

## 2017-2018 Club Leadership

**Co-President** – Julie Koriakin  
**Co-President** – Barbara Bush  
**Past President** - Ralph Peeler  
**Secretary** - Dick Michell  
**Treasurer** - Lance Reising  
**Community Service Director** -  
Nathan Aberson  
**New Generations Director** -  
Christopher Drew  
**Club Administration Director** –  
Jim Greco  
**Membership Director** –  
Mike Emanuele  
**Public Image & Relations Director** –  
Jon Yaeger  
  
**Sergeant-at-Arms** – John Strickland  
**Rotary Foundation** –  
Ralph Sims,, Director  
Don Millen, Emeritus  
**GRSP Foundation Director** –  
Mike Emanuele

**District Conference Coordinators** –  
Mike Emanuele & B Bush

**Fundraising:**  
**Golf Tournament Co-Chairs:**  
Lance Reising & Mike Emanuele  
**Whiskey's of the World Chair:**  
Nathan Aberson

**Programs & Speaker Chair** –  
Barbara Bush

**District Grant Chair** – Julie Koriakin

**Literacy Chair** – Patrick Thomas

**Past President Council**  
Don Millen, Jim Barker  
Mike Emanuele, Michael Pierson,  
Lance Reising, Garry Guan,  
John Strickland, Lou Alverado,  
Kent Gipson, Ralph Sims,  
Jon Yaeger, Ralph Peeler,  
Barbara Bush, Julie Koriakin

**Dist Governor** – Alec Smythe  
**Lt. Governor** – Candace Klein  
**Asst. Governor** – Lorri Christopher

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## North Atlanta Rotary

Chartered May 2, 1962

**This Week 2/22/18**

**4th Thursday – Regular Meeting**

**Camp Gordon at PDK, WWI**

**Michael D Hitt, Historian**

**Food Drive**

***BRING FOOD FOR THE WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM***

## Mark Your Calendars!

- **Feb. 28 – Volunteer to Read @ Woodward Elem.**  
*Volunteers needed – Pat Thomas, Coordinator*
- **March 1 – Weekend Backpacks Food Project**  
*Volunteers needed – Joan McGowan, Coordinator*
- **March 1 – Packing & Sorting Food @ ATL Food Bank**  
*Volunteers needed – Bill McLaughlin, Coordinator*
- **March 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. – Dist. Governor Alec Smythe**  
**PHF presentations & New Member Induction**
- **March 15 – NAR Club Board of Directors Meeting**
- **March 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. -- Club Assembly**
- **March 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Thurs. -- Club Evening Social**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.**

57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Restaurant

3829 Clairmont Road, Chamblee, GA 30341

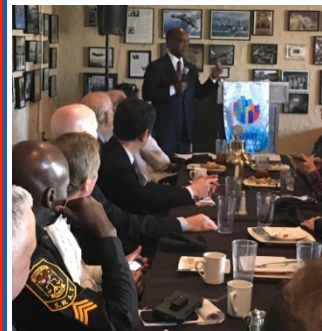
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## Michael Thurmond, Dekalb County CEO was our guest speaker at this year's Annual Awards Recognition of the

### 2017 DeKalb County Detective of the Year and 2017 Chamblee Police Officer of the Year

Past President and long time member of our club Don Millen was quick to inform us that we have now had the honor to celebrate the DeKalb Detective of the Year for the 48th year in a row. This year's honoree was Detective V. R. Van Hess. We were also fortunate to honor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, a Chamblee Police Officer of the Year. This year's honoree was Officer Beth Frye.



Right: Don Millen, Chamblee Police Chief Donny Williams, honoree Officer Beth Frye with her Aunt, and Asst. Dist. Gov. Lou Alvarado.

(L) Michael Thurmond, DeKalb County CEO speaking to a full house, sharing insights regarding his first year as CEO as well as plans for moving DeKalb County forward.



#### Receiving Awards

Right: DeKalb County Assistant Police Chief Pol Yarbrough, Chief of Detectives, honoree Detective V.R. Van Hess and his wife Elizabeth and her mother Mary Sullivan



# NORTH ATLANTA “ROTARY HAS HEART”



## Woodward Elementary Reading Project

A partnership with North Atlanta and Brookhaven Rotary Clubs and the Legion Foundation

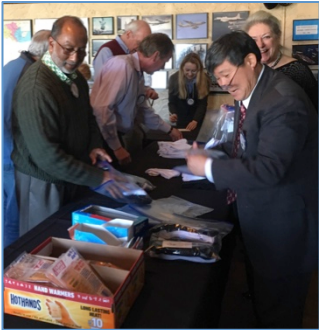


Left: Barbara Bush with Kindergarteners  
Above: Barbara and Bill Smith, The Cat in the Hat!



Right: at the Central Shelter, Mike Emanuele, Joan McGowan, Ralph Sims, Jim Greco, Don’s volunteer friend, and Fazle Khan.

Below: Much of the crew “selfie” after dinner was all done.  
Top L to R: Fazle Khan, Ralph Sims, Joan McGowan, Jim Greco, Mike Emanuele, and Barbara Bush



Left: Fazle Khan, Pat Thomas, Lance Reising, Catherine Bernard, Ann Glenn and Garry Guan



## Central Night Shelter Projects were a huge success again this year!

Chief volunteer Don Millen coordinated the Club’s efforts again this year to bring good food and cheer to the men of the Central Presbyterian Homeless Shelter downtown.



His crew of Rotarians, members and guest alike at our January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, pulled together 75 goodie bags consisting of two pairs of socks, two sets of hand warmers, a small packet of disposable wipes, an extra zip lock bag, and a Rotary Has Heart Card with a handwritten message for each recipient, all in a large re-useable zip lock bag. These were taken to the Shelter for distribution on January 29<sup>th</sup>, the night we delivered a hot meal of roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, buttered rolls, ice cream and cookies. Later, after cleaning up after dinner, we made sack lunches for the men, to be given out in the morning with their goodie bag gifts.

Right: our goodie bag assembly line with Masarrat Husain, Pat Thomas, Catherine Bernard, Mary Frances Richardson, and Garry Guan

Below: Masarrat Husain, guest Christi Murray and Pat Thomas





## Mark your calendars!

## Plan to Attend!

## Join in the Fun!

**Woodward Reading Program** – 8-9 a.m. **February 28<sup>th</sup>** (See Pat Thomas to volunteer)

**Weekend Backpack Food Program** – 12-2 p.m. **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at YMCA (see Joan McGowan to volunteer)

**Atlanta Food Bank Project** – 6-8 p.m. – **March 1<sup>st</sup>** (See Bill McLaughlin to volunteer)

### **RLI = Rotary Leadership Institute**

The next opportunity to participate in RLI will be on **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** in Tucker. If you are interested you need to signup now! See Mike Emanuele or Barbara Bush for more details. The Club will underwrite the registration fee.

### **GRSP = Georgia Rotary Student Program**

Donations must be received by GRSP no later than **March 16<sup>th</sup>** to be counted toward this year's recognition. See Mike Emanuele for more information and to donate.

### **DeKalb Rotary Council Breakfast**

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7 to 9 a.m.** at the Old Decatur Court House, 101 E Court Square, Decatur, GA

We will honor our Club's **Teacher of the Year** and **Show Rotary Cares Award** recipients, and DeKalb Council's **You Are the Key Award** recipient.

**RSVP** to Barbara **by March 1<sup>st</sup>** – a headcount is needed for catering.

### **Rotary District Assembly**

To be held on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** - Registration is now open. It will be held in Columbus Ironworks Convention and Trade Center, Columbus, GA. Julie Koriakin asks that her leadership team, as well as any interested Rotarian, attend this District-wide assembly and training opportunity. . The Club will underwrite the registration fee.

### **Club Social / Membership Evening Event**

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** we'll gather at the 57<sup>th</sup> Restaurant for fellowship and celebration of our club's community support through service. Please invite "Family of Rotary" members including your family members, prospective club members, and community members that hold the common interest of service and are interested in sharing fellowship. Special presentation to the Greco Family to honor the late Mr. Jim Greco.

### **Russian Peace Exchange**

8 Russian Rotarians are coming on May 20<sup>th</sup> for 4 days. If you are interested in helping to host our visitors, please let Barbara know and she will put you in touch with the Peach Exchange coordinator Peter Jensen of the Buckhead Club.