



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

January 14
Teresa Carter
Senior Issues and Area Resources

Upcoming Meetings:

January 21
Judy Gilreath
Career Academy - Mechatronics Program

January 28
Maurice Sponcler

February 4
Paul Henson

February 11
Pete Sigmon

February 18
Bob McLeod

February 25
John Hutcheson

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Rotary Leadership Institute

By: Chuck Dobbins

There is a Rotary Leadership Institute training in Cumming coming up on February 1. The training is from 8:00am - 3:30pm that day. As Brian Anderson, Nancy Kennedy and others who have attended can attest, this is some of the best training offered by Rotary. I encourage you to make an effort to attend this training.

This is the link to the registration for RLI: Click the "Online Registration" Tab at the bottom of the page.

<http://www.rli-training.org/registration/>

If you have any difficulties with registering, please let me know. Thanks for giving this full consideration!

Chuck

Legislative Update

By: Kathryn Sellers



Senator Charlie Bethel and Representatives Tom Dickson and Bruce Broadrick introduced the update for the upcoming Legislative session in Atlanta.

Representative Tom Dickson explained that this is the second year of a two-year session so there are already some bills in the pipeline ready to be presented to the full legislature so the session should get off to a quick start. Also, since this is an election year, the legislators will want to make this session short so they can return home in time for the election.

Dickson said that the first items for discussion will be the mandatory ones, particularly the budget. Education takes about \$185 million and higher education another \$70 million. With Medicaid and Peach Care taking another \$155 million there is little left for new items in the budget. His goal is to fund fully what we have, returning to the budget prior to the cutbacks in education of the last few years.

Since the Georgia budget is a balanced one, more portions each year are going to zero based accounting. He feels the first new legislation may be the HB 512 or "gun legislation" that has had some changes over the summer and is probably ready to go to the floor for a vote early in the session.

Representative Bruce Broadrick says he know we want less government and the state is trending toward smaller government. They have cut from 80,000 employees to 55,000. Since he is on the Health and Human Services committee he is watching closely and is pleased with the state's posture on Obamacare. Healthcare is already 23% of the state budget. His goal is to push to retain and enhance the existing status to make it a smaller part of the whole. Right now 80% of the dollars go to the aged, blind, etc. moving from \$271 million in 2003 to \$664 million in 2013.

Bruce is pleased that the state requires a balanced budget and has retained its AAA Bond rating, allowing the state to provide better economic development incentives and capital investments.

Senator Charlie Bethel stated that one of the first actions in the legislator will probably be to change the primary dates to coincide with the federal dates -- qualifying in March and the election on May 20.

There should be a new bill for criminal justice reform to assist those whose re-entries into society previously have been difficult. He thinks the bill will include a way to help the inmates to prepare while in prison for reentry. This should help them to be more responsible for their own moral and economic status and not return to the prison system for lack of training.

Charlie encouraged Rotarians to attend the Dalton-Whitfield Day on Monday evening at the capital to interact with legislators on behalf of our community.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Join Dates

By: Chuck Dobbins

<u>Member Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Abernathy, Sid G. (SID)	14-Jan
Riggle, Micah (MICAH)	14-Jan
Winter, Larry E. (LARRY)	17-Jan
Merritt, Gerald R (GERALD)	18-Jan
Bronson, William III (WILLIAM)	19-Jan

<u>Partner Birthdays</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
McCoy, Barbara	McCoy, Norman	14-Jan
Wright, Betty	Wright, Bill	14-Jan
Hooper, Sandee	Hooper, Rick	15-Jan
Baucom, Cheryl	Baucom, Tim	17-Jan
Smith, Rebecca	Smith, Clark	18-Jan

<u>Member Anniversaries</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Parker, Hoyt Jason (JASON)	18-Jan-11	3
Hoskins, Douglas (DOUG)	19-Jan-10	4
Reed, Amanda (AMANDA)	19-Jan-10	4

<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Gibson, Mark A. (MARK)	Cindy	17-Jan	16

Four Way Test

