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Renay Blumenthal
Grady Foundation

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Schmit & Associates

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Bob Hagan
Rotary District
Governor

Oct. 9
Rob Weintraub

This Week at Rotary

Terri Kruzan
Lifelong Decatur

Terri Kruzan is a 25-year resident of Decatur and a member of the Lifelong Decatur Advisory Board. She is the founder of Culture Sleuth, a research and change management consulting firm helping leaders shape the culture of their organizations for better business results. Ms. Kruzan received her MBA from the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University and her BA from Mount Holyoke College.



Last Week's Speaker Recap

Author

Friday Lunches
catered by
Oakhurst Market

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Peter Michelson

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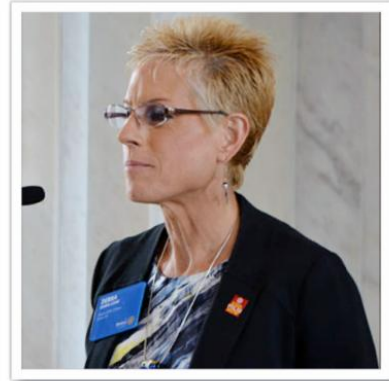
The Four-Way Test

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?



Tom Adams (left) introduced Debra Lowe, major gifts officer, Zone 34 with the Rotary Foundation, which includes District 6900 and 13 others in Georgia, Florida, and the Caribbean. Ms. Lowe is a member of the Rotary Club of Orlando (Florida). Her talk focused on the Rotary Foundation's work, its goals and initiatives, and what she considers to be the very generous giving history of District 6900.

According to Ms. Lowe, District 6900 is one of the top 10 Rotary districts in the world in terms of giving to the Rotary Foundation. District 6900 is special to her because it was the first District in which she traveled after assuming her current role with the Rotary Foundation. "This district," she says, "is very warm - it feels like coming home. District 6900 is also the most generous of the 14 districts over which she has responsibility. To date, the Rotary Club of Decatur has given \$926,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation has a three-part mission: promoting world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Its number one focus right now is the eradication of polio. And it's made great progress towards that goal. This year, there have been 36 reported cases of polio, with 29 of those in Pakistan. At this time last year, there had been 129 reported cases of polio. Moreover, as of July 24, Nigeria has gone one year without a single reported case of polio. And as of August 11, the entire continent of Africa has gone a year without a single reported case.

How can we give to the Rotary Foundation?

The top giving method is through the Annual Fund, which Ms. Lowe described as Rotary Foundation's "checking account." Donations to the Annual Fund yield a great benefit for local clubs-every dollar donated to the Annual Fund is invested for three years, and then 1/2 of everything that's been earned over those three

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
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

years is sent back to the district from which the donation came. The other half goes to the Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

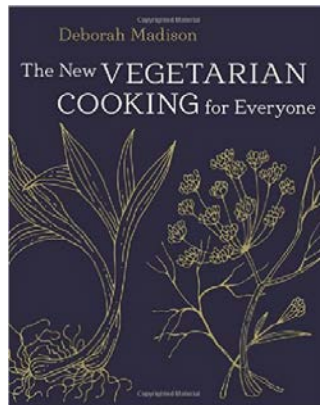
Rotary Foundation also has an Endowment Fund, which Ms. Lowe described as its "savings account." Gifts to the Endowment Fund are not spent; they're invested. Rotary Foundation originally set a goal of reaching \$1 billion in the Endowment Fund by 2025, but they achieved that goal ten years early, in May of 2015. The principal in the Endowment Fund is not spent, but interest and other earnings generated by that principal is spent. This year, the principal generated \$13 million in spendable funds, which is more than double what the Endowment Fund generated just five years ago.

The Rotary Foundation accepts gifts in a variety of forms: outright gifts of cash; pledges; gifts of securities; and legacy gifts (among others). It is a top-rated charity by Charity Navigator, receiving four out of four stars. [Read more about it here.](#)

Currently, Rotary Foundation has the following initiatives in place: Building peace; fighting disease; providing clean water; supporting mothers and children; promoting education; and growing local economies.

During the Q&A session, we learned that the Rotary Foundation considers any single gift of \$10,000 or more as a "major gift." We also learned about the Rotary Foundation's close relationship with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Through 2017, the Gates Foundation will match every dollar given as a restricted gift to the Polio Plus Initiative.





President Scott Thompson presented the book, *The New Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone* by Deborah Madison, to be placed in the DeKalb library system in honor of the speaker's visit.

News and Announcements



From left: Jeff Hancock, Todd Speed, Dan Dewoskin

Invocation
Given by Jeff Hancock

Visiting Rotarians
Bill Clark, Rotary Club of Atlanta

Guests
Jacquelyn Alford, guest of Brandon Baines

Family of Rotary News
Betty Spiker's granddaughter recently celebrated her 16th birthday, and Elliott Augustine took an impressive video of the party via his drone.

At the time of Friday's meeting, Rick Garnitz's daughter was in the process of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Peter Michelson was recently named to the list of Who's Who in Atlanta for residential real estate.

Announcements
Todd Speed and Tom Adams are considering developing a partnership with a local Rotary club in Nicaragua, with

the goal of building a new clinic.

Dan Dewoskin announced that on Sunday, August 30, a local non-profit will be packing and distributing approximately 500 hygiene kits for the homeless. If you're interested in participating, please contact Dan.

The Board of Directors met for its second meeting of the year, and it voted to increase dues by \$35 a quarter. During next week's meeting, the Board will make a presentation about how dues money is used by the club.

Around the Room

Enjoy these scenes of conversation and fellowship after our Sept. 21 meeting. Captions identify individuals from left to right.



Bedros Sharian, Bill Breen and Dan Coursey catch up



Herb McCoy compares notes with Bill Harrison



Rick Garnitz chats up Lori Ronca



Pete Pfeiffer and Barbara Tedrow share a chuckle



Past President Peter Michelson enjoys a few words with Carl Seville



Past President Jason Conn shares a few presidential tips with President Scott Thompson



Al Adams and Mac Willett enjoy some brief conversation

Save These Dates for Thirsty Thursdays!

first
thursday *Social*

September 10: 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](#)
[imperialdecatur.com](#)
404-464-5698

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Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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