



April 9th, 2024 This Week: Our GRSP Student Speaks

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This week, our GRSP student, Andrea Fogtmann, who is from Denmark, will be presenting her farewell program to our Club. She will be sharing with us the experiences she has had so far in Dalton and the United States. We will all be excited to hear her perspective and what she feels she has gained from the experience the Georgia Rotary Student Program has provided this year.

Meeting Recap: Hanwha Qcells

Last week our speaker was Lisa Nash of Hanwha Qcells. Serving as the Head of Human Resources and Environmental Health and Safety, Lisa shared the story of Qcells coming to Dalton and her own experiences leading the recruitment efforts of over 700 people to open the plant. Rotarian Carl Campbell introduced Lisa. Carl and others in our community had a vision for the potential of Carbondale Business Park, where Qcells now resides. Qcells originally committed to investing \$130 million and hiring 525 people. Within ten months, they had exceeded those numbers, and hired 600 people, with Lisa leading the charge.



Qcells broke ground in July 2018 and by the end of January 2019 had begun making their first panels. Now, with over 2,000 people, Qcells continues to expand. They have since opened a plant in Cartersville which just began manufacturing last week. Now, Qcells has risen to be the largest solar panel project in the world, manufacturing 30,000 solar panels a day here in Whitfield County, and they are not done yet. Lisa shared that more than 80% of the world's solar sold is made in China. Their goal is to domesticate 100% of manufacturing here in the United States.

Lisa shared her motivation in her career and the fulfillment she finds in providing employment opportunities to thousands and the ability to share her career with her grandchildren. She expressed her gratitude to our community for their welcome and support of this project. Throughout Lisa's 30-year career, her experience with Qcells in Whitfield County has by far been the best.

We enjoyed learning more about Qcells and the great work they are doing in our community and country.

April 9th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
McClurg, Charles R. (RONNIE)	11-Apr
Sellers, Kathryn Oehler (KATHRYN)	11-Apr
Poehlman, John H. (JOHN)	11-Apr

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Hefner, Blake	Hefner, Abby T	15-Apr

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
No member anniversaries this period.		

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Kenemer, Benjamin B(BEN)	Bethany	14-Apr	17
Stewart, Robert T(ROBERT)	Celeste	15-Apr	36

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