

Rotary



Club of Dalton, Georgia

**January 23rd,
2024**

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This Week: GA Secretary of State

Unfortunately, our Economic Development Bus Tour last week had to be postponed due to the icy weather. Hopefully all of you have managed to stay warm and you're ready to get back on schedule this week! Our guest will be Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. He is Georgia's 29th Secretary of State, first elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022.

Secretary Raffensperger is a lifelong conservative Republican. He moved to Georgia 40 years ago to raise a family and start a small business. As a licensed Professional Engineer and Structural Engineer licensed in 40 states, and licensed General Contractor in Georgia and other states, Raffensperger successfully founded Tendon Systems, a provider of high-strength steel for construction projects. Under Raffensperger's ownership Tendon Systems grew to become the southeast's largest post-tensioning specialist contractor with approximately 150 employees and projects in over 40 states. Brad also founded Trillium Structures, a structural design consulting firm with commercial mid-rise and high-rise projects throughout the southeast.

Raffensperger was elected to the City Council in Johns Creek, Georgia. Three years later he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where he then served for two-terms, and in 2018 Georgia voters elected him Secretary of State.

Brad and his wife Tricia started out as high school sweethearts and have now been married for over forty-five years. They raised three sons and immensely enjoy spoiling their three grandchildren. They are members of North Point Community Church.

Meeting Recap: Health and Wellness Methods

Last week, January 9th was our first meeting of the year, and it was packed with announcements and fellowship! President Lynn announced that we officially closed Ukraine donations by raising a total of \$14,125. These funds will go towards building modular homes for those displaced by conflict. Ricky Roberston announced that we collected about \$14,000 from our annual fundraiser with Jack's Pawn Shop. Next, Bruce Satterfield announced that this year's Ronnie McClurg track meet will be held on March 23rd. The meeting continued with a Rotary minute presented by our newly inducted member, Kristina Horsley. Cherri Robertson then awarded Kris her blue badge. Announcements concluded with President Lynn awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship pen to Judy Elliott, Judson Manly, Paul Henson, Frank Hogshead, and Lynn Laughter.



We welcomed Stacy Welch and her daughter, McKenzie to our club. Stacy has been a registered nurse for 26 years. 22 of those years were spent in labor and delivery, while the rest were spent in emergency medicine, operating rooms, intensive care, and home health among other areas. Stacy's insight into the need for home IV fluids during her work with home health patients inspired her to establish an IV hydration clinic. She has successfully opened a clinic in Calhoun and offers services both at the clinic and remotely, catering to patients at their homes or at events. Stacy concluded with valuable health tips, emphasizing the importance of handwashing, and staying hydrated.

We are looking forward to another year of great programs!

January 23rd Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Blevins, Sheri H. (SHERI)	24-Jan
Griffin, Ronald L (RON)	27-Jan
Hartline, Amy R (AMY)	26-Jan
Scott, Tim (TIM)	15-Jan
Shults, Stephen D (DOUG)	25-Jan
Winter, Larry E. (LARRY)	17-Jan

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Barkley, Debbie	Barkley, Joseph F	22-Jan
Chappell, Bennieta	Chappell, William J.	29-Jan
Smith, Rebecca	Smith, Clark C.	18-Jan
Tatum, Sharon	Tatum, Laurice A.	20-Jan

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Bowling, John(JOHN)	1/23/2001	23
Hawkins, Jim R.(JIM)	1/27/2009	15
Parker, Hoyt Jason(JASON)	1/18/2011	13
Reed, Amanda(AMANDA)	1/19/2010	14

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Maret, Charles D.(CHARLES)	Sarah	20-Jan	56
Mixer, Mark S(MARK)	Kimberly	19-Jan	11

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