



Decatur Rotary Club

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September 29, 2010

Decatur has a lot of great Fall festivals and activities planned such as The Oakhurst Arts & Music Festival (October 9), The Decatur Beer Festival (October 16) and more!

You can join the Oakhurst Community Garden Project on Sunday, October 3, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., for an outdoor fall feast featuring local foods prepared by Cakes & Ale. There will be great wines and live music. All proceeds benefit the Oakhurst Community Garden Project. Tickets are \$25 for Garden members and \$40 for non-members. To purchase tickets please visit www.oakhurstgarden.org.

This is also the last weekend to enjoy Jazz Nights at Historic Scottish Rite. The concert series takes place on the last four Thursday evenings in September from 7-9 p.m. Plan to see the last concert with One Leg Up on September 30.

The Oakhurst Arts & Music Festival (held on Saturday, October 9) begins with the 5K Arts Run/Walk at 8 a.m., followed by a day of entertainment and attractions from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have a group that would like to participate in the parade, please email oamfparade@gmail.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to oakhurststartsfestival@gmail.com. Also, it is not too late to register for the 5K Arts Run/Walk - it is \$19 until October 1st, and \$24 thereafter. To register, please go to active.com.

Also, please remember to visit our website at www.decatur-rotary.org where you can update your contact information, view videos from past Rotary meetings and find out who our upcoming speakers are. Don't forget to join our [LinkedIn Group](#) and [Facebook Page](#) as well!

Elliott Augustine & Andrea Greengard

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?

President's Corner



Announcements

A new Decatur Rotary directory is in the works. Has your contact information changed? If you have NOT sent in your updated information, we need it now. Email your changes to **Vee Nelson** at vee@vnelson.com.

Rotary Networking Resources

District 6900 has created this resource to help Rotarians in our district find employment. To find out more visit the district web site www.rotarydistrict6900.org and look for Career Networking.

Decatur Rotary is now on Facebook. Check out the page for updates and become a fan. [Decatur Rotary Facebook Page](#)

Decatur Rotary is now on LinkedIn. Check our page for updates and to join our group. [Decatur Rotary LinkedIn Group](#)

NEW!! Link to the most recent District 6900 Newsletter: [District Newsletter](#)

Book Of



President C. J. Becker called the meeting to order

Announcements:

Thursday November 6: Park Clean Up Day

When: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 am)

Where: Dearborn Park, Decatur (Deerwood Drive at Midway Road)

Food and live entertainment will follow the work session. For more info call 404-371-2540 or visit www.ParkRenewalDay.com. You can also watch a short video about the event [here](#).

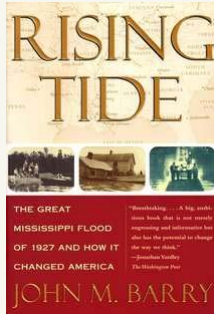
Dr. Dwight Lawson: Deputy Director Of Zoo Atlanta

John Adams introduced our guest speaker Dr. Dwight Lawson, the Deputy Director of Zoo Atlanta. Dr. Lawson spoke about the mission of Zoo Atlanta as being one of education, conservation, and research. The mission of Zoo Atlanta is



The Week

"The Rising Tide" by John Barry



Book Description:

An American epic of science, politics, race, honor, high society, and the Mississippi River, *Rising Tide* tells the riveting and nearly forgotten story of the greatest natural disaster this country has ever known -- the Mississippi flood of 1927. The river inundated the homes of nearly one million people, helped elect Huey Long governor and made Herbert Hoover president, drove hundreds of thousands of blacks north, and transformed American society and politics forever. An impressive read...

Book Selected By
John Robinson

Guests & Visitors

Julia Carter gave the invocation.

Our Guests included:

Zoe Nieminen: guest of
Linda Morris

Alison Weissinger: guest of
Darro Willey

Erik Kronberg: guest of
Geoff Koski

"to strive to inspire the citizens of Atlanta and Georgia and all visitors to the Zoo to value wildlife on Earth and to help safeguard existing species through conservation". They accomplish this mission by providing an informative, educational, and engaging experience, being respectful and responsible stewards of the animals and the physical and financial assets, and engaging in related conservation activities and research.

Zoo Atlanta has a well-developed Behavioral Research Program on zoo grounds, as well as Field Conservation Projects in South America, Africa, and Asia. There is currently a major effort to save frogs in Latin America. Zoo Atlanta's research and conservation programs are supported by private donations and by funds from outside sources such as the National Geographic Society, the National Science Foundations, and Conservation International.

The zoo is Atlanta's oldest cultural institution, dating back from 1889. It receives 700,000 guests annually. It also receives 70,000 school visits a year. It has a 14.3 million dollar economic impact on the city of Atlanta and it operates on an 11.5 million dollar annual budget.

A Little About Zoo Atlanta:

Zoo Atlanta is located at 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA, 30315 and can be reached by calling 404-624-WILD or by visiting www.zooatlanta.org. Zoo Atlanta is open 363 days a year - it is closed only on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. General admission is \$19.99 (for adults) and \$14.99 (for children ages 3 to 11, children 2 and under are free!) For volunteering information, please visit www.zooatlanta.org/home/volunteer.

Sharon Johnson: guest of
Terry Candler

Our Visiting
Rotarians included:

Dr. Steve Bethea from the
Buckhead Rotary Club

Speakers At A Glance

October 1, 2010:
Charles S. Bullock

October 8, 2010:
Dr. David Sapp

October 15, 2010:
TBA

Officers of the Decatur Rotary Club:

President:
C.J. Becker

President-Elect:
Jason Conn

Past President:
Bryan Downs

Secretary:
Betty Spiker

Treasurer:
John Bennett

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Doug Torbush

District Governor:
Casey Farmer

Birthdays!



Photo: Dr. Dwight Lawson, The Deputy Director of Zoo Atlanta

In honor of Dr. Lawson's visit, the book "Zoo Story: Life in the Garden of Captives" written by Thomas French was donated to the DeKalb County Library.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reported by Jon Manns

Photography by Mark Burnette

'Round the Room...



September 2:
Alton Dowd

September 6:
Robert Lanier

September 8:
Jason Conn

September 8:
Jimmy Smith III

September 11:
Brad Bryant

September 17:
Scott Thompson

September 18:
John Hegman
Vee Nelson

September 19:
Kirby Thompson

September 20:
Mark Burnette

September 20:
H G Pattillo
Kyle Williams

September 22:
Eric Lucas

September 24:
George Carley



President C.J. Becker & Amy Nash.



John Adams. & our speaker, Dr. Dwight Lawson pose for a picture



David Jollay and Bob Wilson talk after the meeting.



Dennis Byerly, Jack Gerlach and Barbara Tedrow catch up.

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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