



March 18, 2015 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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Woodruff Health
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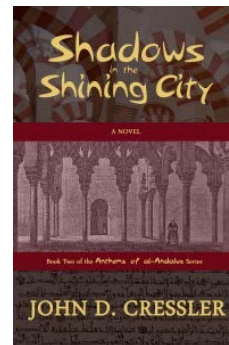
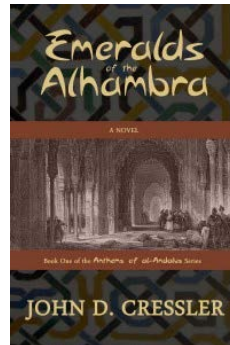
April 17
Grant Awards Day

April 24
Possible meeting
cancellation due to

Greetings!

Our Speaker This Week, March 20

Dr. John Cressler
Schlumberger Chair, Professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Tech and author of historical fiction.



Dr. Cressler grew up in Georgia, and received a B.S. degree in physics from Georgia Tech in 1984. He was on the research staff at IBM, and received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in applied physics at Columbia University. He joined the faculty at Auburn University, where he served until 2002 when he left to join Georgia Tech.

District Conference in
Jekyll Island

May 1
Molly Fortune
Fox Theater

May 8
NO MEETING
(Casino Night
fundraiser the night
before)

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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
GOODWILL
and

Dr. Cressler is interested in the understanding, development, and application of new types of silicon-based microelectronic devices and emerging 21st century communications systems. He and his team have published more than 500 technical papers in this field. He has written five non-fiction books.

He has recently become enamored with writing historical fiction, and his debut novel, Emeralds of the Alhambra, a love story set in medieval Muslim Spain, was released in 2013. His second novel in the series, Anthems of al-Andalus, is Shadows in the Shining City. It was released last year. Book three, Fortune's Lament, will be published in 2016.

John has upcoming presentations of his historical novels in Cordoba, Spain and Istanbul.

His novels will be available for purchase and signing at the Rotary Club meeting.

Last Week's Speaker:

John Bell, Jr., president of the Georgia Legal History Foundation introduced speaker Charles S. Bullock III, the Richard B. Russell Professor of Political Science at UGA and author and editor of many books on American political culture, the South, and electoral politics.

Professor Bullock provided a rousing account of one of the most colorful episodes in southern political history. His book about Georgia's 1946 election, The Three Governors Controversy, is aptly subtitled Skullduggery, Machinations, and the Decline of Georgia's Progressive Politics.

The death of Georgia governor-elect Eugene Talmadge in late 1946 launched a constitutional crisis: the state had three active governors at once, each claiming that he was the true elected official.

In the wake of Talmadge's death, his supporters proposed a plan that allowed the Georgia legislature to elect a governor in January 1947. After a day of voting that included drinking, bribery and accusations of someone putting "knockout drops" in some of the legislator's drinks, the General Assembly elected Talmadge's son as

BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

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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

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governor. The votes were confirmed by a man with one arm, based on the assumption that a one-armed man couldn't cheat in the vote-counting process. However, the newly elected lieutenant governor, [Melvin Thompson](#), claimed the office of governor, and the outgoing governor, [Ellis Arnall](#), refused to leave office.

Eventually, the [Georgia Supreme Court](#) settled the controversy. Talmadge stepped down and Thompson served out the term. Talmadge was elected to the office the following year. In the aftermath, progressive political forces in Georgia would shrink into obscurity for the better part of a generation.

News and Announcements



Invocation
Given by Jeff Hancock

Visiting Rotarians
Faye Hammonds, West End club

Guests/Hosts:
Preston Etheridge, presented by Tom Adams
Richard Bell, Naomi Bell, guests of club, presented by Jean O'Callaghan
Brandon Baines, guest of club

Special Announcements
Scott Thompson reminded everyone of the Derby Day fundraiser on May 7 and asked for a donation of a beach house vacation for the live auction.

President Peter reminded us that there is no meeting on May 8.

Sincerely,

Decatur, GA 30031

Dues & Donations
\$275 quarterly dues
\$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)

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Decatur Rotary Club

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