



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

October 6
Pete Sigmon
*Zach Monroe - Card
Monroe Co. "Today's
Tufting Technology"*

Upcoming Meetings:

October 13
Kevin Brunson
*Vocational Service
Awards*

October 20
Bruce Satterfield
Rotary R&R

October 27
Archana Srivastava
*Dr. Bharat Parekh -
Center for Disease
Control & Prevention
"HIV AIDS Research"*

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
Rick Cobb
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

PDG Announces Rotary Foundation Grant to Dalton Club

By: John Hutcheson



Past District Governor Bill Strickland visited to convey the Dalton Rotary Club's portion of the latest District Grant from the Rotary Foundation. After noting that the Foundation annually returns half its donated funds to the districts for support of local projects, he presented President Jason Parker a check for \$1,440 as the Dalton club's share for 2015. This amount will be included in the Club's contribution of \$4,000 to Big Red Reads, Dalton Public Schools' program for sustaining reading skills by providing students ready access to free or borrowed books during the long summer vacation. Accepting on behalf of DPS from Past President David Aft were Alice Ensley, DPS district literacy trainer; Kathryn Sellers, volunteer; and Dr. Jim Hawkins, DPS Superintendent.



Heritage Preserved: A Report on the Resaca Battlefield

By: John Hutcheson



Rotarian Sparky Kelehear introduced Ken Padgett, Chairman of the Gordon County Historical Preservation Commission and an eminent figure in the preservation of Gordon County's Civil War sites. Ken's interest in Civil War history began when he was a child visiting his uncle's property on a part of the Resaca battleground and easily retrieving mini? balls and other relics. The idea of preserving the field began in the early 1990's when Philip Secrist, subsequently author of "The Battle of Resaca" (Mercer University Press, 1998), contacted Ken about relic hunting, and in 1994 the Friends of Resaca Battlefield was organized to solicit funds for the acquisition of appropriate properties. Ken recounted how vigorous work, frequently mixing success with disappointment, finally brought about State support. Although the original intent was to secure 1,200 acres, the initial effort only brought in about 550 acres, but that made up the core area of the battlefield. Future plans include a museum to enhance interpretation for visitors, and Ken pointed out that preserved and protected historic sites of this type are often powerful generators of public revenue, attracting thousands or even millions of "heritage tourists" whose needs create business opportunities and expanded tax digests.

Ken gave a brief summary of the First Battle of Resaca, in May 1864, when elements of William T. Sherman's Union army flanked Joseph E. Johnston's Confederates through an unguarded pass at Snake Creek Gap, forcing the Southerners to retreat from Dalton and meeting them in a spirited action at Resaca. A Second Battle of Resaca occurred the following October, when John Bell Hood's Confederate troops unsuccessfully attempted to cut the Western and Atlantic Railroad and thus isolate Sherman's army, which by then had captured Atlanta and depended on supply lines running through Northwest Georgia.

What might be called the Third Battle of Resaca comprises the efforts at preservation over the past 20-25 years. Exclusive of the Resaca Confederate Cemetery (established in 1866), the protected area now includes about 1,200 acres, sometimes acquired in the face of strong opposition from property owners confronted with legal condemnation of historically desirable land. After some anecdotes about incidents and personalities associated with Resaca during the Civil War, Ken noted that even for those with little interest in history, Resaca should still be attractive since the battlefield is environmentally significant for its natural beauty and for the presence of a type of wildflower and kind of frog which are both considered endangered species.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Tripp, Larry E. (LARRY)	7-Oct
Gilreath, Judy Ellen (JUDY)	9-Oct
Aft, David (DAVID)	9-Oct
Alderman, Paul Wayne Jr. (PAUL)	11-Oct
Temples, Coy H (COY)	11-Oct

Partner Birthdays

	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Griffin, Brenda	Griffin, Ronald L	8-Oct
Sponcler, Betty	Sponcler, Maurice M. Jr.	11-Oct

Member Anniversaries

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Cruse, Lesley Dale (DALE)	12-Oct-10	5

Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Dickson, Thomas S. (TOM)	Sherry	10-Oct	28

Four Way Test

