



In Memorium

Billy Lee Thomas 1927-2017



Fellow Rotarian Billy Thomas passed away on Sunday, May 21st, following a brief illness. Billy was a dedicated Rotarian who faithfully attended our weekly meetings and other events. He always had a smile and a kind word to say to those he met and greeted. Billy and his two brothers opened Thomas Packing Company in 1948, which remained in operation until 2004. Billy loved Rotary. He was a Will Watt Fellow, a Hue Thomas Fellow, a Paul Harris Fellow (Plus 8), a Rotary International Benefactor, and a Major Donor. He obviously enjoyed the friendships and comradery of his Rotary Family and we, likewise, enjoyed and looked forward to interacting with him. Club President Janice Wallace noted during Thursday's meeting of the void his passing has left. Very true, indeed, Janice!

Club Calendar

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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| June 1 | Sandra Brownlee
Veterans Services |
| | Outgoing / Incoming Board Meeting |
| June 8 | Tamara Ison
Wellstar's Volunteer Impact |
| June 15 | Jason Clark
SE Reltile Rescue |

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Griffin Rotary Videos

Thanks to the combined creative works of Josh Messer, Brett Bell, and Kitchen Sink Marketing, several very nice video presentations have recently been recorded for the Rotary Club of Griffin. The effort was really based on production of a club recording for the recent District Convention and for the upcoming Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. As part of Club Assembly, several recordings of Rotarians sharing their "Rotary A-HA Moment" were cued up and shown during our meeting. Altogether, 15 Rotary Moments were shown. Even our late Billy Thomas was recorded. Billy spoke about how Rotary had connected him with the world through international projects and programs. Other videos were of Wayne Gardner, Steve Crouch, Stephanie Windham, Skipper Burns, Natalie Marshall, Janice Wallace, Howard Wallace, Dick Brooks, Crystal Swygert, Brett Bell, Bill Baldwin, Art Hammond, Ann Walker, and Allen Edwards. There were some common themes in many of the Moments. Fellowship, comradery, and Rotary Family were mentioned by several members. Ann Walker said, "Rotary focuses on the positives in life. As Rotary grows, I grow, too." Like Billy Thomas, several others noted international connections as their Moments. Skipper Burns and Janice Wallace both spoke about the impact of the international convention had upon them and how Rotarians from totally different cultures and geographic regions work together on common problems and challenges. Probably the newest member recording a video was Natalie Marshall who found her Moment in the polio eradication program. Several also appreciated the local community service provided by Griffin Rotary.

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

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| May 29 | John Dillon |
| 30 | Andrew Blake |
| June 1 | Mark Peek |
| 2 | Katy Arrowood |
| 4 | Dick Brooks |
| 5 | Jennifer Hilton |
| | Janice Wallace |
| 7 | Will Childs |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| May 28 | Alton & Annette Knight |
| June 6 | Don & Farrah Crider
Jerry & Mary Walker |

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM Club Assembly



President Janice Wallace convened our fourth and final Club Assembly for the 2016-17 Rotary year on Thursday. She used the Assembly to make announcements, provide some updates, and more. Here is a summary:

Griffin-Spalding Senior Games were held last week with James Jenkins and Chuck Copeland assisting.

Little Library Boxes – Brett Bell reported that several boxes are already up and operating, and Griffin Rotarians have been actively involved. Philip and Jackie Smith have sponsored a box. Don Crider is operating one at Third Ward Park. Griffin Rotary's Little Library will be dedicated at Fairmont on May 31st at 4 PM. And, Yvonne and Robert Langford, along with Georgia Business Service, will dedicate their Library on

June 9th. Book drop locations and other support will be hosted or offered by Wellstar, UGA Griffin, Flint River Regional Library, Southern Crescent Technical College, and Griffin Daily News.

The **SCTC Rotaract Club** recently completed a very successful year making community and international impact through their projects. New officers will be in place at the start of the fall semester.

Griffin Rotary Legends: Janice Wallace shared a part of the legacy of Griffin Rotary by recognizing those members with 40+ years of service to the Club. Those are Sonny Hunt (joined 1953), Moose Millican (joined 1955), Bobby Shapard (1956), Frank Harris (1959), Andrew Blake (1960), Henry Walker (1962), Billy Thomas (1965), Walker Cook (1971), John Newton (1972), Howard Wallace (1972), Jerry Walker (1972), Sid Esary (1974), Art Hammond (1975), and Philip Smith (1977). These include 10 Past Presidents, 3 Secretaries or Treasurers, and 3 Hunt Cup winners. All are Paul Harris Fellows and 11 are Will Watt Fellows. Thank you for your Service Above Self.

HANDBOOK UPDATES DUE

Jim King is again updating our Club Handbook for the upcoming Rotary year. We hope to have the new Handbook revised and released before July 1. Please check your entry in the Handbook. Send any needed revisions to Jim (king109@bellsouth.net). Set an appointment with Rick Blackshear(770-227-0750) for new or replacement photos.

MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday – 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday – 7:15 AM	Fayetteville	IHOP, Fayetteville
Monday – 6:30 PM	Coweta-Fayette	Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Barnesville	Lamar Co. College & Career Academy
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Jackson/Butts Co.	Daughtry Park, Jackson
Tuesday – 12:15 PM	Thomaston/Upson Co	Thomaston-Upson Senior Center
Wednesday – 7:30 AM	Griffin Daybreak	J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin
Wednesday – 12:15 PM	Clayton County	Holiday Inn, Jonesboro
Thursday – 7:15 AM	Fayette Daybreak	Windham ,Peachtree City
Friday – 12 Noon	Newnan	Newnan Country Club, Newnan

Rotary eClub One– One Makeup per Quarter

ATTENDANCE

Thanks to all who attended this week's meeting. We had no makeups reported giving us an attendance of 65% this week. For those who could not attend Thursday's meeting, please know that you were missed and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

MAKE UPS (0): None reported

MISSING SPOKES (46): Katy Arrowood, Tim Bevins, Otis Blake, Pricha Bunya, Eric Callahan, Bill Cooper, Jim Dunaway, Kristen Dutton, Dennis Easthope, Allen Edwards, Chris Edwards, Bennie Evans, Jim Fortune, Joy Gaddy, Adam Greer, Eddie Grogan, Ben Johnson, Eddie Johnston, Walter Jones, Kirk Kealey, Terry Killingsworth, Alton Knight, David Knight, David Luckie, Henry Mabbett, Josh Messer, Mark Milam, John O'Neal, Scott Owen, Mark Peek, Randy Peters, Eric Pitts, John Plageman, Tony Powell, John Rainwater, Jason Robinson, Jeff Rosecrans, Thom Sandwich, Daniel Searcy, Bill Shapard, Robert Sullins, Crystal Swygart, Brooke Tardy, Lee Thomas, Bobby Wheaton, Kelvin Williams

Get those makeups for missed meetings in two weeks before or two weeks after your absence.

Wear your name badge at meetings to be counted present.

ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFIN, GA PO Box 473, Griffin, GA 30224

OFFICERS

President	-	Janice Wallace
Vice-President	-	Allen Edwards
President-Elect	-	Tom Gardner
Treasurer	-	Art Hammond
Secretary	-	Yvonne Langford
Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Kim Brown
Club Chaplain	-	Med Roach
Bulletin Editor	-	Wayne Gardner
Photographer	-	William Wilson

DIRECTORS

Membership	-	Katy Arrowood
Public Relations	-	Brett Bell
Club Administration	-	David Galloway
Rotary Foundation	-	George Granade
Vocational Service	-	Corey Letson
Community Service	-	Kelvin Williams
International Service	-	John Crouch
New Generations	-	Brian Upson

ED OUTLAW

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District 6900 Governor

JOHN F. GERM

Rotary International President