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This Week at Rotary!

**Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver,
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**2017 General
Assembly Preview**

A Career of Firsts

Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, a native Georgian from DeKalb County, served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1987-1992 and was then elected to the State Senate, where she served three terms. In 1998 Oliver left the Senate to run for lieutenant governor and finished first, ahead of six Democratic challengers. She lost in a runoff to the second place finisher. In 2003, Oliver was elected to the House where she continues to serve, representing the 82nd District.

When Oliver was elected to the Senate, she was appointed to chair the judiciary committee during her freshman term, a rare legislative distinction. The appointment was also notable, marking the first time in 40 years that a

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Tom Mullen
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**Friday
Lunches**
catered by
Oakhurst Market

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The Four-Way Test

In everything that
we think, say or
do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all
concerned?

Will it build

woman was named to chair a standing Senate committee. During the 2004 session, she was appointed chair of the House Judiciary Committee, becoming the first person to serve as chair of both House and Senate Judiciary Committees and the first woman to ever serve as chair of either committee.

Oliver currently sits on the House Appropriations, Judiciary, Governmental Affairs, Juvenile Justice and Science and Technology Committees. She was appointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to the Committee on Justice for Children and by Speaker David Ralston to the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform.

A Career Dedicated to Service

State Senator Elena Parent was elected in 2014. She represents District 42, which includes portions of central and north DeKalb County. Sen. Parent is a member of the Government Oversight, Judiciary Non-Civil, Science and Technology, and Special Judiciary committees.

Senator Parent previously served as the State Representative for District 81 in DeKalb County in 2011 and 2012. Senator Parent then continued her public service as the executive director of Georgia Watch, the state's leading consumer rights non-profit.

Recently, Senator Parent was listed in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* "Who's Who in Sustainability" feature for her leadership on energy and environmental policy issues. In 2011, she was the recipient of two prestigious awards in recognition of her legislative accomplishments: the *Fulton County Daily Report* "On the Rise," and the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* "40 Under 40." She was also a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2013.

Senator Parent traces her core beliefs -- the importance of family and making the community a better place for all -- to her upbringing in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol where her parents stressed the importance of faith and public service.

Call for Community Project Grant Applications

Deadline: March 1

Decatur Rotary Club is now accepting applications for our annual community grants program. The application is available [here](#).

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Meeting Time

Every Friday
12:15 to 1:30 pm

Our Club

#4132, District #6900.

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Submissions

Deadline is Monday at
noon. Send your news to
[Adrienne Vinson Wadley](#)

The grant application criteria include:

- Project must focus on literacy or at-risk youth.
- Grant money must be used for a specific program, not for general operations or overhead.
- Grants are limited to programs that are based in DeKalb County and that serve county residents.
- Describe the positive impact that the grant will have on your program, and on the community at large.
- Grant funds must be used between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.
- The community project must be administered by a certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency.

Applications are due no later than March 1.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Burnette via [email](#) or at 404-638-5891.

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