



January 14, 2021 CLUB BULLETIN

Speakers

Jan. 14: NO MEETING

Jan. 21: Denton Ashway, Football Pool Finale

Jan. 28: Tina Fischlin, District Governor

Feb. 4: OPEN

Feb. 11: Sheri Hardee and Mary Beth Byerly, University of North Georgia, courtesy of Steven Kronenberg

Feb. 18: OPEN

Feb. 25: Forsyth County Library and Bookmobile, courtesy of Denise Leeson

Birthdays

Jan. 16: Steven Kronenberg

Jan. 17: Sam Siemon

Jan. 18: Taylor Rice

UPCOMING EVENTS:

If you have any upcoming events that you would like to see in the bulletin, please reach out to Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com.

Club Leaders



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THIS WEEK:

January 14: **NO MEETING THIS WEEK!**

This week in history: 1493

Columbus mistakes manatees for mermaids

In 1493, explorer Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three mermaids in reality manatees and describes them as not half as beautiful as they are painted. Six months earlier, Columbus (1451-1506) set off from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean with the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, hoping to find a western trade route to Asia. Instead, his voyage, the first of four he would make, led him to the Americas, or New World.

Mermaids, mythical half-female, half-fish creatures, have existed in seafaring cultures at least since the time of the ancient Greeks. Typically depicted as having a woman's head and torso, a fishtail instead of legs and holding a mirror and comb, mermaids live in the ocean and, according to some legends, can take on a human shape and marry mortal men. Mermaids are closely linked to sirens, another folkloric figure, part-woman, part-bird, who live on islands and sing seductive songs to lure sailors to their deaths.

Mermaid sightings by sailors, when they weren't made up, were most likely manatees, dugongs or Steller's sea cows (which became extinct by the 1760s due to over-hunting). Manatees are slow-moving aquatic mammals with human-like eyes, bulbous faces and paddle-like tails. It is likely that manatees evolved from an ancestor they share with the elephant. The three species of manatee (West Indian, West African and Amazonian) and one species of dugong belong to the Sirenia order. As adults, they're typically 10 to 12 feet long and weigh 800 to 1,200 pounds. They're plant-eaters, have a slow metabolism and can only survive in warm water.

Manatees live an average of 50 to 60 years in the wild and have no natural predators. However, they are an endangered species. In the U.S., the majority of manatees are found in Florida, where scores of



Denton B. Ashway
Sergeant-at-Arms



Terri L. Willett
Club Socials Chair



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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do...
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Rotary Opens Opportunities



them die or are injured each year due to collisions with boats.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/columbus-mistakes-manatees-for-mermaids>

Please keep the following in mind when considering attending in-person meetings:

◆ Attending in-person meetings is not required. There are no attendance requirements at least through the end of the year. Additionally, we are working on making the meetings accessible via Zoom. Do not feel any obligation to attend in-person meetings if you are not comfortable doing so or feel it is unsafe.

- ◆ Anyone who is sick, infected with COVID-19 or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend in-person meetings.
- ◆ Guests and visiting Rotarians are not permitted to attend in-person meetings at this time. However, they are encouraged to join us via Zoom.
- ◆ Please be aware that the Governor's order strongly encourages people to wear face coverings as practicable while outside their homes except when eating or drinking.
- ◆ Please keep the following excerpt from the Governor's order in mind when deciding to attend Rotary meetings in person:

All residents and visitors of the State of Georgia who meet the following criteria for higher risk of severe illness as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are required to Shelter in Place within their homes or places of residence:

1. *Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, including inpatient hospice, assisted living communities, personal care homes, intermediate care homes, community living arrangements and community integration homes.*
 2. *Those persons who have chronic lung disease.*
 3. *Those persons who have moderate to severe asthma.*
 4. *Those persons who have severe heart disease.*
 5. *Those persons who are immunocompromised. May conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medication.*
 6. *Those persons, of any age, with class III so severe obesity.*
 7. *Those persons diagnosed with the following underlying medical conditions: diabetes, liver disease, and persons with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis.*
- ◆ Until further notice, lunches will be pre-prepared with no buffet service.
 - ◆ Tables will be arranged with seating of no more than 6 people and appropriately spaced out. Please adhere to this and do not add seating or rearrange the setups.

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Past Presidents

1975	Tommy Bagwell	1986	Steve Jackson	1997	Bill Kehres	2008	Mike Palmer
1976	Terry Smith	1987	Tim LeBlanc	1998	Jeff Stephens	2009	Burton Blackmar
1977	Jackie Welch	1988	Denton Ashway	1999	John Weaver	2010	Shan Mize
1978	Larry Boling	1989	Bobby Thomas	2000	Jim Whitney	2011	Taylor Rice
1979	Zack Rice	1990	Jim Wheeler	2001	Jon McDaniel	2012	George Pirkle
1980	Roger Williams	1991	Rich Brown	2002	Keith Argo	2013	George Pirkle

1981	Tom Miller	1992	Tim Perry	2003	Rich Neville	2014	Mike Smith
1982	Gabe Dukas	1993	Bob McGuinn	2004	Melissa Durand	2015	Rusty Smith
1983	Eddie Stowe	1994	Robert Thus	2005	Brandon Barron	2016	Donna Wade
1984	Dana Miles	1995	Brian Carpenter	2006	Chuck Welch	2017	Eric Duncan
1985	Mike Gravitt	1996	Charles Ammons	2007	Gabe Arango	2018	Ken Terry

Paul Harris Fellows

In 2016 our club became 100% Paul Harris Fellows!

1977	Tommy Bagwell	Penny McGuinn	Jim Whitney	Seth Thomas
1978	Jim French	Rafe Banks	Rex Abbott	Donna Wade
1986	Bob McGuinn	Rich Brown	2000 Nancy Abbott	Lucy Thuss
	Larry Boling	Malvelene Vaughan	Melissa Durand	Matt Richmond
	Bobby Thomas	1993 Stan Gault	Tim Perry	2006 Chuck Welch
1987	Gary Allen	1994 Mike Gravitt	2001 Mike Smith	2008 Dana Miles
	Bill Carter	Shannon Mize	Bill Levensalor	Eric Duncan
1988	Jack Manton	Charles Welch	George Pirkle	Mike Palmer
	Zack Rice	Brenda Thomas	2002 Burton Blackmar	John Heath
1991	Robert Thus	Chantal Bagwell	2003 Lorne Twiner	2010 John Martin
	Vic Shirley	Shaun McGuinn	2004 Bruce Hearn	2014 Linda Duncan
	Lou Douglas	Brian Carpenter	Jack Godwin	D'Arcy Duncan Andrews
1992	Rafe Banks	Michael O'Bryan	2005 Jon McDaniel	Erin Duncan Topel
	Jack Heard	1996 Leslie McGuinn	Mike Montgomery	2015 Sam Siemon
	Jim Wheeler	1997 Denton Ashway	Joni Owens	Gabe Arango Murray Rice

Will Watt Fellows

1986	Tommy Bagwell	1999 Rex Abbott	2007 Donna Wade	Lorne Twiner
1990	Dick Neville	2001 Jon McDaniel	2008 Eric Duncan	Bill Guilfoil
	Bobby Thomas	Rich Brown	2009 Dana Miles	
	Lou Douglas	Bill Kehres	2010 John Hall	
1995	Brian Carpenter	Mike Gravitt	2012 George Pirkle	
	Bob McGuinn	2002 Malvelene Vaughan	Dennis Gravitt	
1998	Jim Whitney	2003 Mike Montgomery	2013 Jim Wheeler	

If you have a question about the bulletin/programs, or have a program of interest to the club, please contact Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com or mobile 678-878-0516.