



Decatur The Rotary Roundup

Reports, Reflections & Ramblings

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

Next at the Podium



April 5:
Bo Spalding and Maria Balais
Leadership DeKalb
Decatur Rotary Club Officers
President:
Kirby Thompson

President-Elect:
Robert Brown

Past President:
Jason Conn

Secretary:
John Robinson

March 15, 22 & 28 Review

Welcome to the March meeting round-up with highlights from the March 15, 22, and 28 meetings. Scroll to the bottom for another peek at the February & March First Thursday Socials.



Will

Smile for 75¢

The many faces of President Kirby as he invites us to contribute to the 75th Anniversary Past Presidents Fund . . . More cha-ching means more grins, so keep those quarters coming.



President K.

Guest A.

Guest B.

Guest C.

Guess

the Guests at the Head Table

Who joined President Kirby at the head table for the past three weeks? We'll chip in 75¢ to the Past Presidents Celebration Fund on behalf of the first Rotarian to get them all correct! From left:

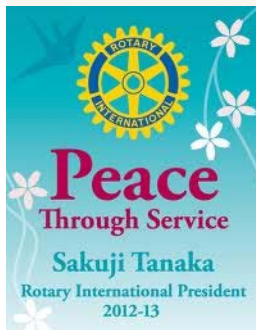
- A:
- B:
- C:

More highlights . . .

Treasurer:
John Bennett

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Bedros Sharian III

District Governor:
Cheryl Greenway



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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



Tim Martin introduced speaker **Bill Morton** author of *The Story of Georgia's Boundaries* who gave a very entertaining and informative talk starting with a brief history of Georgia and the 14th (sic) American colony West Florida. Important dates are 1732, 1763, 1783, 1802 and 1818 (read the book to find out more or to recall what he told us!). The story cannot be told without knowing about Andrew Ellicott who among other things surveyed the US/Spanish (sic) border in 1796-1800. Many surprises and much information in this talk which is why many members lined up to buy an autographed copy after the meeting.



Tom Adams introduced **Stanley Romanstein**, president of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra who spoke about the business (\$45 million annual budget) of presenting great music. ASO's vision and passion: giving memorable experiences of live performances of great music. Did you know that ASO recordings have won 27 Grammy awards? He talked about the ASO Youth Orchestra and youth development program, two efforts that recognize and develop young talent. Quote of the day: "Live music makes a difference in people's lives."

FRIENDSHIPS

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Will it
be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?



Congratulations to Rotarian **Scott Drake** (right) on his election to the Decatur City Commission. He will be sworn in on April 1 - and that is NOT an April Fools Day joke!



Chad Greer introduced **Jay Cranman** who talked about Points of Light which represents the largest volunteer organization in the world. The talk centered around volunteerism and civic engagement and how Points of Light seeks to foster innovation.



Welcome to **Charlotte Pfeiffer**, spouse and guest of **Pete** spotted

chatting with **Barbara Tedrow**.



Are **Walt Drake** and **Doug Robinson** talking books???



Eric Lucas with guests **Chinyere Lartey** and **Cindy Light**

More About the Meetings

Invocations: Todd Speed, Barbara Tedrow, and Scott Thompson.

Guests: Derona King, Stafford Wicker, Emmanuel Amosu, Zachary North, Clark Candler, Mark Elgart, Beth Sumner (spouse of B.J.), Sarah Hazelrig, Chinyere Lartey, Cindy Light, and Alison Weissinger.

Visiting Rotarians: Woody Hall (Atlanta), Assistant Governor Durl Jenson (Stone Mountain).

Announcements: Keep those quarters and dollars coming for our Past Presidents...details from Judy Turner as they are available. Congratulations to Scott Drake on his election to the Decatur City Commission.

Were You There?

First Thursday Socials happened at two Decatur hotspots in February and March

Save the date now for the next social on April 4, location TBA!



**March:
Cakes & Ale**



**February:
Ted's**



Rolling Up Our Sleeves

Decatur Rotary Turns Out for the Decatur MLK Service Project

A dedicated group of Rotarians signed up again for a long weekend "on," helping to make significant repairs to the homes of elderly residents of Decatur. Enjoy the photos and be sure to sign up next year for this worthy event!



We kid, but we are truly proud of the active support and participation by the Decatur Rotary Club in the annual MLK Service Project. **Thank you.**

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 Harl Pike for the excellent and timely reporting and to Mark Burnette & Mark Hastings for the fabulous photos.

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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