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## **Appalachian Trail Thru Hiker Richard Judy**



Richard Judy ATC



Richard Judy of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy spoke Thursday on the history of the AT and his very apparent love of the AT and hiking. "It's truly the journey rather than the destination," he said. Judy shared that the Trail was first conceived by Benton McKaye in 1921. The wilderness trail opened in 1937 following extensive mapping and development efforts from Katahdin, Maine, to Mt. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Earl Shaffer, a WWII veteran, was the first to thru-hike the trail (completed the trail within a 12month period) in 1948, taking 124 days to do so. Since then, about 15,000 people have reportedly hiked the trail in its entirety, and 31 local hiking clubs help to maintain it. The Trail has evolved from a "continuous wilderness path" to a cultural experience. Judy himself hiked the trail in 1973 starting at the northern end and taking 140 days to make the trek. "It was like a manic-depressive experience," he said. "There are lots of emotional ups and downs with weather changes and fatigue. It definitely takes lots of mental discipline." Richard's son, Dan, completed the Trail in 140 days in 1993, and daughter Laura completed it in 2004. He talked about how the Trail has changed since 1937. The trail is in excellent shape now. Hiking gear has advanced so much. Knowledge of food and nutrition helps. And, rather than being a wilderness, the trail experience is now a cultural existence. Judy recently published a novel, THRU – An Appalachian Trail Love Story, that is fictional but incorporates his experiences on the Trail and those people he has met there. "It is truly an adventure of a lifetime," he said. Yes, it is a very common dream many have in wondering what it would be like to hike the AT in its entirety.

## **CLUB DONATES TO GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR MONUMENT**



President Jeff Jacobs presented a Club donation to Ricky Todd in support of the proposed monument memorializing those from this community who have given their lives in the Global War On Terror. The monument will cost \$30,000 and is targeted to be dedicated in Memorial Park on Memorial Day 2015. Also present for the presentation were Jim King, Philip Smith, and Allan Imes of the Organizing Committee.

## **ROTARIANS REMEMBER 9/11**

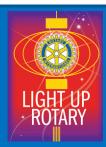


Tom Moore played Military Taps marking a ceremony in observance the 9/11 terrorist attacks that killed 2,977 people in Lower Manhattan, at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and outside of Shanksville, PA, where a plane carrying terrorists and innocent passengers crashed before reaching its destination in Washington. Victims of those attacks on the morning of September 11, 2001, ranged in age from 2 to 85 years old with 75-80% being males. Of those killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers, 403 were New York firefighters and first responders.



# September is New Generations Month

District 6900 Online www.rotary6900.org



## Club Calendar

September 18	Richard Deaton Georgia Historical Society
September 25	Mark Preston CNN Politics
October 2	Club Outing Cherokee Rose
October 9	ТВА
October 16	Frank Goalen U.S. Marines
October 23	Judge Chris Edwards

Our Rotary Family

# Happy Birthday To

Dennis Easthope	-	September 13
Jerry Arkin	-	September 16
John White	-	September 19
Walker Cook	-	September 26
Walter Jones	-	September 26
Marty Wynn	-	September 27
Clint Kent	-	September 30
Jim Dunaway	-	October 2
Art Hammond	-	October 7
James Jenkins	-	October 7

## Anniversary Wishes To

Alan & Lany Dodson - September 18 Don & Emily King - September 26 Bobby & Linda Chappell - September 27





**GRIFFIN ROTARY - AN EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUB** 

## **NEW MEMBERS PROPOSED**

Brant D. Keller has been proposed for membership by Brian Upson. If approved, Brant's classification will be Muncipal Government - Public Works. Brant is Director of Public Works & Utilities for the City of Griffin.

Kelvin Williams has been proposed for membership by Steve Crouch. If approved, Kelvin's classification will be Associations - Boy Scouts. Kelvin is Executive Director of the Flint River Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Please direct any comments about Brant or Kelvin to Yvonne Langford in writing on or before September 17, 2014.

Will Childs has been proposed for membership by Robert Parker. If approved, Will's classification will be Religion - Christianity - Missions. Will is Area Director for the Young Life organization.

Please direct any comments on Will to Yvonne Langfored in writing on or before September 24, 2014.

## MILLIE THE READING DOG RETURNS





vill be in the Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. September 8 & 22 October 22

Millie

November 10 & 24 to Read to her! That someone can be December 8 & 22

VOU at at the CIRCULATION DESK or Call 770.412.4770

Millie the Reading Dog is Returning to Flint River Regional Library, and she needs Rotary volunteers to assist her with reading to kids at on September 22, October 22, November 10, 24, and December 8, 22. Each session is from 6 to 7 PM. Childrens' Super Saturday programs need volunteers, too. Those are 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in each month (2:30 to 4 PM). Contact Carrie Zeiger.

# ATTENDANCE – DAVE SEZ. "COULD/SHOULD BE BETTER"

#### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE REPORT = 87%

MISSING SPOKES (34): Lynda Bolton, Dick Brooks, Pricha Bunya, Jim Burgess, Skipper Burns, Eric Callahan, Doris Christopher, Alan Dodson, Dennis Easthope, Chris Edwards, Tom Gardner, Eddie Grogan, Bill Hardee, Tim Hearn, Chris Holdorf, Walter Jones, Bill Jones, Clint Kent, Terry Killingsworth, Don King, Alton Knight, David Knight, David Luckie, Mark Milam, Jim Ogletree, Randy Peters, John Plegeman, Tony Powell, Hal Rahn, Thom Sandwich, Bill Shapard, Josh Sprayberry, Stephanie Windham, Carrie Zeiger

MAKEUPS (19): Jerry Arkin, Bill Baldwin, Chuck Copeland, Allen Edwards, Dave Lamb, Jim Ogletree, Randy Peters, Stephanie Windham, Carrie Zeiger for Writing Community Support Letters for Griffn Region College & Career Academy; Chuck Copeland, Don Crider, Allen Edwards, Art Hammond, Jeff Jacobs, Jim King, Beau Luckie, Yvonne Langford, Matt Rahn, Janice Wallace @ September Board Meeting

Griffin Region College & Career Academy needs letters of support from businesses or individuals to become a reality. The letter should outline the commitment (can be financial) for 10 years. Send letters to April Pruitt, POB 2438, Griffin, GA 30224 or direct to Dave Lamb. Letter = Make Up.

#### **MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION**

Coweta-Fayette Jackson/Butts Co. (12:00) Thomaston/Upson Co. (12:15) Griffin Daybreak (7:30 AM) Clayton County (12:15) Fayette Daybreak (7:15 AM)

Henry County Monday 12 Noon @ PJs Sidewalk Cafe Fayetteville Monday 12:15 @ Frank's at the Olde Mill Monday 6:30 PM @ Senoia Coffee Company Tuesday 12 Noon @ Daughtry Park Tuesday 12:15 @ Southern Crescent Tech Wednesday 7:30 AM @ J. Henry's Restaurant Wednesday 12:15 @ Holiday Inn - Jonesboro Thursday 7:15 AM @ Windham Peachtree City Newnan (12:00) Friday 12 Noon @ Newnan Country Club

Rotary eClub One – One Makeup per Quarter

### LIVE BY ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST

## **ROTARY FOUNDATION NOTES**

## WHAT DOES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO WITH ITS **MONEY?**

The Rotary Foundation spends charitable contributions on multiple programs and grants. From the eradication of POLIO to scholarships, vocational training teams, Rotary Peace Centers, Humanitarian projects. The funds are used for programs and projects Rotarians feel passionate about. Our Foundation is ranked as one of the best. With 1.2 million Rotarians overseeing the funds at a grassroots level you can have all the confidence in the world that funds through Rotary are in amazing hands doing amazing work here and abroad.



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

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GRSP Host		Chuck Copeland

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Don Crider Janice Wallace Chuck Copeland Jim King

Randy Peters

- Beau Luckie
- Bill Hardee
- Matt Rahn

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