



# Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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## This Week:

May 10  
Amanda Myers  
5th Grade Awards

## Upcoming Meetings:

May 17  
Jonathan Bledsoe  
Rotary Scholarship  
Awards

May 24  
Alan Peterfreund  
DHS Soccer Team

May 31  
**No Meeting / DGCC  
Closed**

## Recognitions

President Jason recognized this year's GRSP students Clarissa Böker and Maisy Murphy, who were attending their final meeting with the Club before leaving Dalton, and he presented Clarissa with a Dalton Rotary banner to take back to her home club in Germany.



John Hutcheson received his second Paul Harris Fellowship pin from President-Elect Bruce Satterfield.



## Club Officers:

**Jason Parker**  
President  
**Bruce Satterfield**  
President-Elect  
**Frank M. Hogshead**  
Secretary, Treasurer  
**David Aft**  
Immediate Past President  
**Teresa Carter**  
Club Administration Chair  
**John Hutcheson**  
Public Image Chair  
**Tray Brantley**  
Membership Chair  
**Janice Kiker**  
Community Service Chair  
**Scott Rhoden**  
Youth Service Chair  
**Kevin Brunson**  
Vocational Service Chair  
**Archana Srivastava**  
International Service  
Chair  
**Greg Dent**  
Foundation Chair

# The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame: A Survey by Derek Waugh

By: John Hutcheson



Acting more out of protocol than necessity, Rotarian Allen Peterfreund introduced Rotarian Derek Waugh, outgoing Director of Athletics at Dalton State College and recently appointed CEO of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. As one of the Club's most prominent members physically, personally, and professionally, Derek really required no introduction, and Allen noted that he is possibly the only Dalton Rotarian with his own Wikipedia page. He summarized Derek's truly distinguished career as a player and coach prior to his arrival in Dalton, where in less than four years he has developed a nationally acclaimed program at Dalton State.

Derek began his remarks with a tribute to the Rev. Robin Lindsey, his pastor at First United Methodist Church, who is soon to retire after more than forty years in the Methodist ministry and seven years' membership in the Dalton Rotary club. After mentioning that his association with Robin was one of the many blessings he has received in the course of becoming part of the Dalton community, Derek expressed gratitude that his new job will allow him to remain in Dalton.

The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1956 as the Georgia Prep Sports Hall of Fame. It assumed its present form in 1963, when it expanded to include collegiate and professional athletes—the first professional inductees were Ty Cobb, Bobby Jones, and Georgia Tech football coach William Alexander. In 1978 the Sports Hall of Fame became a state-supported entity along with the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, with facilities for both constructed in Macon in the mid-1990s. Now the oldest Sports Hall of Fame in the nation, it is also the largest, with its 43,000 square foot building housing scores of exhibits and more than 3,000 artifacts detailing the state's sports history. Derek pointed out that Georgia has produced the fifth highest number of professional athletes of any state and the second highest on a per capita basis.

As CEO, one of Derek's primary responsibilities will be fund-raising; the Great Recession prompted the state to reduce its subsidy from 2008 onward and funding is now carried on through a foundation. Beyond this, Derek will promote partnerships with a host of agencies, such as the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Parks and Recreation Association, the Georgia High School Association, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Atlanta Braves and Falcons, and any others that can help the Hall of Fame promote the power of sports to teach crucial lessons about life. While he will not run the museum in Macon, he will have significant influence on sports all over the state. In appreciation for all Dalton has done for him and his family he will promote this community in every appropriate way he can.

Derek concluded with a short video about the Hall of Fame's "MomentUS Project," which seeks to promote character-building and healthier, more active lifestyles by incorporating stories of some of the Hall's 300+ inductees into a curriculum developed in partnership with the University of Georgia's College of Education. The project's motto—"Celebrating the Past, Inspiring the Future"—summarizes the mission of the Hall of Fame itself.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

Scott, Trammell (TRAMMELL)

### Birthday

12-May

### Partner Birthdays

Merritt, Mickie  
Blevins, David  
Mathis, Thomas (TOM)

### Member Name

Merritt, Gerald R.  
Blevins, Sheri H.  
Mathis, Ginger  
Minor

### Birthday

13-May  
15-May  
15-May

### Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

### Start Date

### Years

### Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this period.

### Partner's Name

### Anniversary

### Years

