



Decatur Rotary Club

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November 3, 2010

The Decatur Wine Festival will be this Saturday, November 6 on the Square in Downtown Decatur. The festival showcases organic and sustainably produced wines along with more than 350 other domestic and international selections. More information can be found by visiting <http://decaturwinefestival.com>.

Also, please visit our website at decatur-rotary.org where you can update your contact information, view videos from past Rotary meetings and find out who our upcoming speakers are. Don't forget to join our [LinkedIn Group](#) and [Facebook Page](#) as well!

Elliott Augustine & Andrea Greengard

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 concerned?

President's Corner



Announcements

Rotary Networking Resources

District 6900 has created this resource to help Rotarians in our district find employment. To find out more visit the district web site www.rotarydistrict6900.org and look for Career Networking.

Decatur Rotary is now on Facebook. Check out the page for updates and become a fan. [Decatur Rotary Facebook Page](#)

Decatur Rotary is now on LinkedIn. Check our page for updates and to join our group. [Decatur Rotary LinkedIn Group](#)

NEW!! Link to the most recent District 6900 Newsletter:
[District Newsletter](#)

Book Of The Week

"And They Call Them Games"
by
Dick Yarbrough



President C.J. called the meeting to order

Announcements:

First Thursday Rotary Social: November 4

Our First Thursday Rotary Social will be held tomorrow, from 5:30 to 7:30 at Bojhanic. Bojhanic is located at 1363 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033. Be on the look out for a possible email announcement containing more information.

Thursday, November 6: Park Clean Up Day

When: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 am)
Where: Dearborn Park, Decatur (Deerwood Drive at Midway Road)
Food and live entertainment will follow the work session. For more info call 404-371-2540 or visit www.ParkRenewalDay.com. You can also watch a short video about the event here.

The Decatur Rotary Renewal Regiment Needs YOU

From **Mark Whatley**, fearless team leader of the Rotary Renewal Regiment: We need 15 volunteers for the Dearborn Park Renewal Day on Nov. 6, 8 am to 1 pm (see above for more info). To participate, contact Mark at the following:

Mark Whatley
Fearless Team Leader
Decatur Rotary Renewal Regiment
678-296-7894 / Mobile
Markewhatl@aol.com



Book Description:

A no-punches-pulled insider's perspective of the Centennial Olympic Games, and the only book written about the Atlanta Games.

Guests & Visitors

Jim Topp gave the invocation.

Our Guests included:

Matt Cardoza:
guest of **Brad Bryant**

Cynthia Baugh Williams:
guest of **Sara Fountain**

Jim Garner: guest of
Bedros Sharian, Jr.

Clay Davis:
guest of **Jason Conn**

Our Visiting Rotarians included:

none

Speakers At A Glance

November 5, 2010:
Dr. Jagdish Sheth

Dick Yarbrough

John Adams introduced the speaker Dick Yarbrough.



Dick Yarbrough began with some nice words about recently deceased Rotarian, **Ted O'Callaghan**, then recounted how his third career as a columnist began with a brief article for the Atlanta Business Chronicle on Atlanta 2 years after the Olympic Games. He had no intention of making a career of writing columns, but now he is syndicated in some 30 newspapers. He knows how to get a response from his readers by simply mentioning a subject like the state flag, but claims that he always tries to respond to each letter he receives, no matter how vitriolic, and generally tries to make friends.

Yarbrough claims that Democrats think he is a "red neck Republican" and Republicans think that he is a "liberal leaning Democrat". He likes to pick on politicians, especially when they have lost the focus on their primary responsibilities. He mentioned that Georgia has no problems, right? We are flush with cash, have the best education in America, transportation in Atlanta's great, and everything else in the state is working fine...

Well, if that was true, Yarbrough may lose topics of interest for his columns. People are disgusted with politics, he claims, and would like to see better results. Particularly in public education, for which he is an unapologetic advocate, Yarbrough yearns for more common sense leadership.

November 12, 2010:
TBA

November 19, 2010:
TBA

Officers of the Decatur Rotary Club:

President:
C.J. Becker

President-Elect:
Jason Conn

Past President:
Bryan Downs

Secretary:
Betty Spiker

Treasurer:
John Bennett

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Doug Torbush

District Governor:
Casey Farmer



Photo: Dick Yarbrough

In honor of our speaker, Dick Yarbrough, the book "When The Headline Is You" by Jeff Hansell was donated to the DeKalb County Library.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reported by Todd Speed

Photography by Mark Burnette

Birthdays!



Nov 2: Linda Harris

Nov 3: Scotty Candler

Nov 4: Gloria Kusmik

Nov 6: Marv Fralish

Nov 8: Jay Durham

'Round the Room...

Nov 10: Bob Wilson

Nov 12: Ginny Byrd Porter

Nov 13: Jim Baskett

Nov 25: Bedros Sharian Jr

Nov 28: Robert Brown

Nov 29: Darro Willey



Bobby Atwater and **Linton Broom** - part of our wonderful **Sgt. At Arms Committee**



Darro Wiley and **Betty Spiker (Club Secretary)**



John Adams and our speaker, Dick Yarbrough,
pose for a picture before the meeting

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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