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Upcoming
Speakers

Friday, Sept 26
12:15 PM



Alan Abramowitz
Alben W. Barkley
Professor of
Political Science at

Smile!

You're in the Sights of the Drone Camera!

We're "this close" to eradicating polio . . . and Elliott Augustine's drone camera is pointed at YOU!

On Friday, October 3, Decatur Rotary members will participate in the Rotary International campaign, "We're This Close...", to promote RI's work to eradicate polio across the globe. We are taking a group photo of all our members outside on the steps facing the Community Bandstand on the square immediately following our lunch meeting (which will adjourn early). We will begin the program early that day, so please adjust your schedules to be early for lunch. Elliott Augustine, our resident techie and website guru, will take the photograph using a camera mounted on his



Emory University

Friday, Oct. 3
12:15 PM



District Governor
Alicia Michael

Decatur Rotary Club Officers

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Peter Michelson

President-Elect:
Scott Thompson

Past President:
Robert Brown

Secretary:
Vee Nelson

Treasurer:
Drew Robinson

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Mark Burnette

The Four-Way Test

In everything that
we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all

drone. This will be a lot of fun and we won't make you late getting back to your work.

It's important that we get as many members as possible to be in the photo. Susie Simmons and her committee will coordinate the fun photo that will be sent to the International Rotary website as well as to local media and to the District 6900 newsletter.

Another plus is that District Governor Alicia Michael will be visiting us that day so she'll be in the photo as well and we want a great turnout for her visit!

Our Speaker This Week, Sept. 19



Tracy Ireland, President of
Georgia Student Financing
Commission

Tracy was appointed president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in May 2013. With more than 20 years of experience, Tracy has broad and progressive knowledge of the higher education finance industry, especially as it pertains to non-profit and state government organizations. His experience includes finance and operations, marketing, budgeting, legislative affairs, strategic planning and general management.

Tracy, his wife Judy and their two sons reside in Cumming, Georgia.

Last Week's Speaker



concerned?

Will it build
GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

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Friday
Lunches
catered by
Oakhurst Market

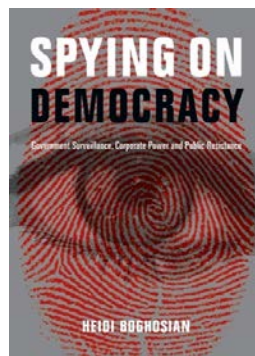
Introduced by Elliott Augustine (left), Peter Swire, (right), a law professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, has served on privacy and security advisory boards for international companies, and has testified often before the Congress.

His topic, "Lessons from the President's NSA Review on Privacy, Freedom and Surveillance", highlighted his 2013 participation in the President's advisory committee in response to Edward Snowden's leaked NSA secret surveillance programs.

Mr. Swire noted that the true challenge is how to govern secret agencies in a democracy that values civil liberties and privacy. Lessons learned from the Cold War, Watergate, and 9/11 have yielded some improved domestic privacy laws, as well as significant increases in government secrecy and surveillance. Snowden's leaks concerning NSA collection of phone records and internet communications created a worldwide concern about surveillance, transparency and privacy rights.

In December 2013, the President's advisory committee released 46 recommendations for how the United States can appropriately address surveillance, security, intelligence and communications technologies. The report was published by Princeton University Press.

Mr. Swire's latest book, The NSA Report, chronicles his personal participation in the advisory committee and the evolution of these recommendations. The book is available at member Doug Robinson's Eagle Eye Book Shop.



This book, Spying on Democracy; Government Surveillance, Corporate Power, and Public Resistance, was presented to the DeKalb Library System on behalf of our speaker.

Reported by Betty Spiker

News and Announcements

President Peter reminded us that the next board meeting is Friday, September 19 at 11 am.

Rotary International President Gary Huang is coming to Atlanta on October 21 for Rotary Day, to honor our educators in our communities, and to participate in "Apple Polishing Day." Rotary International Director Robert Hall invites all Atlanta-area Rotarians to join RI President Huang for this important event. Space is limited, so register your attendance as soon as possible at www.rotary6900.org, go to the calendar section, go to October 21, select the event, and sign up! We hope to have a great representation from Decatur Rotary!



Special Announcements

Presented by Tom Adams

Please contribute to the Decatur Rotary Foundation! The Decatur Rotary Foundation (formerly known as The President's Fund) is the arm of our Club that allows us to fund our annual Grants Program and other worthy non-profit programs.



Last year, the Foundation awarded \$12,000 in grants to 11 non-profit agencies.

The recommended pledge for the Decatur Rotary Foundation is \$400/year (\$100 per quarterly bill), but any amount is welcome.

Please fill out a pledge form or let Tom Adams know about your pledge, to ensure that your Foundation contribution will be on your next bill.

And please remember to contribute to the Rotary International Foundation. Suggested contribution is \$100/year (\$25 per quarterly bill).

Reported by Betty Spiker

More about last week's meeting

Invocation: Mac Willett

Visiting Rotarians

Presented by Alan Dishman

- Allen Gibbs, Metroport, Texas Club, presented by President Peter Michelson
- Ernie Barnes, guest of John Robinson
- Delores and Roger Augustine, guests of Elliot Augustine
- Luz Borero, guest of the Club
- Ashish Gupta, guest of the Club
- Jeremy Warner, former Club member



Family of Rotary

Presented by Todd Speed

Dr. Bevel Jones' health has declined, and he has been moved to Budd Terrace.

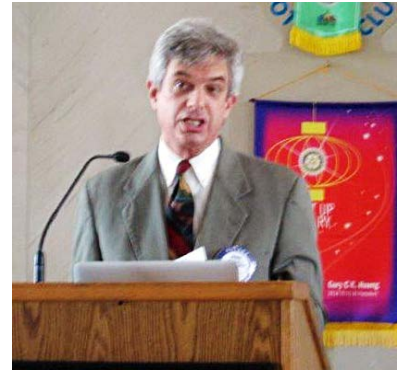
In case you missed it, David Hughes and his family were featured in the August 27th AJC Living section as they moved son John into his dormitory at Guilford College



The Tour of Champions will soon be held at Eastlake Golf Club, and the signature blimp will be hovering over us for several days. Did you know that our own Linton Broom once drove that blimp for 30 minutes?

Classification Talk:
Past President Mark Hastings, DDS

Mark joked that not many professionals are allowed to brandish power tools and hold sharp instruments in other people's mouths, but he does.



He emphasized that current dental practices use scientific methods to combat tooth decay and periodontal disease. Regular checkups and X-rays are the best ways to prevent dental problems. Water fluoridation has also greatly reduced tooth decay.

He congratulated Club member Doug Torbush, who is the new President of the Georgia Dental Association.

If you have joys or concerns you would like highlighted in this part of our meetings, please email Todd Speed at tspeed@dpchurch.org.

Followups . . .

Keep the feedback coming so we can make this newsletter even better! Deadline for the bulletin is Monday at noon. Please email your comments and suggestions to:

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Betty: bhspiker@bellsouth.net

Harl: sharonharl12@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square

- Meeting time and Place: Old Courthouse, Downtown Decatur, Fridays 12:15 to 1:30
- Our club #4132, District #6900.
- Mailing address Decatur Rotary Club, PO Box 845, Decatur, GA 30031
- Dues & Donations: Dues \$275 quarterly, Donations \$700 annually

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