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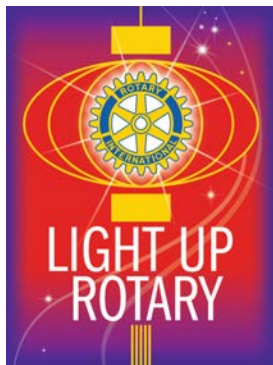


February 19, 2015 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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Upcoming Events and Speakers

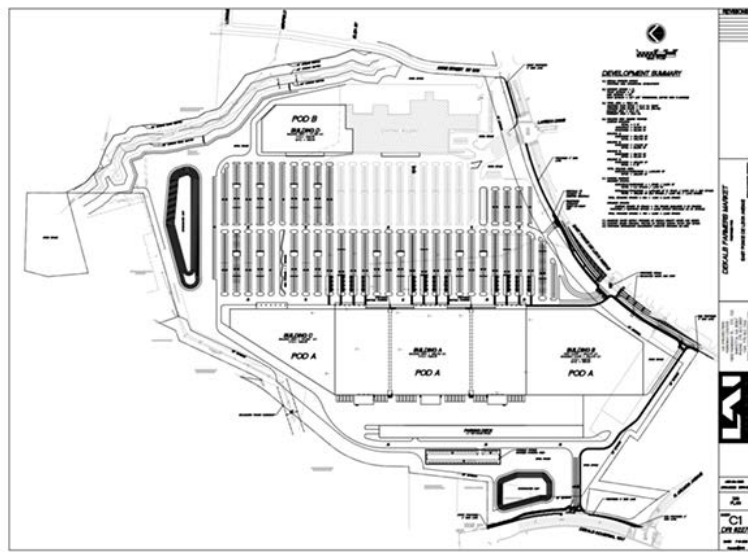
Light Up Rotary!
Feb. 23, 7 pm-8 pm
on the square in
downtown Decatur



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Feb 27, 12:15 pm
Meeting Speaker

Speaking at Our Meeting this Week:

Robert Blazer
Owner, Your DeKalb Farmer's Market
"Plans for Expansion of the YDFM"
Feb. 20 at 12:15 pm



Last Week's Speaker



Paul Morris
President
Atlanta Beltline

Decatur Rotary Club Officers

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Peter Michelson

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Scott Thompson

Past President:
Robert Brown

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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

Doug Hooker, Executive Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission



As Sara Fountain (left) presented our speaker's credentials and accomplishments, it was evident that Douglas Hooker's life has been dedicated to public service in the interest of the greater Atlanta community. His private sector and public sector roles have prepared him well for his current role as the executive director of the 65-year-old Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). His ARC success is a tribute to his commitment and unified vision to implement collaborative solutions for the future of our region.



The Future of Metro Atlanta

Mr. Hooker's comprehensive presentation focused on community development, transportation development, water and natural resources, education, arts and culture, aging and health resources, workforce development, community research, and more.

He focused on the theme of "Choosing a Path to Winning Our Future." Communities must integrate systems, form collaborations, and innovatively adapt in order to survive. We must consider all aspects of our larger community, including transportation, employment, water resources, education, digital innovations, and emerging population trends, in order to adapt to the needs of the future.

**GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?**

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

[For more information
visit our website.](#)

[Check our club's
calendar](#)

[District 6900 Website](#)



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

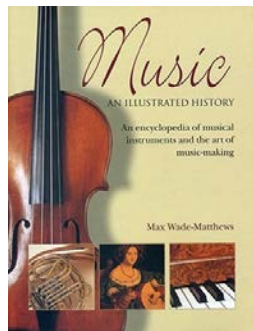
Our Club
#4132, District #6900.

The Atlanta region may have some negative perceptions to overcome, but our heritage is one that belongs to visionaries and innovators: William Hartsfield, Ivan Allen, Maynard Jackson, Manuel Maloof, Andrew Young, Billy Payne, and numerous other leaders who have shaped the region we are today. Now, we need to consider new visions, form new collaborations, and nurture innovations in order to adapt to the needs of the future.

The Atlanta region must address public transportation as a means to encourage employment and minimize congested traffic productivity losses. We also need to focus on education as a means for our young people to achieve success and to meet the evolving needs of a modern workforce. Additionally, our communities, supported by increased transportation and better educational opportunities, should support healthy, livable, walkable environments for our citizens. Lastly, we need to focus on arts and culture as an integral part of our community's success and our individual well-being.

But all of this vision depends on the responses from you, our community. The ARC needs input from each of us. To participate in a 10-minute current Regional Plan Online Survey Phase II prepared by the ARC [click here.](#)

Participate, and let the ARC know what you think!



Past President Jason Conn presented the book, *Music: An Illustrated History*, to be placed in the DeKalb Library System in to commemorate Doug Hooker's visit.

News and Announcements

Invocation: Delivered by Todd Speed

Rotary Awards

"Light Up Rotary" Celebration by Susie Simmons: Join our celebration of "Light Up Rotary", commemorating the founding of Rotary, which will be held 7-8 pm on Monday, February 23, weather permitting, on the bandstand side of the historic Decatur Courthouse. Join your fellow Decatur Rotarians to see the Rotary logo

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\$700 annual donation

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Submissions
Deadline is Monday at
noon. Send your news to
Doug Robinson, [doug@
eagleeyebooks.com](mailto:doug@eagleeyebooks.com)

gracing the courthouse facade, a special drone event courtesy of Elliott Augustine, as well as hot chocolate and hot cider libations!

Service project by Herb McCoy: Herb, Dan DeWoskin and several Decatur Rotary members participated in preparing and distributing hygiene kits to homeless men in downtown Atlanta on Sunday, February 8. The kits were much appreciated, and our club will be participating in this service project again in the near future.

Past President's Day by Scott Thompson: Our club will honor past club presidents on March 5 during the annual Past Presidents' Day celebration. Everyone is welcome, so please plan to attend from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Three Taverns Brewery tasting room for beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

On to Jekyll: Joe Kusmik invited our club members to join fellow Rotarians on April 24-26 for our Region 6900 conference. Great fellowship, great fun! Our club hopes to have at least 25 members in attendance.

Annual Fundraiser by Dean Crownover: Our Derby-themed annual fundraiser will be in late April or early May, to be announced soon. There will be a live auction and a silent auction, as well as fun and fellowship for all. For the auctions, Dean requests donations of food-related experiences, travel and lodging opportunities, and entertainment tickets or similar opportunities.

Next Board Meeting by Past President Jason Conn: The next board meeting is February 27 at 11 am. All members are welcome.

Family of Rotary News by Todd Speed

- Congratulations to Adrienne Vinson on her engagement
- Congratulations to Scotty Candler on the birth of his first grandchild
- Congratulations to Noel Maloof on his daughter's acceptance to Huntingdon College on a soccer scholarship
- And a concern: Longtime member Justice George Carley is at Emory Hospital with pneumonia, and is not doing well. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



Visiting Rotarians

None this week. They missed out on an excellent meal.

Guests / Rotary Member presented by Past President Jason Conn:

- Lonnie Edwards, guest of Robert Brown
- Brandon Baines, guest of Tom Adams
- Julie Ralston, ARC, guest of Betty Willis
- Maria Saporta, Saporta Report and Atlanta Business Chronicle, guest of Betty Willis
- Matthew Jollay, guest of Dave Jollay
- Chris Hayward, guest of Luz Borrero
- Connie Wicker, guest of Stafford Wicker

Making the Rotary Scene



From left: Julie Ralston, ARC; Betty Willis; Luz Borrero; Maria Saporta, Atlanta business Chronicle and The Saporta Report.

Special Thanks to . . .

Betty Spiker, our reporter this week. Great job!

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club