



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

May 13

Amanda Reed

5th Grade Awards

Upcoming Meetings:

May 20

Jonathan Bledsoe

Rotary Scholarship

Presentation

May 27

Offsite Meeting - Rotary

Pavillion - Steve Card

DGCC Closed

June 3

Sparky Kelehear

June 10

Kevin Brunson

June 17

Bob Chandler

June 24

Chuck Dobbins

Passing of Gavel

Rotary Attendance and Make Ups

By: Chuck Dobbins

Through District Conference and Rotary Leadership Institute, I have come to know the President of the Rotary Club of Thomson. Their club requires 100% attendance as a condition of membership. They ask for it and they get it. That club was recognized as a 100% attendance club at District Conference this year. Can you imagine? Every member is either present or has a make up for the entire year. While we have never required 100% attendance, we do ask that all active members maintain a minimum attendance of 60%.

When you are not able to be present at a club meeting, we sincerely miss you. Hopefully, your participation in Rotary means so much to you that you miss being there for the programs and the fellowship on those days when you are not able to be at Rotary. While we prefer that you are with us every week, we know that busy people have other commitments from time to time that cause a need to be elsewhere. When those occasions occur, we ask that you be sure to complete a make up.

There are so many ways to have a valid make up. As Rotarians, we are involved in many other organizations where our volunteer work can qualify as a make up. Attending another Rotary Club meeting always qualifies. In addition, you can complete a make up on line at the E-Club of the South (<http://makeup.rotaryclubofthesouth.org/>).

To record a make up, please complete the make up form at the badge table or send an email to Frank Hogshead (fmhogshead@yahoo.com) with the make up information.

If you have a question about where your attendance stands, please ask our Club Secretary, Frank Hogshead. Thanks for your help in remembering to complete make ups and for being present as much as you possibly can!

Casey Cagle, Georgia's Lt. Governor

By: Kathryn Sellers



Senator Charlie Bethel introduced Casey Cagle, Lt. Governor of Georgia. Charlie pointed out that he was raised by a single mother and at age 20 started a business in men's wear and later founded a bank. Cagle became Ga State senator from Hall county at age 28 and was made Lt. Governor in 2006. His desire for economic development in the state is for a focus on education, especially for school choice and for the strength of career and technical colleges. He has also worked tirelessly for the health of our children finding state resources outside of insurance.

Cagle stated that Georgia is the "capitol of the South" and has grown to success because it is unique and has made forward-thinking investments. In the 70s, Birmingham and Atlanta were

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the same size, but Georgia invested in Hartsfield airport and Zell Miller worked to expand the Savannah port to serve the large retailers he enticed to the state. Those ideas were an investment in the future and that is what we need now. "We need vertical thinkers to plan forward," stated Cagle, "and we need the courage to invest in the future."

Cagle predicted more billionaires in the next decade because we have good opportunities with new technology that does not confine us to geographical boundaries. We need to be ready for the technology in manufacturing with highly skilled workers. This requires an investment in education, not a "one-size-fits-all" education but a focus on the needs of the students and the needs of industry. An example is dual enrollment where a student can graduate not just from high school, but also with an associate's degree in IT for healthcare or other career paths.

We have learned in the recent downturns that we can be more efficient. Georgia leads the nation in many areas, but especially in research institutions. Cagle is pushing for "Invest Georgia" and asking for \$100 million to focus on the essentials of discovery in the research institutions. "Georgia needs to use our assets in the most efficient way," said Cagle. An example of efficient asset use is the dual use of highways for heavy traffic times. This is certainly something the Atlanta area could do to alleviate the snarled traffic problems in the major corridors and is an example of efficiency in asset use.

When asked about the stall in funding the port expansion, Cagle said he thinks the issue can be worked out between the state and the federal government. All realize this is a critical need.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
McFarland, Frances M. (BITSY)	17-May
McLeod, Robert S (BOB)	19-May

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Merritt, Mickie	Merritt, Gerald R	13-May
Blevins, David	Blevins, Sheri H.	15-May
Mathis, Thomas (TOM)	Mathis, Ginger Minor	15-May
McFarland, Frances (BITSY)	McFarland, James S. Sr.	17-May
Peterfreund, Anna	Peterfreund, Allen David	19-May

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Scott, Trammell (TRAMMELL)	19-May-98	16

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Fox, Graham M. (GRAHAM)	Bradley	18-May	12

Four Way Test

