

Rotary



Club of Dalton, Georgia

July 18th,
2023

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This Week: Sheriff Scott Chitwood

This week our speaker is a familiar face for everyone in Whitfield County - Sheriff Scott Chitwood. Scott has been the Sheriff of Whitfield County for more than 30 years, with his first election to the position coming in 1992. His association with the agency goes back much further, though, as he first became a deputy with the office in 1975. In 1980, he moved into the private sector, working in security for West Point Pepperell and then later as corporate security director for Shaw Industries. In 1988, he returned to the Sheriff's Office as chief deputy. Needless to say, he's got plenty of stories to tell from his career in law enforcement!

His list of honors and accomplishments is extensive. Among them is his selection in 1996 by the Democratic Party as Public Official of the Year. His service to our community goes beyond his elected office, as he also serves on the boards of directors for the Cherokee Estates Sheriff Youth Homes, The GreenHouse, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is a member of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the National Jail Association, and the Georgia Jail Association.

Meeting Recap: Passing the Gavel

Last week was an exciting meeting! We had the opportunity to induct three new members as well as the annual passing of the gavel to signify a new Rotary year. In one of Alex's last acts as president, he along with Cherri Robertson inducted three new Rotarians to our club. These new members include Lindsey Foster, sponsored by Cherri Robertson, Allyson Coker, sponsored by Alex Brown, and Kristina Horsley, sponsored by Frank Hogshead. We are excited for these ladies to join our club and seeing how our club continues to grow.

As the Rotary year ends, past-president Alex reflected on his year as president. Alex could not be more pleased with the work our club has done over the past year. He continues to be pleased with the impact our club has on the youth in our community from the fifth-grade awards ceremony, the RYLA program, the high school scholarship program, and the partnership with GNTC for their GED program. Our club also had the opportunity to make a difference globally through the shelter boxes, donating to Mercer University's efforts in Vietnam, and of course our district and international efforts in the fight against polio. Our club had the opportunity to learn from a variety of different programs featuring speakers from the State, local leaders in our community, as well as small business owners. Alex left us with a challenge to always be curious, ask questions, and continue to learn and grow each day. "It's been my honor to serve as your president," said Alex.

President Lynn Laughter took the podium and invited any attending past presidents to line up in the chronological order of their presidency. Sixteen past presidents dating back to 1976 each spoke on what was memorable from their year as president as they passed the gavel down the line until it reached President Lynn. Our club hopes to continue this ceremonial tradition as we welcome a new president each year. Lynn's goals as president include continuing to provide engaging presentations, more community involvement, greater high school participation through Interact Clubs, recruit new members, and continue to support charitable efforts.



President Lynn rang the bell signifying the closing of her first official Rotary meeting as president. We look forward to being under Lynn's leadership and enjoying another year of fellowship, membership, and connection. It's a great day to be a Rotarian!

July 18th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Hutcheson, John A. Jr. (JOHN)
Ridley, Rusty (RUSTY)

Birthday

18-Jul
19-Jul

Partner Birthdays

Bundros, Lara
Finkell, Emily
Tharpe, Julie

Member Name

Bundros, Thomas A
Finkell, Donald R Jr
Tharpe, Henry C.

Birthday

22-Jul
22-Jul
23-Jul

Member Anniversaries

Robertson, Cherri L(CHERRI)
Robertson, Ricky N(RICKY)

Start Date

7/19/2016
7/19/2016

Years

7
7

Wedding Anniversaries

Finkell, Donald R Jr(DON)
Srivastava, Archana(ARCHANA SRIVASTAVA)
Maret, Michael S.(MIKE)

Partner's Name

Emily
Vinai
Carla

Anniversary

18-Jul
20-Jul
21-Jul

Years

8
47
22

The Four Way Test

