Rotary Club of Dunwoody

The Friendly Breakfast Club

JANUARY 3, 2024

This Week's Speaker

Howard Berk, Ellijay Mushrooms



Come out to hear the story of a Georgia Start-up Business from founder, Howard Berk, of Ellijay Mushrooms this Friday morning at the AC Hotel.

In Felicia Feaster's Fast Lane article, "Fun with Fungi," Felicia tells the story of Howard's journey starting with creating a garden at his daughter's Brookhaven Elementary School to being named by the state of Georgia as a "2023 Small Business ROCK STAR" with his 1.3 million in annual revenue business. His intriguing rebound story, along with his newest endeavor with KSU and their sustainability solutions using these shade-loving fungi, are sure to be an inspiration to us all.

We are so excited to hear more about how mushrooms can not only improve health, but add some tasty flavor to our tables!

Check out more about Ellijay Mushrooms at **https://www.ellijaymushrooms.com**

MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

1/5	General Meeting - Howard Berk, President, Ellijay Mushrooms
1/12	General Meeting - Justin Campbell, Assembly Atlanta
1/26	General Meeting - Buzz Law, Creative Financial Group
2/2	General Meeting - Dana Rickman, President, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education
2/9	General Meeting - Jennie Stipick, Dunwoody Rotary Foundation Chair
3/1	General Meeting - Mary M. Cohen, Anchor Place Respite
3/8	General Meeting - Chris Clark, Georgia Chamber
3/29	General Meeting - Jennifer Long, Create Dunwoody

EVENTS

1/18	Thirsty Thursday
2/9	GRSP Leadership Weekend
2/15	Thirsty Thursday
2/17	Bounds Garden Clean Up Day
2/23	DeKalb Rotary Council Annual Breakfast - No general meeting
3/3	MEANINGFUL ACTION - Educational Event - Daphne Johnston
3/14	Thirsty Thursday
3/26	Whiskey Raffle Committee

BIRTHDAYS

1/6	Roy Wise
1/6	Lindsey Fentress
1/11	Jim Glass
1/20	Brian Harper
1/21	Juan Lago

Dues Update

Vote This Friday on Proposed Dues Increase

As discussed back in our July Club Assembly meeting; our club needs to balance our operating budget. Operating revenues have declined in the past few years as during COVID we gave the option of having a membership type of 'no meals'. We currently have 63 total members, of which 28 are 'Full Members' who pay for meals, 19 members chose to go to 'no meals' when the option was available and 14 are under the 'Rule of 85' membership (Age+Year of Membership > 85 so they have the option of no meals). The meal fee is what pays for our meeting space, but the burden for that is falling on too few members. At Le Meridian, for example, the cost to rent the space and only serve coffee was roughly the same as what it cost to serve 25 people breakfast.

To balance our operating budget the Board of Directors voted to raise dues $50 per quarter ($200 per year) across all membership types. To raise dues in this manner our club will need to vote on this at our next meeting, January 5, 2022. Our dues structure is set in the Club's bylaws, and accordingly, a vote of the Club membership is required to amend the bylaws to increase the quarterly dues.

If you are unable to attend the January 5th meeting you can vote by proxy. To vote by proxy please email Dave Burr at dave@mailcenteretc.com and he will send you a proxy form.

1/27	Robert Hall
1/29	Kobelah Svensen Bennah
1/30	Anita Augello

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/23	Tina Philpot (16)

ROTARY ONLINE

https://dunwoodyrotary.org
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Maggiano's - Perimeter Mall
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SOCIAL MEDIA

LEADERSHIP

President	Jack Sparks, Jr.
President-Elect	Louise Barden
President Nominee	Matthew Johnson
Immediate PP	Jennifer Shumway
Vice President	Louise Barden
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Dave Burr