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Rotary Club of Decatur



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Upcoming Speakers

Friday, Oct. 10



Beth Finnerty and
Ray Kotwicki
Skyland Trail

Oct. 17

Ready, Set, Smile!

Who? Every Decatur Rotary member.

What? Group photo: "We're This Close..."

When? Immediately after Friday's lunch and talk. Please be here 15 minutes early (HIGH NOON).

Where? On the courthouse steps facing the community bandstand on the square.

What else? District Governor Alicia Michael will be in the photo with us.

Our Speaker This Week, Oct. 3

District Governor
Alicia Michael

Alicia Michael is the owner of Carrollton Collision Center in Carrollton, Georgia. After working as the



Bob Bachman
CEO Emory
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Decatur Rotary Club Officers

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Drew Robinson

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Mark Burnette

The Four-Way Test

**In everything that
we think, say or
do:**

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all



office manager of her company for two years, she became a partner in 2000. She went on to become the sole owner in 2002.

After spending several years focusing on her business, Alicia began looking for a way to serve her community and was introduced to Rotary by her sponsor, Herbert Hatton. She joined the Rotary

Club of Carrollton Dawnbreakers in March 2005. Since her induction she has served the club as service projects director, fundraising director and president in 2008-2009. She has been recognized by her club with the Dawnbreakers Rotarian of the Year, Dawnbreakers Leadership Award, John T. Lewis Mentor Award and the Dawnbreakers Excellence Award. Alicia was also honored to receive the District 6900 Sheffield Award in 2008-2009.

While working as service projects director of the Dawnbreakers, the club introduced RADD: Rotarians Against Distracted Driving. This initiative was designed to raise awareness with teens and adults of the dangers of distracted driving.

Alicia served District 6900 as an assistant governor from 2010-2013. She is a sustaining member, a benefactor, and a Paul Harris Fellow and in February of 2011 joined the Paul Harris Fellow Society.

Alicia is married to Matt Metts and together they have two children, Joshua Michael and Mikayla Metts.

**Last Week's Speaker, Sept. 26:
Dr. Alan Abramowitz**

concerned?

Will it build
GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?



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Friday
Lunches
catered by
Oakhurst Market

Betty Willis introduced our speaker Dr. Alan Abramowitz, Professor of Political Science at Emory University.

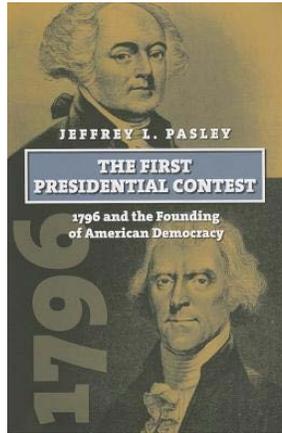
Topic: The Outlook for the 2012 Midterm Elections and Beyond.

The midterm elections are near with all house seats, 36 senate seats, 36 gubernatorial positions and 6,000 state legislative seats up for grabs. For historical reasons, and for what current polls show, the speaker predicted a tilt toward the Republican side. "There are lots of opportunities for the Republicans to pick up seats," however (these are predictions, after all)," he said, "They may still lose."

He said that the senate race and the governor races in Georgia are too close to call and may well end up in runoffs in December and January. He also observed that while there is gridlock and will apparently continue to be gridlock in Washington, states are moving in their own directions (either left or right) on a myriad of social and political issues.



This is the book presented to the DeKalb Library System in honor of our speaker .



News and Announcements

See You Friday for Lunch!

Additional notes on our upcoming meeting:

- We all need to be there to hear the District Governor who has a terrific presentation.
- Makeups count towards the 100% attendance.
- Great food planned by Oakhurst Market!

First Thursday -- for fun and a make-up
The October First Thursday event is Oct. 2 at The Harbour House Pub, 129 Church Street. President Peter emphasized his wish for 100% attendance at the Oct. 3 meeting, which will include make-ups for First Thursday attendees.

Pres. Peter said that Elizabeth Cohen, one of our recent speakers and a long time friend, is currently in Africa reporting on Ebola for CNN.

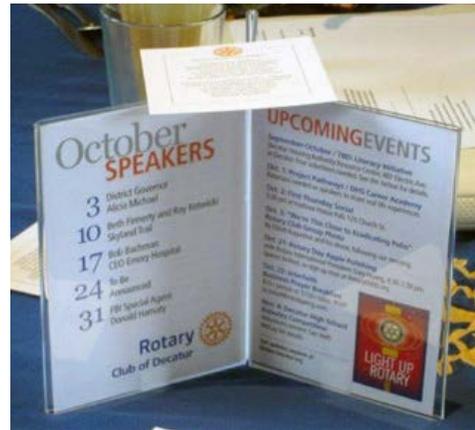
All Cards on the
Tables

A BIG THANK YOU to Elliott Augustine, Betty Spiker, and Sara Fountain for our new table displays. Check them out for upcoming speakers and special announcements.

Get RADD!

RADD stands for Rotarians Against Distracted Driving. This is a special concern of our district governor. She invites you to pledge to drive and while driving not allow yourself to be distracted by the modern gadgets we all

carry with us.



Welcome New Members!

Alan Dishman introduced Chet Burge whose classification is CPA and Rick Garnitz introduced Paul Servino whose classification is Law Enforcement Support Services.



Welcome Students!

Ijaaz Kingston and Celeste Whitman, the two Agnes Scott students whom we supported in the Camp Vasara project this summer, gave their impressions of their experience. Ijaaz, by the way, is the new president of the Interact Club at Agnes Scott.

More about last week's meeting

Invocation: Mark Burnette

Guests

Joseph and Sonia Michelson, guests of Peter Michelson
Jeb Buffington, guest of Rick Garnitz
Cathy Keeler, guest of James Brewer-Calvert
Mary Margaret Oliver, guest of Betty Willis
Dorothy Williams, guest of Paul Cervino
Lauren Ramsdell, guest of Sara Fountain

Guests of Club: Ijaaz Kingston, Celeste Whitman, Charlie Harmon.

Visiting Rotarians

Presented by David Ewing

Family of Rotary

Congratulations to Drew Robinson on the birth of his third child.

Our sympathy to Chad Greer whose father recently passed away,

Pres. Peter's firm Renewal Design/ Builders was highlighted in Decatur Living and Todd reports he has become one of Peter's satisfied customers.

Todd's own son Luke recently got his driver's license (usually a joy for the child and a concern for the parent!)

Elliott Augustine's company American Drone Industries.com, which does drone videography, has been approved to do the drone coverage of the new street car project in Atlanta.

If you have joys or concerns you would like highlighted in this part of our meetings, please email Todd Speed at tspeed@dpchurch.org.

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:

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Betty: bhspiker@bellsouth.net

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Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square

- Meeting time and Place: Old Courthouse, Downtown Decatur, Fridays 12:15 to 1:30
- Our club #4132, District #6900.
- Mailing address Decatur Rotary Club, PO Box 845, Decatur, GA 30031
- Dues & Donations: Dues \$275 quarterly, Donations \$700 annually