

Rotary



Club of Dalton, Georgia

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22nd, 2022**

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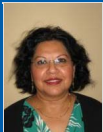
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Happy Thanksgiving! - No Meeting This Week -

Happy Thanksgiving! As a reminder, there will be no meeting this week at the Dalton Golf and Country Club as we take the time to celebrate the holiday. We're thankful for this club and for our friendships we have with each of you. We'll be back next week!

Meeting Recap - GRSP Student

We enjoyed hearing from our GRSP student Maka last week! Originally from Zimbabwe, Maka is enjoying her time in the states with her host family, Ben and Lynn Laughter. She spoke to us about her life back home and what she has experienced thus far. Her family back home includes her mother, father, brother, and two dogs. Maka shared with us some pictures of her life back home and some fun facts about Zimbabwe!



Born and raised in the capital city, Harare, Maka noted that when most people think about Zimbabwe, they picture a rural area with not much around. She showed a picture of her grandparents' house, which is in an undeveloped area, like what we may think. The capital city, however, is developed and looks much like a big city we would see in America. Maka shared with us the country's flag and the symbolism that each color and element represent. One thing that Maka has enjoyed about the U.S. is the patriotism and the fact that there are flags everywhere. She said when she went to get her visa in Zambia, she didn't see a single flag, unlike here where people have them in their yards, as stickers on a car and so on. Maka shared pictures of Victoria Falls, which is one of the seven wonders of the world. It attracts thousands of tourists to Zimbabwe to see the largest waterfall in the world. There you can bungee jump, zipline, and more! One thing that Maka would love to do is go to the "Devil's Pool" where you sit behind the falls and are able to watch the water as it falls. Zimbabwe is also home to the world's largest man-made dam. This is where more than 50% of Zimbabwe's electricity comes from. Back home, Maka stayed busy while at her high school. She was the bridge captain and coach and the Model UN President. One thing that is near to her heart is mental health. She created an organization, Unfiltered Mind, to spread awareness. She later introduced the organization to her school and was able to get a school counselor, where they did not have one before. Her hobbies include mini golf, reading, and taking care of her dogs.

Maka's connection to Rotary goes back years, as her father is a Rotarian and was president of his club, Harare Central Club, in 2013. Her brother also previously went through the GRSP program, and she got to see first-hand what his experience was like. She is grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity to meet students from all over the world and immerse herself in the American culture. One of the most common questions she has been asked is what she finds different or weird here. She finds American Girl dolls weird that they have come with a backstory and a "family", she also finds flat sausages strange, why is it acceptable for strangers to give children candy on Halloween, but not any other day, and that we pump our own gas here. Maka has gotten to travel around the state to Tybee Island, Savannah, Ellijay for the Apple Festival, and Athens for a football game! She loved the atmosphere at the UGA game but can't believe the trash talk that goes on between fan bases. Maka expressed again that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and she is thankful to experience it.

With about nine months left, Maka plans on making the most of it and experiencing as much as she can. She says Rotarians are the kindest people she has ever met and is thankful for each of us. We have enjoyed our time spent with Maka so far and look forward to more!

November 22nd Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Griffin, Joseph Bryan (BRYAN)

Birthday

23-Nov

Partner Birthdays

Underwood, Michelle

Jones, Mary Lynn

Partain, Pam

Tripp, Charlie

Member Name

Croft, Brian C

Jones, Miller T.

Partain, Jack

Tripp, Larry E.

Birthday

26-Nov

25-Nov

26-Nov

26-Nov

Member Anniversaries

Alderman, Paul Wayne Jr.(PAUL)

Wilson, John H (JOHN)

Start Date

11/22/2011

11/28/2017

Years

11

5

Wedding Anniversaries

Ownby, Jeff B (JEFF)

Partner's Name

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Anniversary

24-Nov

Years

14

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