



Decatur Rotary Club

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May 5, 2010

For a plant challenged individual, I am in the midst of a major redo of my small yard and patio. Fortunately, I have the help of a professional. I will need a "cheat sheet" to be able to tell my family and friends what is now growing outside my door.

Brenda Leder

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: Past President Tom Adams

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Past Presidents Day Wine Tasting

Thursday May 6th from 6-8pm a wine tasting and light appetizers in honor of all Decatur Rotary past presidents. The social will be held at the offices of Robert L. Brown & Associates, 250 E. Ponce de Leon Ave (Wachovia Building) 8th floor. Please plan on attending, enjoying the food and drink, and honoring our past presidents.

Reminder for Club Members to make their reservations for the International Convention June 19-24, 2010 in Montreal.

All reservations are to be made through the Housing Bureau, Tourisme Montral at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ri2010> or by calling 1-888-722-2220. Please do not forget to mention that you want to be staying in one of the rooms blocked for District 6900. Several rooms have been blocked at Montral Marriott Chateau Champlain for District 690

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](#)

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District Newsletter

Guests & Visitors

Bill Breen gave the invocation.

Our Guests included:

David Montane was the guest of **Tom Adams** and Sylvester Schmidt was the guest of **Dave Jolley**.

substituted for **President Bryan Downs**. Tom thanked those attending the District Conference and praised the Club for its level of giving.



Member **Rick Garnitz** announced plans for Past President's Day which will be celebrated this Thursday, May 6th from 6 to 8 at Robert L. Brown & Associates, 250 E. Ponce de Leon Ave (Wachovia Building) 8th floor.

Gordon Kenna



Dave Jolley introduced speaker Gordon Kenna as a person that has had his hands in interesting events and local movements contributing to the success of metro-Atlanta and Georgia. **Mr. Jolley** noted the common environmental thread running through the professional work and service of Mr. Kenna.

Mr. Kenna introduced the Club to Georgians for Passenger Rail, which is a nonprofit, private sector group committed to the belief that a fully developed passenger rail system is critical for Georgia to continue a regional leadership role in the southeast. The mission of Georgian for Passenger Rail is simply "Passenger rail for all Georgia". The organization's vision is to reconnect Georgia's communities through

Our Visitors included:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

Speakers At-a-Glance

May 7: Wilbur Kurtz-Past President's Day

May 14: Carol Naughton

Officers of the Decatur Rotary Club:

President - Bryan Downs

President-Elect - C.J. Becker

Past President - Mark Hastings

Secretary - Alan Dishman

Treasurer - Jason Conn

Sergeant-at-Arms - John Drake

District Governor - Roy Strickland

Birthdays!



May 1, Amy Nash
May 1, Clyde Shepherd
May 6, Tom Adams
May 12, Frank Carryl
May 14, Sara Fountain
May 15, Phyllis Edwards
May 15, Hobby Rice
May 16, Betty Willis
May 18, Mark Treese
May 20, Earl Tveit
May 22, Davison Philips
May 28, Eric Norwood

passenger rail to achieve new economic opportunities, enhance our quality of life, and and improve the environment. As Executive Director of Georgians for Passenger Rail, Mr. Kenna works to marshal resources, engage citizens and elected officials and organize other groups to promote, study and implement a passenger rail network linking Georgian urban and rural areas.

Mr. Kenna walked the Club through the past, present and future of Georgia comparing historical reliance on rail and forecasting the state's future with and without passenger rail. Georgians for Passenger Rail focuses on both statewide and regional passenger rail plans that seek to improve economic development, enhance quality of life, preserve local communities and allow Georgia to remain competitive with other southern states.



The book donated to the DeKalb County Public Library in honor of our speaker was *My Kind of Transit, Rethinking Public Transportation in America* by Darrin Nordahl.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Report by **Clark Candler**

'Round the Room...



Our Rotarians are interested in transportation.



Walt Drake may be giving out gardening tips.



Bill Harrison and Barbara Tedrow have great smiles.

Sincerely,

The Rotary Bulletin Committee
Decatur Rotary Club

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