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Club of Decatur



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CEO, WABE and
PBA

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Wonya Lucas | CEO, WABE and PBA

Wonya Lucas is president and CEO of Public Broadcasting Atlanta, which includes NPR station WABE, Atlanta's PBS station, PBA, and several associated online properties including the arts and culture site, Atlanta Planit. Previously,



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Past Presidents
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Amy Nash

Lucas was president and CEO for TV One where she was responsible for all strategic decisions and daily operations. Prior to joining TV One, Lucas held several positions at Discovery Communications including executive vice president and chief operating officer for Discovery Channel and Science Channel, and global chief marketing officer for Discovery, marketing in 210 countries and more than 130 networks. While at Discovery, Lucas helped launch the Investigation Discovery, HUB and OWN networks.

Prior to joining Discovery Communications in 2008, Lucas served as general manager and executive vice president of The Weather Channel Networks, where she was responsible for daily operations, programming development, corporate strategy and development, and strategic marketing for The Weather Channel and weather.com. She has also held several positions at Turner Broadcasting System, including senior vice president of strategic marketing for cnn.com and CNN Networks Worldwide, vice president of business operations and network development for Turner Entertainment, and vice president of entertainment marketing for TNT. Her other experience includes roles with The Coca-Cola Company, Clorox, and Westinghouse Electric.

Wonya Lucas is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, International Women's Forum, Leadership Atlanta, Metro Atlanta Chamber, and the Atlanta Business League. She serves on the boards of JC Penney, National Public Radio, Girl Scouts USA, National Environmental Education

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The Four-Way
Test

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that we
think, say or do:

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Is it FAIR to all
concerned?

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GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

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Foundation, Georgia Tech College of Engineering Board, Georgia Tech Alumni Association Board of Trustees, Girl Talk and the Children's Museum of Atlanta.

Lucas is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a B.S. in industrial and systems engineering and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with an M.B.A in finance and marketing. She is the proud mother of two daughters, Alexis and Sydney.

Oct. 6 Meeting Recap

Sheffield Hale | CEO, Atlanta History Center



Sheffield Hale, CEO of the Atlanta History Center (left) introduced by Alan Yorker, spoke about the history of Confederate monuments and what to do about them. He began by showing some photos of the Cyclorama painting that has been moved to the Atlanta History Center and is being restored to its original size and appearance. It will be open to the public sometime in 2018. He made the point that, despite what some people may think, the painting was not created as a confederate memorial. It was created in Milwaukee by German painters to celebrate the Yankee victory in the Battle

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Good to Know

Meeting Place
Old Courthouse
Downtown Decatur
101 E. Court Square

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

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#4132, District
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of Atlanta. After touring in the north, it came to the south to be exhibited and ended up in Atlanta. Once here, many of the Yankee soldiers depicted in the painting were repainted as Confederate soldiers and in doing so, supported the "Lost Cause" narrative.

Monumental Motivation

There are three types of Confederate memorials: those erected soon after the war ended, those erected between the late 1880s to the 1930s, and those erected after the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954. The first type was mainly erected in cemeteries and were intended to honor the Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. Examples of this type of monument can be found in Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery. The second type, of which the one found on Decatur square is an example, were erected to show that white people were in control of society and to support the Lost Cause narrative. These monuments are not about the people depicted in them, but about the people who erected them. The carving on Stone Mountain is an example of the third type of Confederate monument, and is one of the most toxic because of its history. The idea for it was closely connected with the revival of the Klu Klux Klan that began on Stone Mountain in 1915, however work on it ceased shortly before the Great Depression. It was only restarted at the urging of the governor of Georgia after the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. It was completed in the early 1970s and was seen by some as a "thumb in the eye" of the federal government for its civil rights initiatives.

Moving Forward

Mr. Sheffield made the point that this is not the first time that monuments erected at an earlier time have been recognized as controversial due to political developments. Another example are the monuments to Stalin that were erected in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. After his death, the new rulers of the Soviet Union had many of them removed and discarded. In eastern Europe, after the fall of the Soviet Union, such monuments were gathered in one place in Hungary and Lithuania and became a park. In Ukraine, a prominent Stalin monument was transformed into a statue of Darth Vader and became a wi-fi hot spot.

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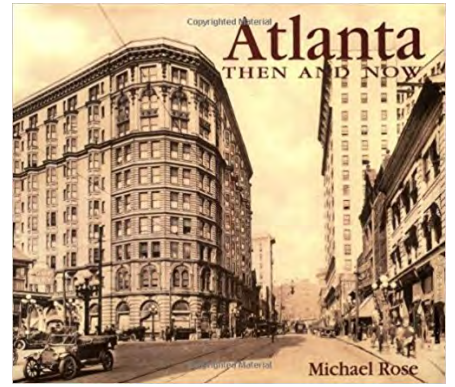
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Mr. Sheffield is of the opinion that what to do about Confederate monuments should be left up to the people of each community. This would require an open and honest discussion about the true purpose of the monuments, which was to divert attention from the basic reason for the Civil War and promote the Lost Cause narrative. Unless people can agree that the basic reason for the Civil War was the desire of the Confederate states to preserve their right to have slavery, Mr. Sheffield is not hopeful that we can hold constructive discussions on what should be done about the monuments. The Atlanta History Center has created an online resource to help facilitate these discussions and a template to explain the history and purpose behind the erection of the second and third types of Confederate monuments, [which can be found here.](#)



The book presented to the DeKalb Library System in the speaker's honor was *Atlanta: Then and Now* by Michael Rose.



Announcements

Invocation
Tim Martin

Guests
John Leake, guest of the club

Janie Yorker, guest of Alan Yorker

Laurette Johnson guest of Terence Johnson

Visiting Rotarians

Sheffield Hale, speaker, Atlanta Rotary Club

Many thanks to the 11 club members who attended the October Thirsty Thursday Social at Twain's!

Save These Dates!

Our annual Past Presidents Reception takes place at Café Lily on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 to 9 pm. Come and meet our past presidents, hear about their accomplishments, and enjoy fellowship and delicious hors d'oeuvres!

On the Same Page (OTSP) youth literacy project: Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:45 pm-8:30 pm: Lead book-related activities for kids at an OTSP activity party at Little Shop of Stories (need 6-8 volunteers). Volunteers please email Keri Powell at ms.keri.powell@gmail.com or text her at 917-573-8853.



Around the Room



Robert Brown and Sheffield Hale chat after the meeting



Jason Conn and Rhonda Davidson chat after the

meeting



Dennis Byerly and Jack Gerlach chat after the meeting



Terence Johnson and John Leake, guest of the club,
chat after the meeting

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Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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