



# Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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## This Week:

July 15  
William Bronson  
Football

## Upcoming Meetings:

July 22  
Judy Gilreath  
*Dr. Merry Boggs -  
Whitfield Co Schools  
Summer Nutrition  
Program*

July 29  
Vonda Bledsoe  
*Retired Army Master  
Sergeant Mike Reynolds*

August 4 (Monday)  
Ronnie McClurg  
*2014 Football Preview at  
NWGA Trade Center*

August 5  
NO Meeting

August 12  
David Aft  
*District Governor Visit*

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## Club Officers:

### **David Aft**

President

### **Jason Parker**

President-Elect

### **Frank M. Hogshead**

Secretary, Treasurer

### **Chuck Dobbins**

Immediate Past President

### **Bruce Satterfield**

Club Administration Chair

### **Kathryn Sellers**

Public Image Chair

### **Rick Cobb**

Membership Chair

### **Ty Ross**

Community Service Chair

### **Scott Rhoden**

Youth Service Chair

### **Kevin Brunson**

Vocational Service Chair

### **Archana Srivastava**

International Service  
Chair

### **Sandra Stone**

Foundation Chair

## Aimee Copeland

By: Ty Ross



Whether it was from the newspaper, or television, or the radio we all caught a sliver of the story when it happened.

In May 2012, Aimee Copeland, a 24-year old grad student contracted necrotizing fasciitis, a flesh-eating bacterial disease, after she fell from a zip-line into the Little Tallapoosa River. Doctors performed multiple amputations to save her life. Ms. Copeland's left leg, right foot and hands were removed.

While the fact that she survived was, in the words of her doctors, "astonishing, mindboggling, and unbelievable," it was what Ms. Copeland has been able to accomplished since her terrible ordeal that is truly amazing.

Ms. Copeland credits this experience, which she said, "happened for a reason," with bringing real purpose and focus to her life. In fact, one of her first memories in recovery at the Shepherd Center was the heartfelt sorrow she felt for the patients next to her that were in many ways worse off than her. She recalled meeting a young man who did not have the use of his limbs or even his neck. She said she felt so fortunate to have all of her remaining abilities including the ability to move, talk, and even tie her hair in a ponytail (which she taught herself after a thousand failed attempts).

Now Ms. Copeland just wants to help others. This is why she is pursuing her graduate degree in social work and plans to spend the rest of her life helping others with injuries and disabilities get the resources they need through organizations like Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) which provides refurbished home medical equipment and home modifications in Georgia, and across the United States, at little or no cost to recipients. She also hopes to someday harness her passion for the great outdoors to brainstorm new ways to connect persons with injuries and disabilities to wilderness experiences.

Aimee Copeland carries a suitcase of courage and it was truly a pleasure to hear her speak. We thank Scott Rhoden and President David for bringing us a program we will not soon forget.

Today was a perfect example of why you never want to skip a meeting. You never know what you might miss!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

Hutcheson, John A. Jr. (JOHN)  
Smith, Ralph (RALPH)

### Birthday

18-Jul  
20-Jul

### Partner Birthdays

Smalley, Rachel

### Member Name

Smalley, Robert H.

### Birthday

16-Jul

### Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

### Start Date

### Years

### Wedding Anniversaries

Hoskins, Douglas (DOUG)  
Neal, John P. III (JOHN)  
Hutcheson, John A. Jr. (JOHN)  
Cole, Seth A (SETH)  
Scott, Trammell (TRAMMELL)  
Srivastava, Archana (ARCHANA)  
Maret, Michael S. (MIKE)

### Partner's Name

Carole  
Terri  
Marilyn  
Mary Beth  
Annelle  
Vinai  
Carla

### Anniversary

15-Jul  
15-Jul  
15-Jul  
16-Jul  
17-Jul  
20-Jul  
21-Jul

### Years

19  
42  
47  
9  
14  
38  
13

## Four Way Test

