSY)  
Henson, Paul E. Jr.(PAUL)

**Partner's Name**

Hilda  
Jean

**Anniversary**

12-Jan  
13-Jan

**Years**

42  
55

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of the things we think, say or do

*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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