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Important Dates to Remember for June 2018

- June 14**—Flag Day
- June 16**—Memorial Garden Dedication at Rutledge, 1:00 p.m.
- June 17**—Father's Day
- June 21**—Summer begins
- June 25**—Rutledge Center's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Retirement Party for Bobby Welch, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, RSVP required



- June 4—Macie
- June 6 - Dwayne
- June 12—Andrew
- June 14—Tony
- June 16—Michael S.
- June 20—Summer
- June 28—Ronnie

Noteworthy

We welcome your comments, suggestions, and input. If you would like to submit an article, you can send an email to: psibley@rutledgecenter.org.

Executive Director's Corner

By Staff

As John F. Kennedy once said, *"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present is certain to miss the future."*

Our beloved executive director Bobby Welch announced his retirement from Rutledge during the month of May and his last day was May 31st. We wish Bobby and Geraldine much happiness in this phase of their lives.

The Rutledge Board of Directors announced

Associate Director Carol Hill will serve as the interim executive

director effective June 1st until a new executive director is hired. The board has assembled a search committee to find a new executive director.

We love you, Bobby and will certainly miss your daily presence at Rutledge. Your impact here will forever be felt and remembered. God bless you!



Rutledge will be closed July 4th

Rutledge Center will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4th**, in observance of Independence Day.

We will re-open on Thursday, July 5th at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday!



Rutledge's 50th Anniversary Celebration & Bobby's Retirement Party ~ June 25th, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Rutledge Center is celebrating its 50th year serving individuals with developmental disabilities in Coweta and Heard counties. Rutledge began in 1968 with only seven children, and now in 2018, we are serving 67 adults.

We are planning a special

celebration to commemorate both the 50th Anniversary and Bobby Welch's retirement on Monday, June 25th.

Festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a special ceremony and balloon release. Afterward, guests will enjoy lunch and a few surprises!

Families of our clients are welcome to attend, but we must limit only 2 family members per client due to limited space and parking.

You must RSVP to Pam by Monday, June 18th in order to attend. Send number of people attending to: psibley@rutledgecenter.org or call 770-253-1189.

Clients receive President's Volunteer Service Award

By Nick Hunt (nhunt@rutledgecenter.org)

On May 30th, Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Cristina Bowerman and Community Outreach Coordinator Eric Miller visited Rutledge to present some of our clients with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Over the past year, this group of guys has volunteered over 500 hours of service to their community at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Newnan. Each volunteer was given the Presidential award certificate, a Presidential volunteer pin and a signed/sealed letter from President Trump himself.

These guys volunteer almost every Thursday during the year. Some of the things they help with at the ReStore include cleaning large and small items before being placed on the sales floor and cleaning items that are already on the sales floor, sweeping, greeting/respecting the customers and taking out the trash.

To celebrate their amazing accomplishment, the guys were treated to a pizza party!



2017 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD
Front Row: Rutledge Staff Nick Hunt; **Middle row:** Willie Cox, Patrick Doddridge, Charlie Olson, & Jon Barrier; **Last row:** Tony Cox, Dexter Harris, Dwayne Evans, Corey Herndon & Jermaine Thornton.



Top: Eric Miller presents award to Jon.
Middle: Willie & Tony receive awards.
Bottom: Patrick shows us his pin.

May I take your order, please?

By Jeff Kupras (jkupras@rutledgecenter.org)

One of our clients, Antonio "Tony" Cox, recently began working part-time at McDonald's. So, one morning while on community access individual with Tony, he wanted to stop by McDonald's for a snack.

Staff asked the assistant manager Brittany how Tony was doing at work. She replied, "He's doing fantastic! He works hard, and is learning how to take orders and cook on the grill." As staff and Tony were finishing their snack, the main boss, Jael, comes by and pretty much said the same things about Tony. Staff says to Tony, "It sounds like you are ready for a raise!" Jael quickly responds, "Yes, he's scheduled to get one in a couple of months."

Tony is really learning quickly at his new job and we are so proud of him!



Tony Cox enjoys his new job!

Looking Ahead...

July 4—Happy Independence Day! Rutledge will be closed.



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