



Decatur The Rotary Roundup

Reports, Reflections & Ramblings

Spoke 'n Wheel Newsletter • The Rotary Club of Decatur, Georgia

Next at the Podium



August

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Blake McBurney
District Governor



August

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Bob Williams
President Atlanta Hawks &
Phillips Arena



August

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July Brings New Rotary Year

With President Robert at the helm . . .



President Robert Shines In the Spotlight...

Heerrree's Robert...

Meeting #2 of 51...

"Whew, I made it to meeting #3..." One month down, 11 more to go.



Daren Wang

Executive Director, Decatur Book Festival

Decatur Rotary Club Officers

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Robert Brown

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Peter Michelson

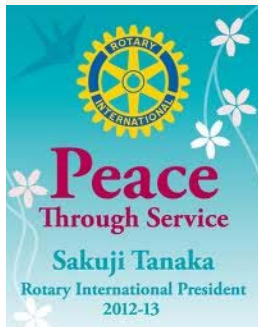
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Blake McBurney



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The Four-Way Test

Introducing the Speaker is a noble task

Kyle Williams, aka program committee king, introduces Doug Hooker.

Cyndy Miller, aka bulletin reporter extraordinaire, introduces Louis Miller (who happens to be her spouse).

And, Amy Nash lines up to introduce Steve Dolinger.

The speakers take it away...



Doug Hooker, Executive Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission discusses the future of the Atlanta region noting that the region is made up of 10-20 counties, depending on the commission's focus; senior services are growing the most; Atlanta is third highest in growth in almost all demographics; and our no. 1 challenge is getting all the counties to work together.

And away...



Louis Miller, Aviation General Manager, gives a Hartsville-Jackson update saying that in 2012 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport had 95.5 million passengers travel through it - a new record - making it the busiest airport in the world; the improvements made to the airport based on the 1999 Master Plan total \$6.4 billion and represent the largest public works project in Georgia history; many new projects are underway and others are being planned with the new

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?



master plan set to be done late this year with a planning horizon of 20 years.

And away.



Dr. Steve Dolinger, President, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education discusses the economics of education noting that in the State of Georgia if there were 30,000 more graduates with a higher education including trade certifications or a 2-year degree, the economic impact would be \$242 million increase in earnings, \$191 million increase in spending, and \$475 million increase in home sales. Georgia's future workforce needs increasing academic rigor and expectations, has changing demographics, and is facing an increasing demand for a highly skilled workforce coming together as a "Perfect Storm" or we can turn them into a "Trifecta." To be Trifecta our educational system and the community (including the business community) must provide rigor, relevance and relationship for our young people.

Of Books and Service . . .



The Book Presentations live on...*Here's A Year Up* by Gerald Chertavian in honor of Steve Dolinger.



Rick Garnitz presents a summary of the new approach to service projects with each Team Captain introducing their team project. A summary of all the projects is available online...or find Rick at the next meeting.

The Afterglow . . .



Rotarians in action...



Peter and Jack comparing cell phone photos or calendars?



Chad & Peter in deep discussion...



A Courthouse Moment perhaps?



Maybe we should do it this way...



The Three Musketeers?

More About the Meetings

Invocations: Elliott Augustine, Harl Pike, and James Brewer Calvert

Guests: Robin Brown, daughter of Robert Brown; Casie Hughes, spouse of David Hughes; Drew Brooks, guest of the club; Linda Alexander, spouse of Jeff Alexander; Elizabeth Smith, guest of Cyndy Miller; Raisa Morgan, guest of Susie Brown; Dr. Dana Rickman, guest of speaker Steve Dolinger; Krissy Anderson, guest of Robert Brown.

Visiting Rotarians: Janet Jubilee (Northlake).

Announcements:

District Governor Blake Burney will speak Aug. 2 - please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food bank.

Thanks to Dan DeWoskin for setting up the Thursday Night Social at The Square Pub in July.

Congratulations to Board members Vee Nelson, Pete Pfeiffer and Susie Brown who received pins from President Robert.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Oakhurst Market for our catering services.

**Were You There?
First Thursday Social in July**

Held at Square Pub in downtown Decatur.



A Few Closing Thoughts . . .

Keep the feedback coming so we can make this newsletter even better! Please email linda.harris@decaturga.com with ideas or suggestions.

Many thanks to Cyndy Miller and Doug Robinson for the excellent and timely reporting and to Mark Burnette and Mark Hastings for the fabulous photos.

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: [Old Courthouse on the Square](#)