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Club of Dalton, Georgia

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2023**

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This Week: Dalton State's New President

This week, we'll get a chance to meet the next president of Dalton State College. Dr. John Fuchko III is the interim leader of the college following the retirement of Dr. Margaret Venable.

Dr. John Fuchko III began his tenure as interim president of Dalton State College, effective June 1, 2023. Prior to coming to Dalton State, he served as interim president of Columbus State University.

Dr. Fuchko's higher education and state government service has spanned more than 20 years – all of which has been focused on operational and auditing roles within the University System of Georgia. As vice chancellor for organizational effectiveness at USG, he oversaw enterprise risk management, compliance and ethics, athletics oversight, strategic implementation, accreditation and various other administrative functions. Prior to that role, he served for seven years as USG's chief audit officer and vice chancellor for internal audit, which included responsibility for 25 campus audit shops and 80 professional staff. He also oversaw three of the USG's institutional consolidation efforts. Previously, Dr. Fuchko served in various audit and compliance positions with the Board of Regents and with the State Department of Audits and Accounts.

In addition to his professional civilian roles, Dr. Fuchko serves as a colonel in the Georgia Army National Guard. He is the commander of the 122nd Regiment (Regional Training Institute), and his two decades of service have also included roles such as Commander, 122nd TSD, G2 (intelligence Officer) for the Georgia Army National Guard, executive officer for the 78th Troop Command, and battalion commander for the 221st Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion. He has deployed twice to the Middle East, has commanded five times, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

A Georgia native, Dr. Fuchko holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Kennesaw State University, where he served as editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, student government president and Board of Regents' student advisory council chair. He earned an MBA at Georgia State University, a master of science degree in strategic intelligence at the National Intelligence University, a master's in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a doctorate in education at The University of Georgia. He served as an officer and board member for several nonprofits and served as "first councilor" at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church. Dr. Fuchko currently is the chair for the Center for Family Resources. He has served as president and/or chair of several nonprofits, include the 1,900-member Institute of Internal Auditors Atlanta Chapter and previously served as editor of the College and University Auditor journal of the Association of College & University Auditors.

He is married to the former Sherie Michelle Lipham of Canton, Georgia, and they are blessed with 12 children. They live in Cumming, Georgia.

Meeting Recap: Jackie Killings Visits

Last week's meeting embodied the ideals of Rotary in every way. We were able to give back to those in our community as well as hear updates from our district and international levels. Past-President Smitty Barnett welcomed Anna La and her family to our club. Anna recently graduated from Dalton High School where she was president of their Interact Club. We had the privilege of supporting Anna and the DHS Interact Club through different service projects in recent years. Rotarian Larry Tripp presented Anna with a scholarship for her hard work and achievements. Anna will continue her education in the fall at Berry College where she hopes to start the first Rotaract club on campus. We are very proud of Anna and will continue to cheer her on as well as continue to support the DHS Interact Club.





Our speaker for the week was Jackie Killings. Jackie is no stranger to our club. She is a member of the Carpet City Rotary Club, better known as the morning club. She has held several different leadership positions within her club as well as at the district level, including club president (twice) and has served on the district's board of directors. She is currently Assistant Governor Area 1 for Rotary District 6910, serving the Rotary clubs of Calhoun, Carpet City and Dalton. Jackie presented Rotary International's theme for the 2023-2024 year which is Create Hope in the World. Jackie also introduced us to our new District Governor, Brandy Swanson, whom we will get to hear from directly in the coming months.

As Rotarians we enjoy playing a part in change not only in our community, but also worldwide. Our club appreciates Jackie's and the rest of the district's hard work in ensuring we have another great Rotary year.

August 1st Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

	Birthday
Brunson, Kevin M. (KEVIN)	2-Aug
Bundros, Thomas A (TOM)	7-Aug
Robertson, Cherri L (CHERRI)	2-Aug

Partner Birthdays

	Member Name	Birthday
Chandler, Susan	Chandler, Robert M.	4-Aug
Mock, Katie	Mock, Jason T	4-Aug
Robertson, Cherri (CHERRI)	Robertson, Ricky N	2-Aug

Member Anniversaries

	Start Date	Years
Didier, John M.(JOHN)	8/1/1994	29
Kelehear, Leon S.(SPARKY)	8/1/1988	35


Wedding Anniversaries

	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Chappell, William J.(WILLIAM)	Bennieta	6-Aug	68
Pierce, Sara C.(SKEETER)	Lamar	7-Aug	58

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

first
Is it the TRUTH?

second
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

third
**Will it build GOOD WILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

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

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