

# Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis Newsletter

## March 10 2017 5-16

The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis met at Park Place on March 10, 2017 with 9 members and 4 guests present.

April 28 = Annual Meeting for election of new officers (YOUR PRESENCE IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE NOMINATED FOR SOMETHING)

May 3 = DSA Luncheon

\*Need items for the Silent Auction. Chris has forms to use when asking for donations.

Announcements:

The bake sale raised \$375 for Westside Elementary's Braves Bucks program. Yay!

Guest Speaker:

**Who:** Janet Cochran, project manager special guests Ontaria Finch from the Catoosa County Information Center and Carly Helton from GA Tourism

**Where:** GA Tourism. Tourism is a \$59 billion industry statewide. In 2015, Catoosa County made \$80.8 million in tourism dollars and \$3.3 million in additional tax revenue. Walking Dead, Vampire Diaries, Forrest Gump, Hunger Games, etc have all been filmed at least in part, in GA.

**What Do They Do?** Information sharing, product development, small business assistance

- Resource Team assists existing programs to 'bring new life' to them

- Grant program for small businesses to apply to for help getting started or improving their business

- Yearly statewide programs: 2017 is GA Film, 2016 was GA Eats, etc. This year the push is on film-focused itineraries, film food tours, and a 'Selfie-Spot' tour.

**How Can We Help?** Promote tourism in GA. Point new/expanding businesses towards the grant program. Spread the word.

Thanks to Nicole for reporting while I was at a conference in NC

## Upcoming Events

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May 3 is DSA - Need items for silent auction

May 17 Division interclub/rally at Collegedale Ooltewah 11:30-1.

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