Greetings!

Please Join Us for Past President's Day March 5

Our club will honor past club presidents on March 5 at Three Taverns Brewery tasting room for beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Here are more details:

**WHO:** All members and their spouses/guests are invited to attend this free event.

**WHAT:**
Past President's Day Celebration, when we honor our past presidents in a really special way! You may enjoy fine crafted Belgian-style beer or for the wine lovers, Herb Chereck of Decatur Package Store has created Herb's Choices - a selection of fine wines you will truly enjoy. And, to top it off, we will have delicious hors d'oeuvres created by our friends at Oakhurst Market. What a way to celebrate!

**WHEN:** 5:30-7:30 PM this Thursday, March 5

**WHERE:** Three Taverns Tasting Room, 121 New St. just off College Avenue (about two minutes from downtown Decatur toward Avondale Estates). See a map [here](#).

Please come out and enjoy this special fellowship and
wonderful evening! No need to RSVP . . . we are expecting you!

Find out more about Three Taverns Brewery [here].

Speaking at Our Meeting this Week, March 6

The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, MD

Dr. Louis W. Sullivan is chairman of the board of the National Health Museum in Atlanta, and is chairman of the Washington, D.C.-based Sullivan Alliance to Transform America's Health Professions. He served as chair of the President's Commission on Historically Black Colleges and Universities from 2002-2009, and was co-chair of the President's Commission on HIV and AIDS from 2001-2006.

Dr. Lewis' book, Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine, will be available for purchase and signing after his talk. Click if you would like to reserve a copy.

As secretary of Health and Human Services from 1989 to 1993, Dr. Lewis released Healthy People 2000, a blueprint for health promotion/disease prevention, waged a vigorous campaign against tobacco use, urged increased seat belt use in vehicles, and improved FDA food labels.

In 1975 Dr. Sullivan was the founding dean and president of Morehouse School of Medicine serving for more than two decades. He is now president emeritus.

A native of Atlanta, Dr. Sullivan graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College and earned his medical degree, cum laude, from Boston University School of Medicine. His postgraduate training included internship and residency in
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?

For more information visit our website.

Check our club's calendar

District 6900 Website

Friday Lunches catered by Oakhurst Market

internal medicine at New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center (1958-60), a clinical fellowship in pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital (1960-61), and a research fellowship in hematology at the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory of Harvard Medical School, Boston City Hospital (1961-63). He is certified in internal medicine and hematology.

Last Week's Speaker:
Paul Morris, Atlanta Beltline

John Cushnie (left) introduced our speaker, Paul Morris, president and CEO of the Atlanta Beltline. Mr. Morris has a wealth of experience that he brought to this position, having previously worked on projects related to transportation, urban redevelopment, and the management of natural resources and public parks in 25 states and 10 foreign countries. His prior experience includes assistance with projects of national significance, such as the World Trade Center Memorial in New York City and the Columbine High School Memorial in Colorado.

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President Peter presented the book, City Parks: Public Places, Private Thoughts by Catie Marron, to be placed in the DeKalb Library System to honor Paul Morris's visit.

News and Announcements
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 Doug Robinson, doug@eagleeyebooks.com

Invocation given by Chad Greer

Visiting Rotarians
Presented by Doug Robinson
Bill Witcher, Stone Mountain club
Paul Morris, Atlanta club

Guests/Hosts:
Brandon Baines/Tom Adams
David Michelson/Peter Michelson
The Honorable Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.,
Keri Powell/Rick Garnitz
John Welch/Bill Harrison
Ed Martin/Bryan Downs

David Michelson (left), and Sara Michelson (right), wife of President Peter, dropped in for a special birthday celebration for President Peter.

Special Announcements:
President Peter celebrated his 50th birthday today by donning a special birthday hat. He was surprised with a
birthday cake from Oakhurst Market and with a birthday toast/roast from his brother, David.

Congratulations to Rick Garnitz, who received a Show Rotary Cares Award earlier today at the Rotary Council meeting in Dunwoody.

We lit up Rotary! Approximately 25-30 club members attended the special Light Up Rotary celebration at the Old Courthouse on the Square this past Monday evening, Feb. 23. Elliott Augustine flew his drone and videos of the event should be appearing on our website. Kudos to Susie Simmons, Sara Fountain, Jean O'Callaghan, Elliott Augustine, and Scott Thompson.

See the video here.
On to Jekyll for this year's Region 6900 conference on April 24-26, organized by Joe Kusmik. Our goal is for 25 members to attend, and we already have commitments from almost half that number of members.

See a video on how to register here.

Derby Night is the theme of our annual club fundraiser this year! The extravaganza takes place on Thursday, May 7. President Peter reminded everyone that we are still seeking additional sponsors and contributions to make this event a big success.

Service Projects
Check out this chart to see the who, what, when, where and why about our many club projects and how they are progressing. If you have any questions or comments, Herb McCoy will be happy to speak with you.

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<td>Hygiene Kits</td>
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<td>Dan DeWoskin</td>
<td>Distribute kits to an identified homeless population</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>Literacy/Book Club</td>
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<td>Jim Jarboe</td>
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According to Mr. Morris, the Atlanta Beltline (AB) represents the most comprehensive redevelopment project ever undertaken in Atlanta, and one of the largest such projects in the United States. Mr. Morris explained that the AB is re-assembling and connecting four old railroads that were designed initially as what could be described as the city’s first perimeter. This area encompasses 45 neighborhoods, an area in which 22% of Atlanta’s population resides. The goal of the Atlanta Beltline is to connect these communities to each other and to bring Atlanta together by creating trails, transit, parks, art, and affordable housing. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2030.

Mr. Morris described the Atlanta Beltline as a private, non-profit development corporation. The City of Atlanta is the project owner and sponsor, but the AB also has partnerships with many other organizations, including Invest Atlanta, MARTA, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The organizations’ investors have thus far received a six to-one return on investment. Mr. Morris stated the economic impact of the Beltline is huge, having generated more than 20,000 construction jobs and attracted 4,600 permanent jobs that have been created in the AB planning area.
One of the goals of the Atlanta Beltline is to bring back the streetcar. Mr. Morris explained that in the past Atlanta had one of the largest streetcar networks in the country. The AB is planning on creating a Beltline streetcar as well as connecting to the recently-established City of Atlanta streetcars. In addition, 46 miles of new streets are being created to connect Atlanta neighborhoods and businesses.

A key component of the Atlanta Beltline is to make housing affordable. One way the AB is doing this is by obtaining federal funding for new homeowners and for the rehabilitation of already-existing homes. The goal, Mr. Morris stated, is to avoid undue displacement of current residents. Another critical part of the Beltline is art. Mr. Morris explained that artists from all over the country have been invited to participate in art displays as part of the Art on the Atlanta Beltline project, while members of the community can participate in events such as the Atlanta Beltline Lantern Parade.

In conclusion, Mr. Morris said that the scope of this project and the grassroots involvement are what make the Atlanta Beltline different. He described the AB as the largest social experiment going on in the United States, but said that it has truly knitted the community together.

Special Thanks to . . .

Greg Lohmeier, our reporter this week. Great job!

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

Directions: Old Courthouse on the Square