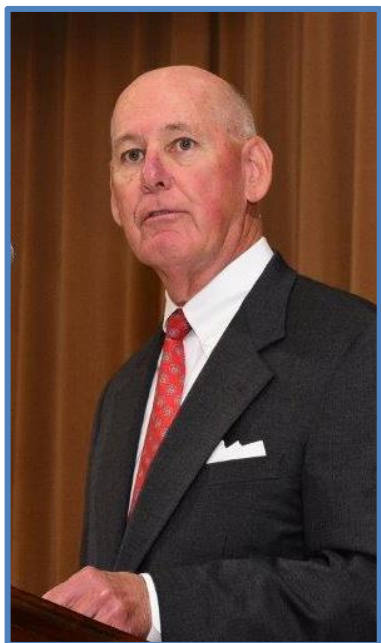




THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Georgia and U.S. Experiencing Growth in Manufacturing



Roy Bowen

Roy Bowen, a fellow Rotarian (Atlanta Rotary) and current President of the Georgia Association of Manufacturers (GAM), shared that the GAM has advocated for Georgia manufacturers before the Georgia General Assembly, the Georgia Public Service Commission, and other state agencies since its inception in 1900. The GAM was originally the Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association. It shifted to its current scope of representing the interests of all manufacturers in the state in 2002-03, when Tom Gardner was serving in a leadership role with GAM. Throughout its history, the association has constantly worked to enhance the global competitiveness of Georgia manufacturers. As U.S. business interests shifted to technology-based and service-oriented enterprises, manufacturing in Georgia and the U.S. decreased. But, Bowen cited that manufacturing in Georgia and the U.S. has rebounded in recent years. "Manufacturing in Georgia has grown by 24% in the last six years," Bowen said. "This growth reflects the strength, quality, and diversity of Georgia manufacturers." GAM effectively builds relationships among its members and with policy and law makers to insure success. The diversity among its membership adds to GAM's strength in meeting and addressing the challenges experienced in growing manufacturing in our state. Bowen pointed out that recent legislative and regulatory successes have yielded over \$300 million in annual tax, energy, and other savings to Georgia manufacturers. "The future for manufacturing in Georgia is bright," he added. "Our state has an abundance of natural resources, the fastest growing port in the U.S., the busiest international airport in the country, and much more." Bowen predicts that manufacturing will continue to thrive. But, he hastily added that there are many challenges that must be addressed. He stated that preservation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) involving the U.S., Mexico, and Canada is crucial to Georgia manufacturing and its continued growth and success. Bowen expressed concerns over announced trade tariffs with our trading partners (Note: Tariffs on goods from Mexico, Canada, and other partners were announced later in the day). Availability of an educated workforce could restrict further growth, Bowen noted. He feels that the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System, and the College and Career Academy program are helping to address these educational needs. The GAM is also providing scholarship support for those advancing their education and training in manufacturing. "Funding and developing new talent for new positions and for filling those positions created by retirements is very crucial," Bowen added.

DUES REMINDER

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR DUES INVOICE VIA EMAIL? The Club recently shifted to emailing our dues invoices. You should have received an invoice in the last 2-3 weeks. If have not, please check your spam filter for the invoice. If you do not find it there or in your inbox, please contact Art Hammond or Yvonne Langford.



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Dave Lamb,
Program Chair,
introduced our
speaker

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Club Calendar

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

June 7	Take Me Out to the Ballgame	June 14	Donald Leslie Shepherd Center
	Board Meeting 5:45 PM UGA Garden	June 16	Rotary Leadership Institute @ SCTC

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

June 01	Mark Peek
02	Katy Arrowood
04	Dick Brooks
05	Janice Wallace
05	Jennifer Hilton
07	Will Childs

ANNIVERSARIES

June 06	Don & Farrah Crider
06	Jerry & Mary Walker
09	Philip & Jackie Smith
09	Randy & Brenda Peters
10	Art & Debbie Hammond
12	Jeff & Kristi Jacobs

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of J. William (Bill) Edwards, Sr. on his passing on May 30, 2018. Bill joined Griffin Rotary in 1991 and was a Paul Harris Fellow and Will Watt Fellow. Services will be Monday, June 4th, at 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be Sunday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Moody-Daniel Funeral Home in Zebulon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE TO UPDATE YOUR ENTRY IN OUR CLUB HANDBOOK! Jim King will be sending our 2018-19 Handbook to press next week. Please check your entry to see if there are any needed changes. If so, contact Jim (email, call, or see him). (He threatens that pictures of his selection could be embarrassing or entertaining, depending on who is the viewer.)

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IN GRIFFIN ON JUNE 16TH. Griffin Rotary and Daybreak Rotary are co-sponsoring the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute session on June 16th at Southern Crescent Technical College. All Rotarians are encouraged to enroll and participate, especially our new members and those moving into (or wishing to do so) leadership roles. You may register by copying and pasting one of these two links in your web browser.

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MEETING MAKEUP INFORMATION

Monday – 12 Noon	Henry County	PJs Sidewalk Café, McDonough
Monday – 12:15 PM	Fayetteville	IHOP, Fayetteville
Monday – 6:30 PM	Coweta-Fayette	Senoia Coffee Company, Senoia
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Barnesville	Lamar Co. College & Career Academy
Tuesday – 12 Noon	Jackson/Butts Co.	Daughtry Park, Jackson
Tuesday – 12:15 PM	Thomaston/Upson Co	Thomaston-Upson Senior Center
Wednesday – 7:30 AM	Griffin Daybreak	J. Henry's Restaurant, Griffin
Wednesday – 12:15 PM	Clayton County	Holiday Inn, Jonesboro
Thursday – 7:15 AM	Fayette Daybreak	Windham ,Peachtree City
Friday – 12 Noon	Newnan	Newnan Country Club, Newnan

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