



Decatur Rotary Club

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October 13, 2009

Inspirational and educational are words that do faint justice as a summary of our program this past Friday. I hope you enjoy reading about our fellowship together and the wisdom that was shared by one of our community's leaders.

Brian Cayce

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 GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all

President's Corner



President Bryan convened our meeting with an invitation to **Rev. James Brewer-Calvert** to give our invocation

Steven Hayner, President of Columbia Theological Seminary

concerned?



Announcements

David Weitnauer is taking a leave of absence. With his new job and travel demands, it will be hard for him to make our Friday meetings.

Guests & Visitors

Our Invocation was given by **Rev. James Brewer-Calvert**

Our Visiting Rotarians included:

Tom Lakin of Stone Mountain Club

Our guests included:

Thomas Daniel, guest of **Bill Funk**. He is a minister and a Columbia Seminary Graduate. He is also Gayle Gellerstedt's son.

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed introduced Steven Hayner, the newly-appointed President of Columbia Theological Seminary.



Steven was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees on June 15. He is only the 9th President since their founding in 1828. The board said of Steve that "God has called a person of integrity, vision and joy to this office!"

Steve has a great resume that includes 36 years as a pastor. He has lead educational institutions and is a scholar, leader and he loves being close to the students. He received a Masters from Harvard and, graduated from Whitman College in Washington State. He has been with Columbia Seminary since 2003 and was professor of Evangelism and Church Growth.

Steve told us a funny story about attending his very first Rotary Club meeting as a new pastor in Seattle. His wife had just picked out a new wardrobe for him. He was so proud of his maroon slacks, his red, white and blue blazer and he felt like the cat's meow when he strode to the podium. He happened to notice that everyone in the crowd either had a black, blue or gray suit on! He knew he stuck out like a sore thumb but had a great time. He was relieved that the Decatur crowd was a bit less formal.

Speakers At-a-Glance

October 16, 2009:
Dr. Chris DePree

October 23, 2009:
Don O'Briant



Officers of the Decatur Rotary Club:

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Steve is proud of Columbia's history and its close ties to the Scott family and Agnes Scott College. The Scott family donated 57 acres and Columbia moved its campus from Columbia, South Carolina, to Decatur. There are 442 Masters and Doctoral students and another 2000 students involved in other studies.

The stated goal of Columbia is "Shaping New Leaders for Church, the Community and the Broader World." The median age of the students is 29. This is a generation that has grown up with technology. They have a very high "sense of self"! They are the products of the self esteem movement from Mr. Rogers and Sesame Street telling them that they are perfect just the way they are!

They are the Generation Me! Many of today's young adults feel more of a sense of entitlement but they also are more miserable than ever before! With such high expectations, they sometimes find out there are challenges out there that can present some problems. . They find out that why can't always get that perfect job. Some of boomeranged back to their parent's house and that can lead to anxiety and depression.

Friendships are hugely important to this group and they stay connected by the internet, cell phones and Face Book but they sometimes have tougher times with close individual relationships.

They are trying to train today's leaders by looking at how Jesus trained his leaders. He points out that the Jesuits have been training leaders very well for over 400 years by focusing on 4 timeless areas.

Birthdays!

1. You must have self knowledge. You need to know your limitations and strengths.

2. Ingenuity and imagination is so important. They want leaders to



Oct 8, John Robinson
Oct 15, Scott Stevenson
Oct 19, Bill Moon
Oct 28, Judy Turner
Oct 29, Rick Garnitz

be able to walk across many borders and find the possibilities that exist there.

3. Love-You must have love and self-sacrificing service and care for others.

4. Courage and Heroism. You must be willing to take risks and have a leap of faith to do the right things in life.

All of those traits are attractive to the new generation and they are willing to develop those attributes and challenges. Columbia is doing a great job in training those new leaders!

Library Book: [Leadership Lessons of Jesus: A Timeless Model for Today's Leaders](#), by Bob Briner

Report by **Mark Whatley**

'Round the Room...



President Bryan and Hugh Goodwin led a celebration of **Jean O'Callaghan's** birthday by singing the Happy Birthday song!



James Brewer-Calvert shares an interdenominational moment with
our Speaker and **Todd Speed**

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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