



## Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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### This Week:

June 28  
Jason Parker  
*Passing Gavel*

### Upcoming Meetings:

July 5  
**No Meeting / DGCC  
Closed**

July 12  
Bruce Satterfield  
*Rotary Year 2016-2017*

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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## The Georgia Ports Authority and the Appalachian Regional Port

By: John Hutcheson



Rotarian Rob Bradham, President of the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce, introduced John Trent, Senior Director of Strategic Operations and Safety for the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA). John began his career in maritime affairs with United States Lines in 1984, and since 1994 he has been with the GPA. Currently he is the "point person" for the Authority's Appalachian Region, and he in turn recognized Wes Lanier, Director of Customer Operations for the GPA, who will oversee the new Appalachian Regional Port, and Brittany Pittman, Murray County Sole Commissioner, who worked to secure its location in her county.

John began with a survey of the GPA, the largest entity of its kind in the U.S., which is managed by a board of thirteen members appointed by the State. Functioning like a private corporation, it operates ocean and inland ports, fosters international trade for the State and local communities, promotes Georgia's agricultural, industrial, and natural resources, and protects the natural environments affected by its work. It has 369,163 full-time employees and is directly or indirectly involved with \$89.1 billion in sales, or 33.2% of the State's gross domestic product, and 24.2% of Georgia's total personal income.

Of the GPA's two ocean ports at Savannah and Brunswick, Savannah is the fourth busiest port in the U.S. and the fastest growing in the country. It provides the best port service for 20% of the U.S. population, and through good road and rail infrastructure it connects easily with 44% of the nation's people. Moreover, during the next ten years the population of the Southeastern U.S. is projected to grow by 12%, whereas that served by ports in the Northeast will grow only 3%.

The GPA's capital investment during the last decade was \$807 million, but in the next ten years it will be \$1.9 billion. This will be self-funded, with no use of revenue bonds, and it will underwrite significant investment in rail and the enhancement and expansion of Savannah's harbor facilities, a project to be completed by 2020. Among other things, this entails deepening the inner channel to 47 feet and the outer channel to 49 feet, enabling the port to handle any of the vessels transiting the newly enlarged Panama Canal. One of the tasks accomplished along the way was the careful removal and preservation of artifacts and other remains from the Civil War ironclad CSS Georgia, sunk in the channel by retreating Confederates in 1864—this alone cost \$40 million.

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The GPA is a component of Network Georgia, working in cooperation with railroads and other entities to provide a better transportation network for the State from six regional bases. For Northwest Georgia this will be at the Appalachian Regional Port to be built in northern Murray County, a location selected over Dalton because rail traffic passing through Dalton is already some of the heaviest on the CSX and Norfolk Southern systems and the Murray County site is a better option for serving Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Northwest Georgia and surrounding areas in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia presently handle 300,000 container units annually, and with connections through Savannah to the new Panama Canal the region will be able to attract business from the West Coast. A particularly heavy concentration of import/export customers lies along I-75, and the north Murray site offered the most adequate and available combination of flat land, good rail connections, and a major highway artery along US 411.

The new facility will cost \$24 million, plus equipment, and is projected to begin operating in September 2018. The GPA will take special care to be a good neighbor to the surrounding Fairy Valley area. In its first year the port should increase daily vehicular traffic through Crandall by only 4%, and by its tenth year, when it is fully built out, the daily vehicular count will still be below that of 2004. Adequate queuing space will prevent blockage of US 411 in high traffic periods. Lighting will be focused downward, using low-glare, low-energy lights similar to those successfully used in Savannah, and the port will not operate at night for at least its first six years. Buffers will protect Sumac Creek, with a retention pond to collect storm water runoff. The GPA has been recognized for its protection of wetlands near Savannah, and it will go to extra lengths, spending as much as a million dollars, to provide attractive and protective landscaping. While recognizing that the project has excited a good deal of local controversy, John ended his presentation by appealing for its support.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Little, William Norris Sr. (NORRIS)	28-Jun
Chambliss, Darla P (DARLA)	3-Jul
Parker, Hoyt Jason (JASON)	4-Jul

### Partner Birthdays

	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Maret, Sarah	Maret, Charles D.	1-Jul
Alderman, Alicia	Alderman, Paul Wayne Jr.	3-Jul


### Member Anniversaries

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Burt, Amanda (AMANDA)	6/30/2004	12
Johnson, Larry Alan (LARRY)	7/1/2013	3
Mathis, Ginger Minor (GINGER)	7/1/2013	3
Dent, Gregory J (GREG)	7/1/2014	2
Weaver, William B (BILL)	7/1/1969	47
Thomas, Don R. (DON)	7/1/1973	43
O'Neill, Michael Paul (MIKE)	7/1/2010	6
Jones, J Sherwood III(SHERWOOD)	7/1/1996	20
Peterfreund, Allen David (ALLEN)	7/1/2013	3
Gilreath, Judy Ellen (JUDY)	7/1/2013	3
Sponcler, Maurice M. Jr.(MAURICE)	7/1/1980	36

### Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
O'Neill, Michael Paul (MIKE)	Lin	30-Jun	32
Blackman, Linda T. (LINDA)	Bill	1-Jul	49
Sutherland, George W. (GEORGE)	Phyllis	1-Jul	49
Blackman, Bill M (BILL)	Linda	1-Jul	49
Johnson, Roy Glenn (ROY)	Pat	2-Jul	50
Harris, Kevin W (KEVIN)	Lezlie	3-Jul	34

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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  
all concerned?**

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