



December 17, 2014 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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Upcoming Speakers

Dec. 26
 Happy Holidays
 NO MEETING

Jan. 2
 Happy New Year!
 NO MEETING

**Decatur
 Rotary Club
 Officers**
 President:
 Peter Michelson
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Our Speaker This Week, Dec. 19



Sam Shartar, Emory University Senior Administrator for Emory's Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response.

Sam Shartar is responsible for directing operations for the office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response. Prior to joining CEPAR, Mr. Shartar served as the unit director for emergency services at Emory University Hospital. Mr. Shartar, a former EMS supervisor, has an extensive background in pre-hospital care. He also has broad experience in emergency and critical care nursing, and holds certification as an emergency nurse. His background in disaster management includes experience in pre-hospital, event management, field operations, state government, and hospital operations.

Mr. Shartar is a member of the State's Region III EMS council, representing DeKalb County. He serves on the Georgia Department of Public Health Surge Workgroup and the Biowatch Advisory Committee. Mr. Shartar is a certified emergency manager (CEM) through the Georgia

Scott Thompson

Past President:
Robert Brown

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Vee Nelson

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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
concerned?

Will it build
GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

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Emergency Management Agency. He also holds certification as an emergency management healthcare professional (EMHP) through the Georgia Department of Public Health. Mr. Shartar practices clinically in the emergency department of Emory University Hospital.

Our Dec. 5 Speaker:
Mary Margaret Oliver
Georgia State Legislature



After an introduction by Betty Willis (left), our speaker, Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver, began her speech with an observation that for many years Georgia was a one-party state, Democratic and diverse. It is still a one-party state but now Republican and less diverse. She also pointed out that rather consistently in Georgia 25-30% of the population does not have a GED. And surprise, blueberries are now a bigger state crop than peaches!



She then spoke at length about the creation of cities in our



Friday
Lunches
catered by
Oakhurst Market

Good to Know

Meeting Place
Old Courthouse,
Downtown Decatur
101 E. Court Square

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

Our Club
#4132, District #6900.

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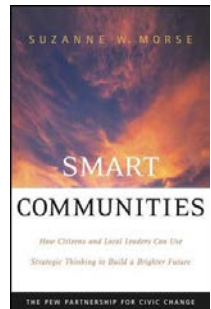
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county and the legal issues of "who owns what" as areas incorporate and cities annex.



President Peter marked Mary Margaret's visit and talk with a copy of Smart Communities by Suzanne Morse, to be donated to the DeKalb County Library.



News and Announcements

Family of Rotary
Presented by James
Brewer-Calvert

Our condolences to Susie Brown who recently lost a good friend. Congratulations to Diane and Doug Robinson as Diane retires after 29 years of teaching in the DeKalb County School System!



Announcements



Classification Talk: Dan DeWoskin spoke about being a personal injury/trial attorney and how much of what he does involves learning and then passing on what he has learned.



Doug Robinson does the heavy lifting with a load of books wrapped by club volunteers for the Hope for the Holidays program.

Service: Alison Weissinger reported that our club raised nearly \$700 to purchase more than 80 books for 64 children as Christmas gifts through the Hope for the Holidays program. Thank you, Alison for your leadership and to all in the club who supported this effort.



Report from the Nominating Committee: Robert Brown announced Amy Nash has been nominated to be our club's president 2016-17. A unanimous vote supporting Amy Nash as president followed. Congratulations!

More about last week's meeting

Invocation

James Brewer-Calvert

Visiting Rotarians

Emory Morsberger / Gwinnett Club

Jim Breedlove / Buckhead Club

Guests

Ray White (Mark Hastings)

Fatimot Ladipo (Doug Torbush)

Allen Venet, Matt Lewis, Mary Kay Woodworth (Brad Bryant)

Patti Garrett (Linda Harris)

Kecia Cunningham (Peggy Merriss)

Kevin Eostaph (Jim Crabb)

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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