

Rotary



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February 20th, 2024

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This Week: The NWGA Career Academy

This week, we'll be taking a look at the work of the Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy. Our guest speaker is David Moeller, the school's CEO and also the Director for Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) for Whitfield County's School System.

David is a native of New York City and served in the United States Air Force for 8 years. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Valdosta State University with an emphasis in city and county management. After his military service, he moved to Ringgold, Georgia. David was a Court Administrator in Whitfield County for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit. He has served on many committees in Whitfield/Murray Counties, and served on the Executive Board of Directors for the Georgia Council of Court Administrators.

The Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy is designed to address the gap in workforce development affecting Northwest Georgia. As CEO, he has worked to develop critical partnerships with different industry partners in the Northwest Georgia region.

David is serving his 5th term representing district 4 as an elected school board member for Catoosa County Public Schools. He holds the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. In 2018 he was appointed to the State Charter Advisory Committee, and in 2023 was appointed to the state Career Tech Education Commission.

Meeting Recap: The Thrive Regional Partnership

Last week, the club had the privilege of hearing from Bridgett Massengill, President & CEO of Thrive Regional Partnership. It's a nonprofit organization that inspires responsible growth through conversation, connection and collaboration across a 16-county, tri-state region. Thrive unites people across the region by addressing environmental challenges, the digital divide, and transportation and infrastructure needs.

Environmental Challenges

In partnership with The Open Space Institute, Thrive works alongside residents and industries to create nature-based solutions to address environmental challenges and enhance quality of life.

Digital Divide

To bridge the digital gap, Thrive's Regional Broadband Alliance connects residents across our tri-state area to reliable, affordable high-speed internet through the implementation of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Since 2022, over 25,000 individuals have enrolled in ACP, resulting in households collectively saving over \$37 million.

Transportation and Infrastructure

To address transportation and infrastructure needs, Thrive developed the Thrive Regional Infrastructure Portal (TRIP) that integrates transportation data spanning Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. This tool is not only a valuable resource for area planners, industries and builders, it helps our local communities be better stewards of taxpayer dollars and benefit from various transportation and economic development efforts.

Thrive works to ensure that as our region grows in industry and population, we preserve the community and natural character for generations to come. Communities that partner with the organization are prepared for successful, responsible growth that expands the talent pool, brings new opportunities and celebrates the distinct character of the cities we call home. Thrive strives to harness every accessible and affordable resource to better our communities and ensure growth and prosperity.

February 20th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

No birthdays this period.

Birthday

Partner Birthdays

Kenemer, Bethany
Kiker, John
Jolly, Becky

Member Name

Kenemer, Benjamin B
Kiker, Janice F.
Jolly, Hilliard R.

Birthday

20-Feb
24-Feb
25-Feb

Member Anniversaries

Elliott, Judy M.(JUDY)
Maret, Charles D.(CHARLES)
Satterfield, Bruce A.(BRUCE)
Miller, Charles Dalton(CHARLES)
Dickson, Thomas S.(TOM)
Ridley, Rusty(RUSTY)

Start Date

2/20/2007
2/23/2016
2/23/2010
2/23/2010
2/24/1998
2/26/2019

Years

17
8
14
14
26
5

Wedding Anniversaries

Chandler, Robert M.(ROBERT)

Partner's Name

Susan

Anniversary

23-Feb

Years

50

The Four Way Test

