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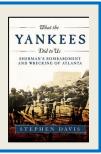
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CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN STEPHEN DAVIS SPEAKS



Davis





Eric Worrell Program Chair

Longtime Atlantan and Civil War historian, Stephen Davis, spoke about the stories and details he published in his book, What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta (2102, Mercer Univ. Press). Davis said that Atlanta was a city of 20,000 in the summer of 1864, but when Sherman attacked, there were only 3,000 to 4,000 who stayed and endured the shelling that followed. Davis provided lots of details about the bombardment that began on July 20th and ended on August 27th that year. Much of his information was developed from newspaper reports. Two major newspapers remained in the city to report on the attack. Isaac Pilgrim with The Intelligence and John Dumble with the *Memphis Appeal* gave daily accounts of the attack which were published in papers in Augusta, Macon, and other cities. Pilgrim and Dumble also worked together to publish a one-page daily paper for Atlantans. The accounts of the attack reported in Davis's book indicate that Sherman intended to destroy the city, but he did not target the rail system. A news story by Pilgrim reported that only one hole from a cannonball was found in a rail car shed on August 4th over 2 weeks after the bombardment began. Sherman continued to bombard the city even with the knowledge that women and children lived there and were being killed and wounded in his nefarious bombardment. In fact, Davis said that one account reported that a young girl was killed by the first shell fired on the city, although most now believe this to be 'urban legend'. Countless buildings in the city were destroyed by the shelling and the fires they caused. Yet, Davis feels that the bombardment did little in achieving objectives of attack by the Federalist troops other than destroying the city. The Confederacy supply system was not destroyed because the shelling did not target the rail system. Manufacturing was not impacted because much of that had already been relocated to Augusta, Macon, and other locations before the attack. Southerners were not overly demoralized with the attack. Federal troops eventually occupied the city in September and burned it as they left on their March to the Sea in November. Sherman certainly lived up to his reputation of destroying more property than any other U.S. general. But, as Davis states, did he gain any tactical advantage?

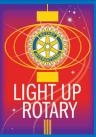
Welcoming Our New Rotarian – Kelvin Williams



Kelvin Williams (center) was inducted by President Jeff Jacobs (right) as our newest member during Thursday's meeting. Kelvin is Executive Director of the Flint River Council of the Boy Scouts of America. His classification is Associations – Boy Scouts. Steve Crouch (left) proposed Kelvin for membership. Welcome, Kelvin!

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

District 6900 Online www.rotary6900.org



Club Calendar

October 16 Club Assembly

October 18 Humane Society Chili

Cook Off - 11 am to 2 pm

The Pavilion

October 23 Hon. Chris Edwards

Judge, Griffin Judicial Circuit

October 30 Mark Johnson

The Mentalist

Our Rotary Family

Happy Birthday To

Bill Jones October 14 October 19 Terry Killingsworth Jim Fortune October 20 Bobby Chappell October 21 Chuck Copeland October 29 Thom Sandwich November 13 Charles Jones November 17 Jim Burgess November 21

Anniversary Wishes To

Tim & Robin Hearn - October 11 Mark & Patricia Milam October 23 Bill & Ann Jones November 2 Tom & Gail Gardner - November 7 Robert & Karol Sullins - November 19 Hal & Cathy Rahn - November 24 Jim & Amy Burgess - November 24 Chuck & Teresa Copeland -November 25 John & Ann Dillon November 28 David & Tina Clevenger November 28 Ann Cherrette & Brant Keller November 30

Those contributing to this issue of The Griffitarian are:

George Granade (pictures and reporting) Chuck Copeland (Foundation Notes) Dave Lamb (attendance report) Wayne Gardner (editor)

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Humane Society Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 18th

The 17th annual event this year is dedicated in loving memory of our own Jane Millican. Ann Whatley will represent Griffin Rotary as our chili chef. Get out to The Pavilion on Aerodrome Way on October 18 (11 AM to 2 PM) for this annual benefit. And, by the way, go by and vote for our entry! We know that it will be THE best there!

Donations to a Global War On Terror Monument

The design, construction, and dedication of a monument to those local men and women who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War On Terror continues. If you wish to donate, please contact Jim King or Philip Smith. Plans are to dedicate the monument in Veterans Park during Memorial Day services in 2015.



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) you or your business will make for 10 years. Send letters to April Pruitt, POB 2438, Griffin, GA 30224 or direct to Dave Lamb as an email attachment.



Coat Donation Day set for October 23rd & 30th

Get out your old coats that you no longer use and donate to the Salvation Army at our meetings on Oct $23^{\rm rd}$ and $30^{\rm th}$. This annual project provides winter clothing for those in need who cannot afford them.

Ringing the Bell at the Kettle Kicks Off Nov. 15

Griffin Rotarians and Interactors will don the Army apron, ring the bell, and thank all those who donate to the Kettle again this year. We are responsible for 2,795 hours of ringing at the Kettle this year. Watch for sign up opportunities later this month.



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE = 88%

Thirty-five Rotarians were absent for Thursday's meeting, but Bobby Shapard reported 21 makeups at meetings in France while on vacation there this summer. Thank you, Bobby, for your diligence!

MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday - 12 Noon Henry County Monday - 12:15 PM Favetteville Monday - 6:30 PM Coweta-Favette Tuesday – 12 Noon Jackson/Butts Co. Tuesday - 12:15 PM Thomaston/Upson Co. Wednesday - 7:30 AM Griffin Daybreak Wednesday - 12:15 PM Clayton County Thursday - 7:15 AM Fayette Daybreak Friday – 12 Noon Newnan

PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough Frank's at the Olde Mill, Fayetteville Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia Daughtry Park, Jackson Southern Crescent Tech, Thomaston J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin Holiday Inn, Jonesboro Windham ,Peachtree City Newnan Country Club, Newnan

Rotary eClub One - One Makeup per Quarter

LIVE BY ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST

ROTARY FOUNDATION NOTES

DISTRICT MATCHING PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION POINTS

North Fulton Rotarian Kathleen S. Myers named the Rotary Foundation as a primary beneficiary of her estate. As a result of this 2013 bequest, District 6900 has received 449,000 Foundation Recognition Points ("FRP"). In memory of Kathy, District 6900 has created the Kathy Myers Memorial Matching Points Campaign to use these FRP's solely to assist Rotarians in becoming Paul Harris Fellows. Through this campaign, a combination of dollars contributed by a Rotarian plus FRPs that total 1,000 will allow a Rotarian to become a Paul Harris Fellow, or to become a Paul Harris Fellow Plus.

WON'T YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE MATCHING POINTS AND HELP MAKE NOVEMBER, ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH, MEMORABLE?



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