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January 28, 2015 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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Upcoming Speakers

February 6
12:15 pm

Decatur Mayor
Jim Baskett
State of the City
Address



February 13

Our Speaker
Friday, Jan. 30:
Elizabeth Hornor
Michael C. Carlos Museum
Emory University



As the Marguerite Colville Ingram Director of Education at the Carlos Museum of Emory University, Elizabeth Hornor oversees a department of two full-time and one part-time staff members, and a volunteer staff of 65 docents responsible for the development and implementation of interpretative programs and materials for the museum's permanent collections and special exhibitions. During her tenure she has worked to integrate the museum into the intellectual life of the University and the Atlanta community by developing innovative public programs, leading faculty members to describe the museum as "a model for what the arts should be on campus."

State of the Decatur Rotary Club Address

12:15 pm

Doug Hooker
Executive Director,
Atlanta Regional
Commission



As background for the State of Decatur Rotary Club address delivered by President Peter (right), Walt Drake (center) presented an overview of the club's history.

- The Decatur Rotary Club was spun off from the Atlanta Rotary Club in 1938 with 19 charter members.
- The club met in the former Candler Hotel until 1966, then moved to Decatur Federal's Sky Room for almost three decades.
- In the early 90s, the club began meeting in our current space, the old Decatur Court House.
- The club welcomed its first African American member in the 70s
- The first female member, Lyn Menne, was inducted in the 80s.

Decatur Rotary Club Officers

President:
Peter Michelson

President-Elect:
Scott Thompson

Past President:
Robert Brown

Secretary:
Vee Nelson

Treasurer:
Drew Robinson

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Mark Burnette

The Four-Way Test

In everything that
we think, say or do:



Next, with Joe Biden at his side and deftly deflecting

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build
GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

[For more information
visit our website.](#)

[Check our club's
calendar](#)

[District 6900 Website](#)



Friday
Lunches
catered by
Oakhurst Market

Good to Know

Meeting Place
Old Courthouse,
Downtown Decatur
101 E. Court Square

rebuttals by the Elks, Peter opened his remarks by praising the teamwork of our club members. Pillars of his presidency so far include:

- Service projects - The club has completed eight projects, compiled 140 volunteer hours, and started an Interact Club at Decatur High School.
- Fellowship opportunities - Monthly Classification talks, Family of Rotary news, service projects and Thirsty Thursdays being examples.
- Programs - The program committee has procured top shelf speakers and programs, including a Salute to Veterans.
- PR - Excellent weekly newsletter, addition of table toppers and big screen at club meetings, enhancements to club website, and club news featured in local media and District 6900 newsletter.

Great service projects, programs and fellowship has lead to an increase in membership. The club has added 16 new members, only losing two, for a net increase of 14, handily surpassing the year's goal of five new members.

Other highlights of his term include:

- Three-year strategic plan, lead by John Robinson
- Updated club manual, thanks to Vee Nelson
- Staying within budget, hiring part-time bookkeeper, paying down debt to district, collecting past dues, and working to add automated dues payment system, under direction of Treasurer Drew Robinson.
- Rotary Foundation - distributed grants totaling \$11,000, awarding DHS Scholarship, GRSP re-engagement and funding international service project in Lithuania.

Upcoming events

Feb 23 - Light up Rotary. Celebration of Rotary's anniversary

April 23-26 - District 6900 conference. Club goal is 25 registered attendees.

May 7 - Derby Day fundraiser for Decatur Rotary Foundation

President Peter ended by encouraging us to get involved and stay involved with Decatur Rotary!

[See President Peter's Report Here](#)

Meeting Time
Every Friday
12:15 to 1:30 pm

Our Club
#4132, District #6900.

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Decatur Rotary Club, PO
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Dues & Donations
\$275 quarterly dues
\$700 annual donation

Newsletter
Submissions
Deadline is Monday at
noon. Send your news to
Doug Robinson, [doug@
eagleeyebooks.com](mailto:doug@eagleeyebooks.com)

News and Announcements



Four new members were inducted:

Miguel Alandete
Classification: Banking - SBA Loans
Sponsor: Jeff Hancock

Brett Price
Classification: Commercial Real Estate
Sponsor: Joe Kusmik

Bryan Markowitz
Classification: Association - Management
Sponsor: John Bennett

Lori Ronca
Classification: Retail - Artist Market
Sponsor: Rick Garnitz

Mark Burnett thanked the 16 members who volunteered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day work/repair project.

President Peter reminded everyone that our former secretary, Jean O'Callaghan, will be feted at our next First Thursday social on Feb. 5 at Eddie's Attic.

Last week, students from Decatur High School presented to Decatur Rotary an exciting new initiative for 8th graders. The Price of Poverty is a



one-day symposium for all 9th-grade students at Decatur High School funded by the Funk Global Awareness Fund of the Decatur Education Foundation. During a school day in January, each student will participate in three activities designed to raise awareness about the individual and societal implications of poverty.

As part of this educational experience, students will participate in a service project with Stop Hunger Now, packing meals to be sent to families in need in developing countries. The goal for the day is to pack 60,000 meals and each meal of high protein grains costs 29 cents and feeds six people.

Students will be raising funds to support this effort. Please consider a donation to help them meet their goal. To make a tax-deductible gift [click here](#)

More about last week's meeting

Family of Rotary
Presented by Todd Speed

Bob Bachman and John Shelton featured in Atlanta Business Chronicle article about healthcare leadership.



Invocation
David Hughes





Visiting Rotarians

Candace Klein, Assistant District Governor, Buckhead Rotary Club, pictured at left with Sara Fountain and Barbara Tedrow (right)

Guests of club: Cheryl Nahmias, Spencer Harris, Lillian Fantz, Kyra Ellisen, Derek Walker, Jason McLin, all from Decatur High School

Followups . . .

Keep the feedback coming so we can make this newsletter even better! Deadline for the bulletin is Monday at noon. Please email your comments and suggestions to:

Doug: doug@eagleeyebooks.com

Betty: bhspiker@bellsouth.net

Rhonda: davidson@emory.edu

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square