



Rotary
Club of Decatur



March 4, 2015 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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Upcoming Events and Speakers

March 13
Joint meeting with
Georgia Legal
History Foundation

March 20
Dr. John Cressler
Historical Novel
Author

March 27
John Stephenson
CEO College
Football Hall of
Fame

April 3
Clyde Partin
Professor, Emory
School of Medicine

Greetings!

Please Join Us for Past President's Day March 5

Our club will honor past club presidents on March 5 at Three Taverns Brewery tasting room for beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Here are more details:

WHO: All members and their spouses/guests are invited to attend this free event.

WHAT:

Past President's Day Celebration, when we honor our past presidents in a really special way! You may enjoy fine crafted Belgian-style beer or for the wine lovers, Herb Chereck of Decatur Package Store has created Herb's Choices - a selection of fine wines you will truly enjoy. And, to top it off, we will have delicious hors d'oeuvres created by our friends at Oakhurst Market. What a way to celebrate!

WHEN: 5:30-7:30 PM this Thursday, March 5

WHERE: Three Taverns Tasting Room, 121 New St. just off College Avenue (about two minutes from downtown Decatur toward Avondale Estates). See a map [here](#).

Please come out and enjoy this special fellowship and

April 10
Stuart Zola
Neuroscientist
Woodruff Health
Sciences

April 17
Grant Awards Day

April 24
Possible meeting
cancellation due to
District Conference
in Jekyll Island

May 1
Molly Fortune
Fox Theater

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

Decatur Rotary Club Officers

President:
Peter Michelson

President-Elect:
Scott Thompson

Past President:
Robert Brown

Secretary:
Vee Nelson

Treasurer:
Drew Robinson

Sergeant-at-
Arms:
Mark Burnette

wonderful evening! No need to RSVP . . . we are expecting you!

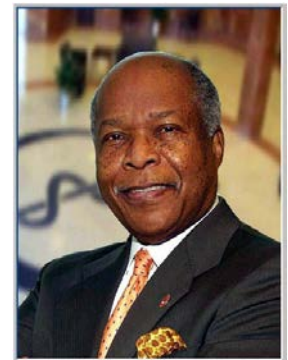
Find out more about Three Taverns Brewery [here](#).



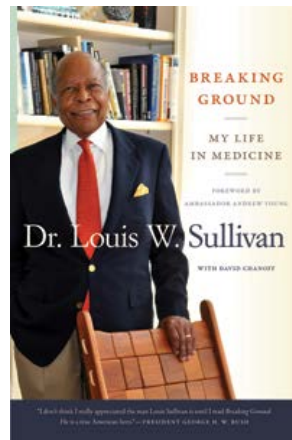
Speaking at Our Meeting this Week, March 6

The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, MD

Dr. Louis W. Sullivan is chairman of the board of the National Health Museum in Atlanta, and is chairman of the Washington, D.C.-based Sullivan Alliance to Transform America's Health Professions. He served as chair of the President's Commission on Historically Black Colleges and Universities from 2002-2009, and was co-chair of the President's Commission on HIV and AIDS from 2001-2006.



Dr. Lewis' book, *Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine*, will be available for purchase and signing after his talk. [Click if you would like to reserve a copy.](#)



As secretary of Health and Human Services from 1989 to 1993, Dr. Lewis released Healthy People 2000, a blueprint for health promotion/disease prevention, waged a vigorous campaign against tobacco use, urged increased seat belt use in vehicles, and improved FDA food labels.

In 1975 Dr. Sullivan was the founding dean and president of Morehouse School of Medicine serving for more than two decades. He is now president emeritus.

A native of Atlanta, Dr. Sullivan graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College and earned his medical degree, cum laude, from Boston University School of Medicine. His postgraduate training included internship and residency in

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?

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

[Check our club's calendar](#)

[District 6900 Website](#)



Friday Lunches catered by **Oakhurst Market**

internal medicine at New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center (1958-60), a clinical fellowship in pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital (1960-61), and a research fellowship in hematology at the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory of Harvard Medical School, Boston City Hospital (1961-63). He is certified in internal medicine and hematology.

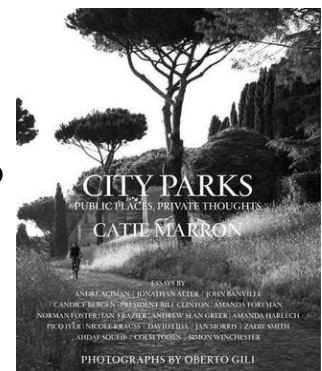
Last Week's Speaker:
Paul Morris, Atlanta Beltline



John Cushnie (left) introduced our speaker, Paul Morris, president and CEO of the Atlanta Beltline. Mr. Morris has a wealth of experience that he brought to this position, having previously worked on projects related to transportation, urban redevelopment, and the management of natural resources and public parks in 25 states and 10 foreign countries. His prior experience includes assistance with projects of national significance, such as the World Trade Center Memorial in New York City and the Columbine High School Memorial in Colorado.

[Click to read rest of article](#)

President Peter presented the book, *City Parks: Public Places, Private Thoughts* by Catie Marron, to be placed in the DeKalb Library System to honor Paul Morris's visit.



News and Announcements

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.

Mailing Address
Decatur Rotary Club,
PO Box 845
Decatur, GA 30031

Dues & Donations
\$275 quarterly dues
\$700 annual donation

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

Invocation given by Chad Greer



Visiting Rotarians
Presented by Doug Robinson
Bill Witcher, Stone Mountain club
Paul Morris, Atlanta club

Guests/Hosts:
Brandon Baines/Tom Adams
David Michelson/Peter Michelson
The Honorable Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.,
Keri Powell/Rick Garnitz
John Welch/Bill Harrison
Ed Martin/Bryan Downs



David Michelson (left), and Sara Michelson (right), wife of President Peter, dropped in for a special birthday celebration for President Peter.

Special Announcements:
President Peter celebrated his 50th birthday today by donning a special birthday hat. He was surprised with a

birthday cake from Oakhurst Market and with a birthday toast/roast from his brother, David.



Congratulations to Rick Garnitz, who received a Show Rotary Cares Award earlier today at the Rotary Council meeting in Dunwoody.



We lit up Rotary! Approximately 25-30 club members attended the special Light Up Rotary celebration at the Old Courthouse on the Square this past Monday evening, Feb. 23. Elliott Augustine flew his drone and videos of the event should be appearing on our website. Kudos to Susie Simmons, Sara Fountain, Jean O'Callaghan, Elliott Augustine, and Scott Thompson.

See the video [here](#).



On to Jekyll for this year's Region 6900 conference on April 24-26, organized by Joe Kusmik. Our goal is for 25 members to attend, and we already have commitments from almost half that number of members.

[See a video on how to register here.](#)

Derby Night is the theme of our annual club fundraiser this year! The extravaganza takes place on Thursday, May 7. President Peter reminded everyone that we are still seeking additional sponsors and contributions to make this event a big success.

Service Projects

Check out this chart to see the who, what, when, where and why about our many club projects and how they are progressing. If you have any questions or comments, Herb McCoy will be happy to speak with you.

Month	Project	Vol.	Hrs.	Lead(s)	Benefits	Rotarians and Hours
August Completed	Hygiene Kits	2	2-4	Dan DeWoskin	Distribute kits to an identified homeless population	2 Rotary 2 hrs. completed
September Completed	Literacy/ Book Club	10	6	Jim Jarboe	DHA After School Program	8 Rotary 6 hrs. completed
Oct. 1	DHS Career	8	5	Herb	Students	6 Rotary

Completed	Pathway			McCoy	of DHS	5 hrs. completed
Integrity and Ethics		1	1.5	Dan DeWoskin		1 / 1.5 hrs
Nov. 2 Completed	Hygiene Kits			Doug Tozzi	Distribute kits	2 Rotary 3 hrs.
Nov. 6 Completed	On the Same Page (Literacy)			Chad Greer		6 Rotary 1.5 hrs.
Nov. 8 Completed	DHS Robotics Team Competition	5 +	8	Herb McCoy	Metro Area Students	2 Rotary 4 hrs. completed
Nov. 28 Completed	Hagar's House, Day after Thanksgiving		2	Herb McCoy	Staffing relief	1 Rotary 2 hrs.
December Completed	Hope for the Holidays (Literacy)	20+	1-3	Alison Weissinger	DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center	10 Rotary 8 hrs.
January Completed	MLK Jr Service Day	15+	8	Robert Soens	Decatur / DeKalb Resident	16 Rotary 88 combined hrs. As of

						Jan. 20
Feb. 8	Hygiene Kits	6	4	Dan DeWoskin	Metro Atlanta Homeless	3 Rotary 4 hrs. Subtotal = 125 hrs 28 Rotary Volunteers
April 10	National HIV Youth Awareness Day				Middle School Students	
May	Hygiene Kits				Metro Atlanta Homeless	

Last Week's Speaker
(Continued)

According to Mr. Morris, the Atlanta Beltline (AB) represents the most comprehensive redevelopment project ever undertaken in Atlanta, and one of the largest such projects in the United States. Mr. Morris explained that the AB is re-assembling and connecting four old railroads that were designed initially as what could be described as the city's first perimeter. This area encompasses 45 neighborhoods, an area in which 22% of Atlanta's population resides. The goal of the Atlanta Beltline is to connect these communities to each other and to bring Atlanta together by creating trails, transit, parks, art, and affordable housing. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2030.

Mr. Morris described the Atlanta Beltline as a private, non-profit development corporation. The City of Atlanta is the project owner and sponsor, but the AB also has partnerships with many other organizations, including Invest Atlanta, MARTA, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The organizations' investors have thus far received a six to one return on investment. Mr. Morris stated the economic impact of the Beltline is huge, having generated more than 20,000 construction jobs and s attracted 4,600 permanent jobs that have been created in the AB planning area.

One of the goals of the Atlanta Beltline is to bring back the streetcar. Mr. Morris explained that in the past Atlanta had one of the largest streetcar networks in the country. The AB is planning on creating a Beltline streetcar as well as connecting to the recently-established City of Atlanta streetcars. In addition, 46 miles of new streets are being created to connect Atlanta neighborhoods and businesses.

A key component of the Atlanta Beltline is to make housing affordable. One way the AB is doing this is by obtaining federal funding for new homeowners and for the rehabilitation of already-existing homes. The goal, Mr. Morris stated, is to avoid undue displacement of current residents. Another critical part of the Beltline is art. Mr. Morris explained that artists from all over the country have been invited to participate in art displays as part of the Art on the Atlanta Beltline project, while members of the community can participate in events such as the Atlanta Beltline Lantern Parade.

In conclusion, Mr. Morris said that the scope of this project and the grassroots involvement are what make the Atlanta Beltline different. He described the AB as the largest social experiment going on in the United States, but said that it has truly knitted the community together.

Special Thanks to . . .

Greg Lohmeier, our reporter this week. Great job!

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square