

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



| June 21, 2018 | Be Involved, Be Engaged, Celebrate Rotary |

## At the Podium

### June 22

Dr. Peter Lyons,  
Dean and VP of  
Perimeter College,  
Georgia State  
University

### June 29

Change of  
Leadership  
2018-2019

### July 6

No meeting due to  
July 4 holiday

### July 13

Bo King,  
Staff Attorney  
with the Federal  
Defender Program

### July 20

Brad Alexander,  
McGuire Woods  
Consulting

## This Week At Rotary

### Dr. Peter Lyons | Dean and VP Perimeter College, Georgia State University

Dr. Peter Lyons is vice provost and dean of Perimeter College at Georgia State, one of the largest degree-granting colleges in the nation.

As vice provost and dean, Lyons is the executive officer for the college and is responsible for academic, administrative, research, and service functions. He reports to the senior vice president for Academic Affairs and provost of Georgia State University and is responsible for visionary, innovative leadership and effective administration of the college.

Perimeter College offers five campuses (plus an extensive online program) serving metropolitan Atlanta: Alpharetta, Clarkston, Decatur, Dunwoody and Newton County.

Before assuming his role at Perimeter in 2016, Lyons was the associate provost for institutional effectiveness at



Friday  
Lunches  
catered by

Oakhurst Market

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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  
**BETTER  
FRIENDSHIPS?**

Georgia State and a professor of social work in the university's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. He joined the faculty of Georgia State in 1998 as an assistant professor in the School of Social Work. He progressed to the positions of associate professor, director of the Center for Collaborative Social Work and full professor between 2004 and 2012.

As associate provost for institutional effectiveness, he spearheaded the university's move to a single authoritative data system, redesigned the academic program review and administrative unit review process and led the university through accreditation-related initiatives. He helped stabilize the School of Nursing and Health Professions through its leadership transition and developed and coordinated the consolidation plan for Georgia Perimeter College and Georgia State.

Lyons received his doctoral degree in social work from SUNY Buffalo and earned his master's degree in social work and an advanced diploma in education at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom.

His research and publications are in the areas of child maltreatment, risk assessment, program evaluation and decision-making. He is co-author, with Howard J. Doueck, of the book *The Dissertation: from Beginning to End*, published by Oxford University Press in 2010.

Lyons has presented scholarly papers at national and international conferences and published numerous journal articles, monographs and book chapters. He was the founding director of the Center for Collaborative Social Work at GSU, and as principle investigator on the school's Professional Excellence and Child Welfare Education grants, has been the recipient of more than \$15 million in external funding.

Lyons' wife Teresa is a Georgia State graduate, and both of Lyons' sons graduated from Georgia State before moving on to graduate studies at Harvard University.

## **June 15 Meeting Recap**

**Dr. Douglas Hicks | Dean  
Oxford College at Emory University**

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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[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

\$320 quarterly dues



Dr. Hicks first offered great thanks to Art Vinson, who introduced him to the club, for his numerous contributions to Oxford College, and then proceeded to share a little history and the current position of Oxford College.

Oxford College, established in 1836 in Oxford, Georgia, was originally named Emory College in honor of Methodist Bishop John Emory. In 1915, Methodist church leaders determined that Emory needed to be relocated to Atlanta. Emory University was created, and Emory College became Oxford College of Emory University, but sometimes called "Little Emory."

Oxford remains the steward of the historic home of Emory University, and today is among the top ranked liberal arts colleges in America, with tuition costs that match its status. Oxford offers freshmen and sophomore classes, laying the groundwork for students' final two years at Emory University, at Emory College, Goizueta Business School or the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing.

Many of the campus buildings date to pre-civil war era, however, a considerable number of renovations and new buildings have been completed since 2005.



Both campuses are part of the Atlanta metro area where once only the main campus was placed to be properly in

\$700 annual donation

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Atlanta. Dr. Hicks described the two-year Oxford experience and the option to transition to Emory, as well as several other schools, as a junior. International students make up 20% of each year's freshman class. Last year, the majority of applicants applied to both Oxford and Emory.

**Academic profile**

The average SAT score for incoming freshmen is 1435, which puts Oxford in a top group among colleges, providing great momentum. The largest Oxford class size is 38 students, but classes usually have an average of 28.

Oxford's strategic plan focuses on pathways of excellence, with an emphasis of leadership applied to real-life situations.

Oxford offers a world-class, integrated and coordinated experience, regardless of where you start your academic career.

The cost of education is currently \$250K for four years of education at Oxford/Emory or Emory alone.

In 2018, Oxford College will welcome their largest freshmen class ever, one that is geographically diverse and academically advanced. Oxford receives more than 16,000 applications per year for only 500 freshman openings; more than any other liberal arts college in America. The college continues to focus on small class sizes and innovative approaches to student engagement and promotion of leadership skills, such as their Discovery seminars, which pair students with advisors in a novel learning experience.

Oxford focuses on the first two years. In a four-year setting, the sophomore year is often problematic, but in a two-year setting, the sophomore year can be a triumphant achievement.

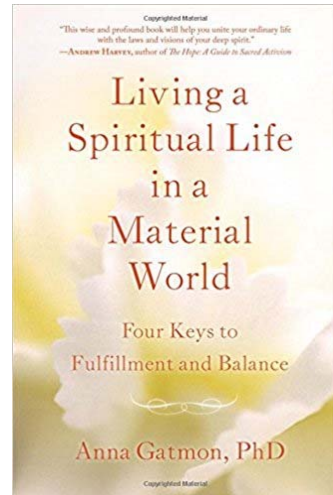
Although Oxford has been in existence for more than 180 years, Dr. Hicks believes that the college is not as well-known as it should be, and he is working to address that.

In closing, Dr. Hicks invited us to visit the campus, where many of the pre-civil war era buildings blend with 2005 renovations that reside next to ten acres of organic farm land.





The book presented in the speaker's honor to the DeKalb Library System was *Living a Spiritual Life in a Material World*, by Anna Gatmon, PhD.



## Announcements

### Invocation

Fred Mobley

### Guests

Kendra Price, guest of Betty Willis

### Visiting Rotarians

Clark Candler (former member and past president)

Neal Purcell, Atlanta Rotary club



## Announcements

**Mark Burnette** invited everyone to come to downtown Decatur's Summer in the City festival to enjoy tons of sand for that beachy feel, live music, and lots of food.

**President Betty** announced that it was National Flip Flop Day.

**Special Meeting June 29: Change of Leadership:**

President Betty Willis hands the gavel over to Dan DeWoskin.

**June service project:** On June 3, we assembled hygiene kits for the homeless at the Candler Park Gentle Spirit Church.

**June's Thirsty Thursday:** On June 7, about 15 Rotarians and their spouses and friends gathered at The Marlay House for a relaxing evening of great fellowship, food, fun, and libations. Join us for our next Thirsty Thursday, date and location TBA.

**Pay Dues**

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**Chet Burge** asked members to be on the lookout for quarterly dues invoices. He announced that the club will **remove the three percent credit card fee from online payments** to encourage more members to pay their dues on time.

## **Around the Room**



*Fred Mobley chats with guest Kendra Price*



*Fred Mobley introduces visiting rotarian Neal Purcell, member and past president of the Atlanta club*



*Bryan Downs chats with Robert Soens after the meeting*

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Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee  
Decatur Rotary Club