

# Rotary Club of Decatur




June 10, 2015 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary

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### Upcoming Events and Speakers



**June 19**  
**Perry Mitchell:**  
 President, Georgia  
 Chapter of  
 Compassion and  
 Choices

**June 26**  
**Changing of the  
 Guard**

## Greetings!

### Our Speaker this Week

June 12 at 12:15 pm

**Kodac Harrison**  
 Poet, Musician and Artist



Musician, songwriter, poet, artist and emcee - Kodac embodies the definition of a renaissance man. The Georgia native and 25-year resident of Decatur became synonymous with Intown's indie music and poetry scene long before the rest of the country caught on. After a raft of high-profile gigs (sharing the stage with Patti Smith, Marianne Faithfull, Gregg Allman, Warren Zevon, Harry Belafonte, Maya Angelou and performing for President Jimmy Carter) and earning a clutch of awards, Harrison isn't one to rest on his laurels. He's just released his 17th album, *The Lucky One*, and the audiobook version of his 2013 debut collection of poetry and lyrics, *The Turtle and the Moon*. The notoriously hard-to-impress Jeff Clark at



Stomp and Stammer magazine said the new album "encapsulates Harrison at his poetic best."

### Last Week's Speaker



Friday  
Lunches  
catered by  
**Oakhurst Market**

### 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

As introduced by Kirby Thompson (left), Jody Noland is the CEO of Leave Nothing Unsaid, formed in 2012 with the goal of encouraging people to write their loved ones letters that are meant to be saved forever. Jody was moved to create her business by the experiences of three friends who all died within a short period of time. One friend, just before undergoing surgery at Emory Hospital, asked his wife for pen and paper so that he could write a letter to his three children in case he didn't make it through the surgery. The other two friends died suddenly with no such letters. Seeing the impact of the letters on the family that received the letters, and comparing it to the experience of the families who did not receive similar letters, led Noland to write a workbook that helps people write similar types of letters. Her dream is to create a letter-writing movement across the country.

Noland explained that these letters are important because people in our lives often don't know why they are so special to us (as expressed by the adage, "When you're inside the jar, it's hard to see the label."). Life is hard, she said, and people often know only what is wrong with them but not what is right. A letter such as this is a way to remind people of their positive qualities. Noland believes that the act of encouraging and affirming someone brings that person to life. The watering can logo on her business card is a representation of her company's core premise that words nourish others.

## 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](#)

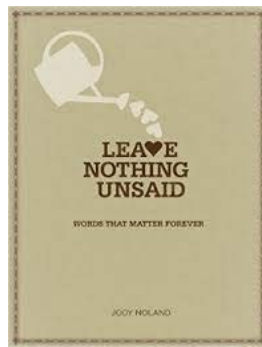
[District 6900 Website](#)



## Good to Know

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

Meeting Time



President Peter presented the book, *Leave Nothing Unsaid*, to be placed in the DeKalb Library System in honor of the speaker's visit.

## News and Announcements

Invocation given by Kathy Johnson

President Peter opened the meeting by reminding us of National Doughnut Day.



Every Friday  
12:15 to 1:30 pm

Our Club  
#4132, District #6900.

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Decatur Rotary Club,  
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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)

## Guests / Sponsors

Alford Adjokatcher (of the North Atlanta Rotaract Club, and  
a Guest of the Club) / Ray Willoch  
Alex Merritt / Dan DeWoskin  
Beth Sumner(Guest of the Club) / David Ewing

Visiting Rotarians: None

Family of Rotary  
Presented by President Peter

Doug and Diane Robinson are celebrating their 40th  
wedding anniversary on June 6th, D-Day.

President Peter's son (age 8) will be making his pitching  
debut tonight.

## Announcements

Two more people became Decatur Rotarians. We welcome:



Todd Boyce, sponsored by Doug Tozzi  
Andrew Lynch, sponsored by Tim Martin

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President Peter welcomed back James Brewer-Calvert, returning after his recent surgery, and the entire club joined President Peter in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery.

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The most recent "Thirsty Thursday" was a great success. The event took place at Eddie's Attic and attendees included the president-elect of the South DeKalb Rotary

Club.

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Dan DeWoskin reported that last Sunday our club helped put together more than 500 hygiene kits for the homeless. For information about upcoming service projects, please contact Herb McCoy, who is spearheading efforts in this area.

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Walt Drake gave a special presentation about the life of Past President B.J. Sumner, who passed away on Memorial Day at the age of 90. B.J., who served as president in 1982-83, was a member of Rotary for 60 years. He was a decorated war veteran who joined the Army Reserves after World War II and retired as a brigadier-general. He was married for 66 years to Beth, who attended today's luncheon and was presented with B.J.'s past president Rotary badge.

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