



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

March 11
Ginger Mathis
GNTC President, Pete
McDonald

Upcoming Meetings:

March 18
No Meeting

March 20
Banquet - The Farm

March 25
Hilliard Jolly
Walter Jones - "The Lent
I never knew"

April 1
John Richmond
GRSP Student

April 8
William Wright

April 15
Golf Tournament

April 22
Amanda Reed

April 29
Rick Hooper
Preview of Kentucky
Derby

Celebrating Our Dear Friend Charlie Bowen

By: Chuck Dobbins



While we grieve at the passing of our dear friend and fellow Rotarian, Charlie Bowen, we take this time to celebrate a life well lived and the blessing to have known and served with him! Mr. Bowen was a Rotarian in the truest sense of the word. He placed service to others above himself. As his son, Charles said at his funeral service on March 9, 2014, "The Rotary motto of service above self spoke to him and embodied how he wanted to live his life."

Charlie Bowen joined the Rotary Club of Dalton on October 21, 1941. For 72 years, he was a member of this club, served as president during 1954-1955, and was an example of servant leadership to all he encountered. He was the oldest member and the one with the longest service in the history of our club. There may never be another Rotarian with that tenure in the club. There will certainly never be one who has the full history of the club or who is remembered with the honor and respect so justly due Mr. Bowen.

Today, we celebrate, with fond memories, the nearly 101 year life of Charlie Bowen. We also continue to pray for his family during these days.

Club Officers:

Chuck Dobbins
President
David Aft
President-Elect
Frank M. Hogshead
Secretary, Treasurer
Brian Anderson
Immediate Past President
Kelly Jones
Club Administration Chair
Judy M. Elliott
Membership Chair
Kathryn Sellers
Public Image Chair
Judy M. Elliott
Membership Chair
Ty Ross
Community Service Chair
Scott Rhoden
Youth Service Chair
Jason Parker
Vocational Service Chair
Sandra Stone
Foundation Chair

Rotary Spring Banquet and Reception

By: David Aft

Greetings, fellow Rotarians –

Make your reservations now for the Rotary Spring Banquet and Reception planned for

March 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at The Farm.

Please let me know if you and your spouse or significant other will be joining us for the March 20th dinner.

Last year's event was a wonderful reminder of how much fun Rotary can be and how important fellowship is to our Club. This year's program will be fun and informative as we continue to explore the legacy of Rotary founder Paul Harris and the many important achievements we share as Rotarians.

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUESTED

Over the next week, I hope to finalize our list of attendees and with this in mind, please RSVP by return e-mail to david.aft@communityfoundationnwga.org or by telephone at 706-313-9518.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to Chuck Dobbins or myself and we hope to see you at The Farm on March 20th.

42nd Annual Ronnie McClurg Rotary Invitational Track Meet

By: Jason Parker

If you're looking for signs of Spring, look no further than the upcoming Ronnie McClurg Rotary Invitational Track Meet on **March 15, 2014!**

This is the 42nd annual occasion of the meet, and a signature Rotary event in our community. Our namesake of the event and fellow Rotarian, Coach McClurg, reports that 25 teams have already signed up to attend and the event will be held on the renovated track facilities at Dalton High School.

This year's event includes participation of 25-30 DHS Interact Club members, so it promises to be a special day for being active in the community and meeting these students. Interact is recognized by Rotary as a club for youth ages 12-18 who want to connect with others in their community or school; carry out service projects and learn about the world. Interact students will be partnered to work alongside our club members for the meet.

Many members have already signed up to volunteer for the track meet, but opportunities still exist to join in and spend part of that day in fellowship with these athletes and fellow Rotarians. Check your table at the next meeting for sign-up sheets, and for an alternate way you can participate!

First Five Coalition – the Result of years of Research and Planning

By: Kathryn Sellers



Dixie Kinard proudly announced the new First Five Coalition that has been in the works by Archway for over four years. Katie Green, coordinator for this project said, "this is a partnership between many groups in education and healthcare with three main goals:

- 1) To provide access to quality early care and educational programs for the needs of families and for the children's school readiness. Over 200 children in our community don't get into the universal prekindergarten program and badly need the preparatory work.
- 2) For parents to gain knowledge about caring for children and the capacity to succeed with preparing children for their education
- 3) To create availability for these families of services in health, nutrition and mental health. Only 68.8% of mothers in our community receive prenatal care." It is available for the first trimester at the health center, but not full term. The coalition is trying to uncover the reason why our area has so many premature births and then to prevent them as much as possible.

The "First Five Coalition" is beginning several projects for early learning:

- "book nooks" or small lending/giving libraries for children where the children and their families gather or wait, such as pediatricians' offices. There are also United Way's Little Libraries that will be placed in parks and other outdoor locations.
- Learning opportunities in the summer at the library and other community places.
- A Pilot study called "Saturday Academy for early learners," a family education environment at the Gaston Center where at-risk families are recruited from various non-profit agencies for educational help.
- "Every child ready to read" with Dalton State and the Library partnering

- Story times at the Boys and Girls Club

Both Katie and Melissa Lu, Archway director, thanked the community for stepping up to fulfill this desire for a transformation in Dalton for early learners. Volunteers of all types are needed.

Rotary District Conference

By: Anton Zellman

Dear District 6910 Rotarian,

The time has arrived! Registration is open for the 2014 District Conference at Jekyll Island on April 25-27, 2014. We are so excited about this District Conference, and we know you will want to be part of it, too! Like the 2010 District Conference, we are celebrating at Jekyll, but this time there's a brand new, eye-catching Convention Center. In addition to celebrating our Rotary year and enjoying each other's fellowship, there will be plenty of time to explore all the activities that Jekyll Island has to offer.

[Please register by clicking on this link.](#) That will take you to your DaCdb sign-in portal. After you sign in, you'll be taken to the District Calendar page. Scroll down to the month of April and find the District Conference event listing and click on Register NOW in third Column from the left. Once you click on Register NOW, you'll be taken to the District Conference registration site. It's that easy!

Please note that If you were an Early Registrant for the District Conference (you signed up and paid your \$50 deposit at the 2013 District Conference in Chattanooga), that your \$50-for-\$50 discount is not automatically calculated in your registration; you need to look for the early registration box on the registration page and complete it as it applies to you (based on the number of paid-for early registration tickets you purchased).

We invite you to bring your family to be part of the Family of Rotary Fun as you "Discover the Treasures of Rotary" on Jekyll Island! So let's all hoist anchor and set sail for Rotary celebration and fellowship at Jekyll Island!

Please contact PDG and DC Chair Shane Burr <shane.burr@hotmail.com> if you have questions or run into any difficulties.

Yours in Rotary Gold,
Your 2014 District Conference Committee

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Join Dates

<u>Member Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
McCoy, Norman D. (NORMAN)	12-Mar
Blanchard, Martin G. (MARTIN)	15-Mar
Watkins, Jerry T. Jr. (JERRY)	16-Mar
Mathis, Ginger Minor (GINGER)	17-Mar

<u>Partner Birthdays</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Shirley, JoAnne	Shirley, Rudy Mckey	11-Mar
Griffin, Candy	Griffin, Joseph	12-Mar
Harris, Lezlie	Bryan	
Temples, Noel	Harris, Kevin W	13-Mar
	Temples, Coy H	16-Mar

<u>Member Anniversaries</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
No member anniversaries this period.		

<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Weaver, William B (BILL)	Virginia	12-Mar	48
Johnson, Tangela (TANGELA)	John	13-Mar	21
Walker, Andrew Keithline (ANDY)	Janet	17-Mar	37

Contribute to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)

By: Chuck Dobbins

The Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation makes it possible for Rotary clubs to transform lives worldwide. Your generous support funds local and international projects that advance projects of Rotary International and our club.

The Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative encourages all Rotary club members to contribute to the Annual Fund every year to help us support the Rotary Foundation. We sincerely hope that you will be (or continue to be) a Sustaining Member, which means that you give at least \$100 annually to the Annual Fund.

As your quarterly dues invoice comes to you from Frank Hogshead, we have included a \$25 per quarter discretionary contribution to the Annual Fund. It is that easy to be both a part of EREY and be a Sustaining Member. Simply elect to pay the discretionary amount for the Rotary Foundation. The club will handle making sure you receive the credit at the Rotary Foundation.

Please see Sandra Stone, Frank Hogshead, Dixie Kinard, or Chuck Dobbins for more information on EREY and The Rotary Foundation.

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