



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

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

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Club Officers:

David Aft
President
Jason Parker
President-Elect
Frank M. Hogshead
Secretary, Treasurer
Chuck Dobbins
Immediate Past President
Bruce Satterfield
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Kathryn Sellers
Public Image Chair
Rick Cobb
Membership Chair
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Youth Service Chair
Kevin Brunson
Vocational Service Chair
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International Service
Chair
Sandra Stone
Foundation Chair

Dalton's Expanding "Turf Wars"

By: Kathryn Sellers



The Daily Citizen's 7-on-7 tournament, or "Turf Wars" just completed its fourth year. The tournament has grown to the point that they have a waiting list of teams and work to select the best talent available to travel to Dalton. William Bronson said, "It is the fastest growing 7-on-7 tournament in the country."

The coaches that have attended love the opportunity to build team chemistry and get in good football shape. The tournaments popularity is also fueled by its depth in talent and its price tag, FREE. Most tournaments like ours could cost teams a \$1,000 or more just to attend. Our free price tag is all made possible by the local community sponsors.

7-on-7 football is played with only helmets and no pads and is uniquely played in Dalton on 100% artificial turf fields. One of our goals beyond showcasing our great community to outsiders is to create an opportunity to showcase our carpet industry's newest turf products at the four locations used: Dalton High, Dalton Rec's James Brown complex, Christian Heritage and Lakeshore Park. Each local school sponsored a location and helped with volunteers and concessions from which they can benefit.

GHSAs referees are utilized for the more than 200 games played from noon Saturday to 4 p.m. Sunday. Games are played on short fields from the 40 yard line to the end zone, allowing two games at a time with a 22 minute running clock per game. Day one they play a round robin format that is used to qualify for either the day two champions or consolation bracket based on number of games won. This year Dalton lost to Colloquia County in the Champions bracket final while Christian Heritage beat Baylor of to win the consolation side of the tournament.

The tournament is free to spectators and the stands were full. "Dalton's hospitality was superb," stated Bronson, "The economic impact as estimated by the city of Dalton in year one was about a half million dollars for the Dalton area!"

A new piece of the tournament in the planning stage is to add workshops by D1 college coaches about the latest trends in strategy, training and nutrition next year.

The tournament is limited only by sponsorships, number of turf fields and volunteers available. Bronson stated that we need one more turf field in the area to expand even more. Bronson finished by saying, "It's a great way to promote Dalton, to allow our turf companies to promote their products and allow the kids to have a great time honing their skills."

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Combs, William Dan Jr. (DAN, JR)

Birthday

28-Jul

Partner Birthdays

Tharpe, Julie

Bundros, Laura

Fox, Bradley

Rowland, Greta

Lindsey, Kathy

Member Name

Tharpe, Henry C.

Bundros, Thomas A

Fox, Graham M.

Rowland, Bradley Wayne

Lindsey, Robin Lee

Birthday

22-Jul

22-Jul

26-Jul

27-Jul

28-Jul

Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

Start Date

Years

Wedding Anniversaries

Combs, William Dan Jr.(DAN, JR)

Bethel, Charles (CHARLES)

McFarland, James S. Sr.(STUART)

McFarland, Frances M. (BITSY)

Abernathy, Sid G. (SID)

Barnwell, William L (BILL)

Partner's Name

Melissa

Lynsey

Frances (BITSY)

Stuart

Virginia

Delle

Anniversary

24-Jul

25-Jul

27-Jul

27-Jul

28-Jul

28-Jul

10

16

57

57

58

52

Four Way Test

