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Governor

This Week at Rotary

Debra Lowe
 Rotary Foundation
 Major Gifts Officer
 Zone 34



Debra Lowe brings ten years of fundraising experience to the Rotary Foundation. Following a 20-year career with the Walt Disney Company, Debra entered the not-for-profit sector as director of membership and development for The Osceola Center for the Arts. And from 2003-2005 she worked with the Celebration Foundation as director of development and volunteer services. Prior to coming to the Rotary Foundation, Debra served as director of development for the Orlando Ballet where she managed all aspects of the fundraising efforts in support of the organization's main stage productions and four Orlando Ballet School campuses.

Debra has been an active Rotarian for more than ten

Oct. 9
Rob Weintraub
Author

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

years. She served as president of the Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay in 2005-2006; district grants subcommittee chair from 2007-2009, and is now a member of the Rotary Club of Orlando where she has served as the club TRF chair. She is a Level Two Bequest Society Member and a PHF+7.

Debra joined the Rotary Foundation in 2009 as the first major gifts officer on staff who lives within her assigned zone. She is a 30-year resident of Kissimmee, part of Zone 34, which encompasses the Georgia, Florida and Caribbean Rotary districts. She feels privileged to work with Rotarians in 14 of the world's Rotary districts and considers it an honor to be part of the greatest volunteer service organization in the world.

Debra lives with her yellow Labrador, Luna, and enjoys outdoor adventures, golf and the culinary and creative arts.

Last Week's Speaker Recap



Art Vinson (left) introduced club member Bob Bachman to Decatur Rotary on his last day as CEO of Emory University Healthcare (EUH). He is transitioning into his new role as Executive Director of Renovation and Expansion at EUH. His successor is Dr. Bryce Gartland.

Bob opened with a "by the numbers" look at EUH:

- 579 beds
- 100 ICU beds
- 8 hospice beds

Per year:

- 12,000 surgeries (3,000 orthopedic surgeries)
- 350 hemorrhagic strokes
- 25,000 admissions
- 40,000 ER visits

BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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[District 6900 Website](#)



- 3,500 employees
- 1,400 clinical trials
- 400 solid organ transplants
- 420 bone marrow transplants

In his new role, Bob is overseeing the construction of the new J Wing expansion and renovation of Emory Hospital. The 450,000 square foot facility, on Clifton Road, will add an additional 210 beds, housing oncology and solid organ transplant services. When completed in 16 months, it will be nine stories tall, built over a 500-car parking garage, and connected to Emory Hospital via a two-story pedestrian bridge spanning Clifton Road.



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
Adrienne Vinson at

adrienne.m.vinson@gmail.com



President Scott Thompson presented the book, *The Hospital (My Neighborhood)* by Aaron Carr, to be placed in the DeKalb library system in honor of the speaker's visit.



News and Announcements

Invocation

Given by James Brewer-Calvert (right), who inspired us to preach from our scars, not from our wounds.



Visiting Rotarians

Ross Sloan, Asheville NC

Guests

Raphaelle Akhras, guest of club

Caroline Akhras, guest of club

Jim Garner, guest of Bedros Sharian, Jr.

Katie Brewer-Calvert, guest of James Brewer-Calvert

Shannon Powell, guest of Keri Powell

Tari Owi, guest of Bob Bachman

Bryce Gartland, guest of Bob Bachman

Cleo Sloan, guest of Brett Price

Mark Robinson, guest of John Robinson

Announcements

Joan Harrison, wife of Bill Harrison, passed away peacefully on July 27, surrounded by her family. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, August 15, at 4 pm at the Central Congregational United Church of Christ at 2676 Clairmont Rd. NE, Atlanta 30329.

Former Decatur Rotarian Julia Carter is having serious health issues. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts.

Betty Spiker welcomed her fourth grandchild. Congratulations to Betty!

Jason Conn hired a part-time assistant to help him with booming business.

Dan DeWoskin bought the Sports Building next to Decatur City Hall.

Past President Peter is in the Boundary Waters, canoeing and fishing with his oldest son on their annual trip.

Rhonda Davidson's mixed doubles tennis team won the ALTA City Finals this summer.

Tom Adams invited club members to attend the Rotary District Training in Columbus this Saturday. Contact Tom if interested in carpooling.



Jason Conn introduced Raphaelle Akhras (center), our new GRSP student. She is from Lebanon, the daughter of college professors, and is being sponsored by the Decatur, Midtown and Emory Druid Hills Rotary clubs. Raphaelle is attending Georgia State University where she is studying computer science, following a year at the American University in Beirut. She is a Girl Scout, tennis player and competitive swimmer.

Upcoming Thirsty Thursday Events

September 3: Universal Joint
[906 Oakview Rd., Oakhurst / Decatur 30030](http://906OakviewRd.com)
ujointbar.com
404-373-6260

October 1: The Imperial
[726 W. College Ave., Decatur 30030](http://726WCollegeAve.com)
imperialdecatur.com 404-464-5698

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Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club