



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

<http://www.daltonrotaryclub.org>

This Week:

September 8

NO Meeting

DGCC Closed

Upcoming Meetings:

September 14, Monday

Amanda Burt

United Way Kickoff

September 22

Director Program

Board Meeting

September 29

Sparky Kelehear

Resace Battlefield

Club Officers:

Jason Parker

President

Bruce Satterfield

President-Elect

Frank M. Hogshead

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Chair

Greg Dent

Foundation Chair

Meet Clarissa Böker, Dalton's Newest GRSP Student

By: John Hutcheson



Rotarian Mel Abernathy introduced Clarissa Böker, our club's most recent GRSP student, for whom he and his wife Gretchen are serving as host family. Mel observed that this is the third time they have done so and that each time seems better than the last.

At age nineteen, Clarissa comes to us from Dalhausen, Germany, a small town of 1,600 located in North Rhine-Westphalia between Hanover and Düsseldorf. She has been in Dalton for one month, living in student housing at Dalton State College. Her father is a food chemist and her mother is an official in town government supervising gender equality. They have been married for 22 years, and Clarissa has two sisters, ages fifteen and eight.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Clarissa described her hometown and her upbringing there. During the 19th and much of the 20th centuries, Dalhausen's economy was largely engaged with basket weaving, using reeds from nearby rivers—today the town even boasts a museum of basket weaving. Some of the local traditions include the Alm-Abtrieb an annual festival for livestock herders coming in from surrounding pasturelands prior to the onset of winter; the Kartoffelbraten, or community potato roast; and the Schützenfest, two summer weekends of shooting matches and marksmanship contests culminating in a big town party. Her home Rotary club is in the town of Höxter, in District 1900. Founded in 1980, it consists of about fifty members and has a number of projects concerned with preservation of the local cultural heritage—one of these is restoration of a pipe organ in an former monastery that is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Although many German students attend grades five through twelve in a type of school called a Gymnasium, Clarissa attended a Catholic school about twenty miles from her home which offered courses not available in the public system.

Asked what she misses most about her home, Clarissa mentioned the difficulty of finding good German bread in this area. On the other hand, now that she is in the U.S. she really likes hamburgers, barbeque, and corn. She first heard about GRSP from another student rather than through her Rotary club, which was unaware of it, and decided to apply. As for her American academic experience so far, she much prefers the smaller classes at Dalton State to the large classes she would be assigned to in Germany. When complimented on her very fluent English, she pointed out that German students her age

know English well—her eight-year-old sister is now beginning to study it—and that she herself was taught in both German and English from the seventh grade on. Her biggest surprise since arriving in the U.S. was having to be picked up at the Atlanta airport and the absence of convenient public transportation from there to Dalton. Clarissa ended her presentation by displaying a plaque given to her at the recent GRSP Convocation which honors Dalton Rotary Past President Carlton McCamy for his vital work with GRSP in its early years.

United Way Kickoff Block Party & CEO Trike Race

It's **United Way Campaign Kickoff** time, and we are ready to celebrate! Rotary is partnering with United Way for this event, so there will be no Rotary club meeting on Tuesday, September 15.

Come party with United Way Campaign Chairman JT Finley on Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Dalton Green Park located on Selvidge Street beside the Whitfield County Courthouse!

Come watch local CEOs and their relay teams race to the finish line – on tricycles- to claim the 2015 title of WINNER!

Immediately following the race, join us in Dalton Green Park for a night of fun with a LIVE performance from Ben Honeycutt – who appeared on American Idol season 9.

There will be entertainment for the kids and a host of local food vendors. This is a family friendly event, so bring your blanket and lawn chairs for a fun-filled evening.

The Block Party is open to the public; dinner tickets are \$10.00 - sold in advance. Rotary members are covered by the club, but please register online at www.ourunitedway.org to secure your ticket. Child meals tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Peterfreund, Allen David (ALLEN)	8-Sep
Bledsoe, Vonda J. (VONDA)	8-Sep
Elliott, Judy M. (JUDY)	9-Sep
Johnson, Roy Glenn (ROY)	10-Sep
Mooney, Patricia H (PATTY)	12-Sep

Partner Birthdays

	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Pare', Pamela	Pare', Michel C.	8-Sep
Cobb, Elaine	Cobb, Ricky W.	8-Sep

Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Tharpe, Henry C. (HENRY)	Julie	12-Sep	44
Little, William Norris Sr.(NORRIS)	Billie	13-Sep	62
Bledsoe, Vonda J. (VONDA)	Dwayne	13-Sep	12
Bowen, William C. III(BILL)	Ann	14-Sep	41
