

Rotary Club of Decatur




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This Week at Rotary

Ciannat Howett
 Director of Sustainability Initiatives, Emory University



Ciannat became Emory's first director of sustainability initiatives in 2006, managing a university-wide effort to ensure that Emory's actions and policies support environmental, social, and economic systems that provide a healthy, productive, and meaningful life for current and future generations. She is also an adjunct associate professor in Emory's Rollins School of Public Health and Emory College's environmental studies department.

Changing of the Guard

President Peter opened his final program by thanking all of the club officers for their outstanding service this year,

**Decatur
Rotary Club
Officers**

President:
Scott Thompson

President-Elect:
Amy Nash

Past President:
Peter Michelson

Secretary:
Doug Robinson

Treasurer:
Pete Pfeiffer

Sergeant-at-Arms:
John Drake

**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?**

especially those who are stepping down:

- Vee Nelson, club secretary
- Drew Robinson, treasurer
- Mark Burnette, sergeant-at-arms

President Peter also thanked the entire board, and wanted to especially acknowledge the four board members who are completing their two-year terms:

- Kathy Johnson
- Doug Torbush
- Sara Fountain
- Susie Brown



Thanks to the club's strong leadership, President Peter's vision of completing The Righteous Circle has been accomplished.

Good programs = greater attendance: Thanks to Program Chair Amy Nash and her committee, we've had great programs and increased attendance, with an amazing diversity of topics. And the programs have been enhanced by our new, larger TV, perfect for speaker presentations. The delicious lunch menus from Oakhurst Market keep everyone looking forward to great food and great fellowship every Friday. And our Thirsty Thursdays gatherings have been a great way to enjoy some casual fellowship.

Great attendance = greater participation: Directors Herb McCoy and Dan DeWoskin and their teams spearheaded 12 service projects this year, including MLK weekend home repairs, hygiene kits for the homeless, the continuation of the highly successful "On the Same Page"

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

Newsletter
Submissions
Deadline is Monday at
noon. Send your news to
Doug Robinson, doug@eagleeyebooks.com

school reading / literacy project, the Hope for the Holidays book gifts to underprivileged youth, plus many more. Our Rotary International service project provided funds for two Agnes Scott College students to assist counselors at Camp Varsara, Lithuania, as they mentor children with PTSD.

Great participation = greater publicity: Director Sara Fountain, Editor Doug Robinson and their team expanded on the amazing e-weekly club bulletin reporting, created the tabletoppers to keep everyone informed of meetings and events, engaged the local press, and made numerous contributions to the District 6900 newsletter.

Great publicity = greater awareness of and contributions to Club and Foundation goals: President-Elect Scott Thompson, Director Susie Brown and their team completed a successful year for the Foundation. The Derby Day Auction raised about \$20,000 for the Foundation, \$18,000 worth of community grants were awarded to nine local non-profit organizations, a \$3,000 college scholarship grant was awarded in partnership with the Decatur Education Foundation, and we're partnering with two other Rotary Clubs to sponsor a GRSP student this coming year.



Greater awareness = new members: Membership Chair Rick Garnitz and his team increased club interest and membership throughout the year. We inducted 21 new members this year, and our net membership grew from 115 members to 133 Decatur Rotarians.

Behind the scenes: other club leadership accomplishments

Treasurer Drew Robinson hired a part-time bookkeeper to manage the club finances. He sent timely invoices through the automation of invoicing, paid \$7,000 past debt to the district, collected \$20,000 in overdue club

dues, and provided a balanced budget and clean books for the coming year. Thank you, Drew!

Director John Robinson completed the first round of the club's Three Year Plan, providing objectives and directions for the club's immediate future. The plan is scheduled to be completed and finalized in the coming months. Thank you, John!

Secretary Vee Nelson updated the club's operation manual for the first time since 2007. Thank you, Vee, for many years of outstanding service!

News and Announcements

Invocation

Given by James Brewer-Calvert

Visiting Rotarians

Presented by Robert Soens

Candace Klein, assistant district governor, Buckhead club

Guests

Presented by President Peter Michelson



Sara and Aiden Michelson, guests of President Peter John Donaldson, guest of Bedros Sharian, Jr.

Ashley Oglesby, reporter for The Champion, club guest

Jade Cheong, guest of Ash Gupta

Trish Patterson, guest of Hugh Goodwin

Riah Greathouse, guest of Doug Tozzi

Family of Rotary

Presented by James Brewer-Calvert

John Robinson recently returned from an enjoyable fishing trip

President Peter Michelson recently completed his first triathlon!



James Brewer-Calvert (left) expressed his deep thanks for all the prayers, cards, emails, and thoughts from club members after his recent surgery and as he begins treatments.

Announcements

Presented by President Peter Michelson

Assistant District Governor Candace Klein was the recipient of the Stone Mountain club's "Follow Me Award" for outstanding service as an assistant governor.



One-year perfect attendance pins were presented to Linton Broome, Susie Brown, Dan DeWoskin, Herb McCoy, Harl Pike, Doug Robinson, Drew Robinson, Carl Seville, Sara Fountain and Doug Tozzi. Congratulations!



Three-year perfect attendance pins were presented to Mark Burnette, Peter Michelson, Kathryn Johnson, Amy Nash and John Robinson. Congratulations!



Four-year perfect attendance pins were presented to John Bennett and President-Elect Scott Thompson. Congratulations!



Five-year perfect attendance pins were presented to Jason Conn, Kirby Thompson, Pete Pfeiffer and Vee Nelson. Congratulations!



Twenty eight-year perfect attendance pins were presented to Scotty Candler and Eric Lucas. Terrific, congratulations!

A 34-year perfect attendance pin was presented to Tom Adams. Terrific, congratulations!



A 38-year perfect attendance pin was presented to Bedros Sharian, Jr. Terrific, congratulations!

... and the Change-over!



President Peter then inducted President-Elect Scott Thompson.



Each of them presented the other with new Rotary leadership pins.



Thank you, Past President Peter!



President Scott began his term by telling the club that there would be no meeting on July 3 due to the July 4 holiday, and the first Thirsty Thursday would be in August.

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square