



April 8, 2015 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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Greetings!

Derby Party!

Derby Day Fundraiser
Thursday, May 7, 6-9:15 pm
The Solarium | [321 Hill St.](#)

The WHAT and the WHEN

Don't miss the FUN-raising and FUND-raising club event of the year! Come one, come all to this year's Derby Day fundraiser at the Solarium in Oakhurst on Thursday, May 7 from 6 to 9:15 p.m. This year's event features a Kentucky Derby Day theme with a hat contest and betting on who will win the most items at the silent and live auctions.

If you attended last year you will remember what an over-the-top fun time we all had! Please tell your fellow members and others about how much fun this will be, because our goal is to increase our attendance by 30 more members and guests. And, please invite your friends and neighbors to attend -- the more, the merrier, all are welcome!

Friday
Lunches
catered by
Oakhurst Market

This Friday:
Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Potatoes au Gratin, and
Green Beans

Decatur
Rotary Club
Officers

President:
Peter Michelson

President-Elect:
Scott Thompson

Past President:
Robert Brown

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Vee Nelson

Treasurer:
Drew Robinson

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Mark Burnette

The Four-Way
Test

In everything that
we think, say or
do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all

Why?

Come for the food, drink, music, and making a difference in our community. You will enjoy a delicious gourmet dinner created by Oakhurst Market, an open bar, music to get you in the mood to "Run for the Roses," and the opportunity to make a difference for our Decatur Rotary Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Foundation and our support of local charities.

Who

Auctioneer: Again this year, the excitable and exciting Dean Crownover is our awesome auctioneer.

Masters of the Event: Scott Thompson is Master of Ceremonies and Jason Conn will preside over all the fun.

And now for the good stuff!

The cost: \$75 per person (and worth every cent!) This is a great tax write-off.

The Auction Items

Last year's live and silent auctions were a warm-up for this year's fun! Check them out:

Free Rotary Meeting Day Parking: Fierce bidding is anticipated for this free parking space in front of the Old Courthouse, next to the speaker's reserved spot -- for a year!

Fishing with Past President Jason: An all-expense-paid fishing trip to St. Marks, Florida with Jason Conn. All meals, boat, tackle, fishing license, and a "chauffeur-driven" ride to and from Atlanta are included. There are only three coveted slots available. Lucky bidders will leave Thursday, fish all day Friday and Saturday, and return to Atlanta on Sunday. Three nights lodging, two days fishing = lots of fun! Did you know Jason is a dedicated fisherman?

Dinner with President Elect Scott: Scott Thompson will preside over a farm-to-table dinner experience for eight people with Farm Burger restaurant-donated food and a tour of his garden. Did you know Scott is a dedicated organic farmer?

Georgia Aquarium: Informative and unusual behind-the-scenes tour of the Georgia Aquarium with the fish veterinarians where you will see how the creatures of the sea are cared for 24/7.

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](#)



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

College Football Hall of Fame Tour: Exciting behind-the-scenes-tour of the College Football Hall of Fame (only 25% of their holdings can be displayed at one time, so the tour includes the other 75% that is not on display).

And much more: Lots more items will be revealed at Friday's Rotary meeting, including a lake house vacation, chef-prepared dinners, a theatre experience and many other fun adventures.

More to come, so stay tuned!

Our Speaker this Week

April 10 at 12:15 pm

Stuart Zola, PhD
Neuroscientist, Woodruff Health
Sciences

"The Most Important Graph in the
World"



Director Emeritus, Yerkes National Primate Research
Center and Professor Emeritus, Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences, Emory University School of Medicine

Co-Director, Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
Deputy Associate Chief of Staff/Research, VA Medical
Center, Atlanta

As one of the nation's leading neuroscientists, Stuart Zola has contributed valuable insights into how the brain organizes memory and how this relates to memory problems such as amnesia. He also is regarded as a leader in the movement to better communicate science and research to the public.

Dr. Zola's own research focuses on memory, its formation, consolidation and retrieval. He is perhaps best known for developing an animal model of human amnesia that conclusively identified brain structures critical to memory function. His research has contributed significant insights into the memory loss in humans that results from head trauma and characterizes progressive diseases such as Alzheimer's. His research also has provided knowledge about less severe memory problems that often accompany

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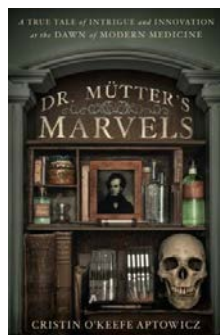
Last Week's Speaker

Dr. Clyde Partin, Jr.
Emory Clinic Associate Professor of Medicine

Art Vinson (right) introduced our speaker, Dr. Clyde Partin, who spoke about jousting with diagnostic demons at the Seavey Clinic at Emory. This clinic exists in large measure because of the philanthropy of the Rollins Foundation and focuses on patients with unexplained symptoms and illnesses.



There are more than 12,000 distinct diseases and 2 million medical facts to consider and what the Seavey Clinic does is give its doctors time to examine the patient as well as time to think which has resulted in a 37% success rate to date.



President Peter presented the book, Dr. Muetter's Marvels, to be placed in the DeKalb Library System in honor of Dr. Partin's visit.

News and Announcements

Invocation was given by Harl Pike.

Guests / Sponsors
Donald Davis / Charlie Bell
Jill Joplin / Alison Weissinger
Susan Cobleigh and George de Man /
Jim Baskett
Preston Etheridge / Rick Garnitz



Visiting Rotarians: Bill Witcher
(Stone Mountain)

Family of Rotary
Presented by Todd Speed
Congratulations to Scotty Candler who
is celebrating his 36th wedding
anniversary . . . and Happy Birthday to
Elliott Augustine and Jim Philips . . .
Joe and Gloria Kusmik came back from
Las Vegas with a \$3 "profit" . . .



Congratulations to Doug Torbush who recently received
the John McNamara Award from Emory for contributions
to our community and Todd himself is thankful that Pres.
Peter's Renewal company has finished up another fine
remodeling job in his home.

Announcements

Past President Jason Conn reminded everyone that May 7
is the date for our Derby Day fundraiser. Lots of great
items will be auctioned off, including a prime parking spot
in front of the courthouse!

Welcome to new members Keri Powell, classification E.P.A.
(sponsor Rick Garnitz) and Brandon Baines, classification
District Executive Boy Scouts of America (sponsor Tom
Adams).

Reminder: On to Jekyll!



Next stop: the Rotary District 6900 Conference April 24-26. The club goal is 25 members to attend. See Joe Kusmik to sign up!

Special Thanks to . . .

Harl Pike, our reporter this week. Great job!

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square