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## Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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### This Week:

July 12  
Bruce Satterfield  
*Rotary Year 2016-2017*

### Upcoming Meetings:

July 19  
Linda Blackman  
*"A 2016 Library: So  
Much More than Books"*

July 26  
Patty Mooney  
*Garrett Teems - Dalton  
Downtown Development  
Authority*

August 2  
Ginger Mathis

August 9  
**No Meeting / Joint  
Meeting with Kiwanis  
on August 8th**  
*Ronnie McClurg / High  
School Football Preview*

August 16  
Bruce Satterfield  
*District Governor Visit*

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### Passing the Gavel

By: John Hutcheson



Each year the Club's final meeting in June is marked by transition as a new president and board of officers prepare to assume their responsibilities. Like his predecessors, outgoing President Jason Parker summarized the work of the past year before passing his position to his successor.

Stating how honored he'd been to be called upon to maintain the traditions of the Dalton Rotary Club and to position it for future accomplishments, President Jason remembered being invited to join Rotary by Bill Weaver (who'd been recognized earlier in the meeting for his completion of 47 years as a member of the Club), and after little more than three years as a Rotarian he was asked by David Aft to consider the presidency. Having agreed to serve (with some misgivings about his worthiness for the job), he received much good advice and counsel from Nancy Kennedy, John Neal, and many other Past Presidents, to whom he remains deeply grateful.

The year now ending has been a good one for the Club. Among the highlights are an updating of the Strategic Plan, significant contributions in both cash and service by Club members to the Big Red Reads program, a successful Ronnie McClurg Track Meet (favored by good weather this year), and the annual Earl Lusk Golf Tournament which raised more than \$12,000 for scholarships. The Club was able to give support to two superb GRSP students, and President Jason extended special thanks to Mel and Gretchen Abernathy, who hosted Clarissa Böker of Germany, and to John Richmond and Bill Bowen for their ongoing work on the Club's behalf in support of GRSP. He also thanked Barbara Ward for coordinating our participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, for which unfilled openings in other clubs made it possible for the Dalton club to nominate an unusually large number of students this year. The Club also responded to District initiatives for international service, and while a proposal for cooperation with the Gainesville Rotary Club to support construction of affordable housing in Tanzania proved unfeasible because of circumstances in Africa, the Dalton Club did make a substantial contribution to Heifer International, an organization which seeks to eliminate poverty and hunger by providing livestock and training in animal husbandry and sustainable agriculture to impoverished communities around the world.

Although its expenses for the past year exceeded income by about \$1,260 because revenues from the Golf Tournament were \$2,000 less than anticipated, the Club has maintained its high standing for accomplishment, reaching the Gold Level within District 6910 and receiving a Presidential Citation from Rotary International. One of its more visible efforts locally has been to support connecting the Brookwood School campus to Lakeshore Park, enhancing access to the school and enabling its students to use the park as a learning resource.

**Club Officers:**

**Bruce Satterfield**

President

**Kevin Brunson**

President-Elect

**Frank M. Hogshead**

Secretary, Treasurer

**Jason Parker**

Immediate Past President

**Phil Woodward**

Club Administration Chair

**John Hutcheson**

Public Relations Chair

**Tray Brantley**

Membership Chair

**George (Smitty) Barnett**

Community Service Chair

**Scott Rhoden**

Youth Service Chair

**Scott Minter**

Vocational Service Chair

**Archana Srivastava**

International Service  
Chair

**Greg Dent**

Foundation Chair

President Jason closed his remarks by recognizing the past year's Board members, thanking each of them individually for their work and noting that most will continue their service during the coming year. As a last thought, he urged all Club members to think about how they could present Rotary in an "elevator talk"—a brief description for outsiders of what Rotary is and does, emphasizing it as a worldwide group of professionals doing good work (such as the eradication of polio) by pooling their individual talents and resources for the common good.

As his last official act, Jason called President-Elect Bruce Satterfield forward, administered the presidential pledge, and handed the presidential gavel to him. He also passed on the presidential lapel pin first worn by Past President Nancy Kennedy, making President Bruce the seventh to wear that sign of office.



President Bruce began his term by thanking Past President Jason, to whom he presented a pin, badge, and ceremonial gavel. He was profoundly honored to be President and stood in awe of the tradition embodied by the many Past Presidents in the room. Like Past President Jason, he had been invited to Rotary by Bill Weaver, joining eight years ago. He quickly came to enjoy his Rotary work on committees and at Club events, and when he became chair for Club administration in 2013 he engaged Rotary's heritage more deeply. As President-Nominee he began attending Rotary Leadership Institute sessions, where he gained much from meeting other Rotary leaders and realized that the Dalton Rotary Club has a great reputation that goes well beyond District 6910. While he will wait until the meeting on July 12 to discuss his plans for the coming year, he urged everyone in the meantime to think about how to become more involved in Rotary and more knowledgeable about all it represents.



## July 5th Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Wright, William B. Jr. (WILLIAM)	5-Jul
Maney, Clifford E. (CLIFF)	6-Jul
Combs, William Dan (DAN)	7-Jul
Campbell, J Carl (CARLL)	8-Jul
Neal, John P. III (JOHN)	9-Jul

### Partner Birthdays

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Cruse, Amy	Cruse, Lesley Dale 11-Jul

### Member Anniversaries

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Venable, Margaret H. (MARGARET)	7/7/2015	1
McLeod, Robert S (BOB)	7/10/2007	9

### Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Brooker, Robert H. (ROBERT)	Janet	5-Jul	46
Parrott, V DeForrest III(DEFORREST)	Eugenia	6-Jul	58
Combs, William Dan (DAN)	Donna	11-Jul	46

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