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MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

On behalf of our club, we thank PDG Al Lipphardt for initiating and coordinating our 2014 special tribute in commemoration of Memorial Day as well as his wife, Carol, for all of her support. We also want to thank Anresa Davis and the Park Springs staff for allowing us to again hold our luncheon there among so many veterans that we are able to thank on a first-hand basis.

At our luncheon on May 20, 2014, the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain was honored to have Major General James Jackson from the Department of Defense (DOD) in Washington, D.C., to help express appreciation to veterans for their service and to remember the men and women who died while serving in our country's armed forces.

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(Pictured left to right) Major General Jackson, President Cynthia Edwards, Past District Governor Al Lipphardt, and President-Elect Chris Brand

Major General Jackson's office is charged with executing DOD's plan to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Congress passed a public law requiring DOD to develop a plan and to execute it beginning in 2012 and extending through 2025. The kick-off occurred at the Wall in DC and was attended by the President, the chain of command and many veterans with their families as VIPs.

In last week's newsletter, we published some of the statistics of the Vietnam War that Major General Jackson shared with us. He said, "Vietnam was a long war, and thus we expect a rather long commemoration period. Throughout the commemoration period our specific goal is to reach as many Vietnam veterans and their families as possible to offer them our nation's thanks for their service and the sacrifices." He added, "While our office is focused on the recognition of the Vietnam veteran. I want to take some time to reach out to all veterans and their families and offer all of them our gratitude for their service. Your service made a difference in our country, our lives and those of our children. Thank you."

In order to reach out and connect to as many veterans as possible, the DOD has enlisted the help of communities, organizations, companies, military units, cities, towns and states. Across the country, they now have over 5,500 commemorative partners and each are connecting with their veterans and helping the DOD thank them all. The Department of Defense's goal is to reach 15,000. Joining as a commemorative partner can be done on-line. It's free and only costs the time it takes to recognize veterans.



Veterans and Rotarians at Memorial Luncheon at Park Springs

The follow is an excerpt from Major General Jackson's remarks as he presented the commemorative flag and certificate to our club: **"Today, it is my pleasure to recognize our newest teammate.....The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain. The Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemorations Recognizes the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia as a Commemorative Partner. Awarded in recognition of your willingness to assist and**

support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam War Veterans, their families, and those who served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. Signed by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs."

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM - June 3rd

Dr. Stan DeJarnett

Dr. Stan DeJarnett currently serves as the Executive Director of [The Georgia Vision Project: A Vision for Public Education](#). This collaborative effort was initiated in 2009 to transform Georgia's public schools and build trust and support for public education in every community. The Georgia Vision Project has the support of 79% of Georgia's local school systems, all five state education agencies, its colleges and universities, the Georgia Public Broadcasting network and every major educational organization in Georgia. The Vision Project's research-based recommendations in seven components are being implemented in schools all over Georgia with success. Other states have begun their own Vision Projects as a result.



Dr. DeJarnett's career as an educator spans 30+ years, including successful tenures as a teacher, principal, curriculum specialist, and district leader. His most recent position prior to leading the Vision Project was as Superintendent of the Morgan County Schools in Madison, Georgia. Morgan County Schools have been recognized regionally and nationally for their innovation and record of student performance. He has served in key leadership positions in virtually every state and national education leadership organization, including the National Governing Board of the American Association of School Administrators, the Georgia School Superintendents Association and the Georgia Council of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - AdvancEd (SACS.)

Dr. DeJarnett and The Georgia Vision Project believe that public schools are an essential part of the infrastructure of every community. His desire for excellence, equity and innovation in our schools have made him a highly sought-after speaker and advisor on educational transformation.

He earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music at Western Carolina University and received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia.

Dr. DeJarnett is active in community life. He has served twice as Honorary Chair of the Morgan County United Way Campaign and the Morgan County Relay for Life Campaign. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center. He serves as a board member of the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, the Morgan County Foundation for Excellence in Public Education, and the Madison-Morgan County Boys & Girls Club. He was selected by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce as a member of Leadership Georgia's Class of 2001.

He and his wife Kaye are the proud parents of three daughters.

WHAT YOU MISSED - May 27th



Always a joy to have Emma, daughter of Rotarian Lizabeth Dison visiting our Club.



President Cynthia presenting club's gift to Guest Speaker Jay Klapper, Humorist - Finding Your Promised Land



PP Mark DiGiovanni presents PE Chris Brand with a \$2,080 check for FODAC from proceeds raised in their Run, Walk and Roll event.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SET-UP & TAKE-DOWN DUTIES

Jun 3 Jerry Crane

Mac Willett
Jun 10 Chris Brand
Michele Weston
Jun 17 Doug Coil
Irvine Weeks



BIRTHDAYS

Jun 7 Lizabeth Dixon

ANNIVERSARIES

Jun 1 Bill Rosenfeld
Jun 4 Jenny Hall

PROGRAMS

Jun 3 Dr. Stan DeJarneet, Executive Director, Georgia Vision Project, "Spark! Igniting Education in Georgia"
Jun 10 Dr. Don Crochet, Physical Therapist, "Your Feet and Volunteer,"
Jun 17 Dr. Jim Forstner, Affordable Care Act

LENDING OUR SUPPORT

The **Sue Kellogg Library** will be having their **Book Sale on June 13 - 14**. Please bring your books to the meetings on Tuesdays..... OR if you need assistance, contact [Dora Jackson](#).

ROTARY INFORMATION

Name The Rotary Foundation Centennial Book go to https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0vO6BzdwzLSCFz by June 15th

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ROTARY CLUB OF STONE MOUNTAIN - POSSIBLE CHANGE OF VENUE

For approximately eight years now, our club has been meeting at Smokerise Country Club. For many, many years prior to that, we met at the Stone Mountain Inn (now called Mountain View Inn) inside Stone Mountain Park. One of our reasons for leaving the Inn was our impression that the Marriott group that manages the property wasn't particularly interested in our business unless there was no other conflicting business. In recent years, their business has fallen off sharply, and they are very interested in having us return to the Mountain View Inn for our meetings.

Any such change requires a discussion by the membership and a vote by active members. There are three options available:

1. Continue to hold our meetings at the same place and time (lunch at Smokerise) as we are now.
2. Change the meeting place to Mountain View Inn at Stone Mountain Park at the same time as we are now.
3. Change the meeting place to Mountain View Inn at Stone Mountain Park and change the meeting time to a breakfast meeting.

I'm sure everyone will have strong opinions on these options. The choice will be made by a majority vote of active members. If no option wins a majority on the first ballot, we will have a runoff of the top two choices. It is necessary that whatever we decide to do as a club has

been actively approved by a majority of our active members. A two-week discussion period should be sufficient, after which voting will occur, both at the meetings and by email for those who are absent. We want everyone who has a vote to cast a vote.

As you evaluate the options, please contemplate these questions:

- What time and place for our meetings will most likely yield the highest attendance numbers for our members?
- What time and place for our meetings will most likely attract potential new members and visiting Rotarians?
- What time and place for our meetings will most likely help reinvigorate our club?

Below is the menu information provided by Mountain View Inn. They are open for breakfast for guests, but only do lunch for groups on request. The breakfast option should be the same amount you currently pay for meals (\$18); the lunch option should be \$1 more. I visited the Inn as part of my research, and it is very well maintained and our old meeting room on the second floor is unchanged.

Mark DiGiovanni
Director, Club Administration, 2014-2015

Mountain View Restaurant Lunch Buffet Menu \$15.00 ++gratuity and tax

Two Entrees; 2 vegetables; 2 starches; Salad Bar; Dessert Bar

Example:

Fried Chicken / Baked Tilapia w/ Lemon Caper Sauce / Mashed Potatoes / Gravy / Sautéed Green Beans w/ Onions / Vegetable medley / Rice Pilaf

Example:

Smoked Chicken / Seared Snapper w/ Peach Salsa / Glazed carrots / Rice Pilaf / Oven Roasted Potatoes
Buttered Cut Corn / Steamed Broccoli

Mountain View Restaurant Breakfast Buffet Menu (7:00 am - 10:30 am) \$14.00 ++gratuity and tax

Hot Buffet

Biscuits / Sausage Gravy / Sausage Links / Bacon / Scrambled Eggs / Hash Browns / Pancakes

Cold Fruit Bar

Pineapple / Honeydew Melon / Cantaloupe / Strawberries / Watermelon (seasonal) / Yogurts

Cereal Bar

Grits/Cheese Grits / Oatmeal / Assorted Dry Cereals / Breads / Croissants / Bagels / Breakfast Pastries

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ABOUT US

100%
PAUL HARRIS
FELLOW CLUB



EST. 1965

Our mission is to distinguish the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain from other top clubs in District 6900 by consistently supporting the Object of Rotary through projects in each of the avenues of service; by eagerly extending the hand of fellowship; and by actions demonstrating our commitment to the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self."

Our members are actively involved in the local community with programs and projects in the city of Stone Mountain and surrounding areas. Realizing that the boundary of the world's borders are ever growing, Stone Mountain Rotarians are also involved in humanitarian and educational projects in India, Central America, Europe, Asia, Africa-literally all over the world.

WE MEET MOST TUESDAYS AT NOON AT SMOKE RISE COUNTRY CLUB
4800 CHEDWORTH DR., STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30087. (770) 908-2582
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (770) 656-4363

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**2013-14
CLUB
OFFICERS
AND
DIRECTORS**

"Service Above Self"



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PDG Al Lipphardt Presidential Advisor

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CLUB REMINDERS



"FRIENDLIEST CLUB IN THE SOUTH"

START TIME

Please arrive to the weekly meeting in enough time for you to socialize, go through the buffet, and be seated by 12:14 PM. We will begin the meeting promptly at 12:15 PM, so that we may end promptly at 1:15 PM. At our request, the Smoke Rise Country Club has begun setting out the food by noon, which will assist us in starting our meetings as indicated.

DUES & FEES

Thank you for working with our Assistant Treasurer, Harry Stack, to ensure that our individual financial accounts are up-to-date. Remember, currently, our personal dues and assessments provide the majority of the fund for our club's work and support to other organizations.

ATTENDANCE

Our goal is to achieve 100% attendance with all members at each meeting. If circumstances cause you to miss our weekly meeting, be sure to make up meeting by attending another club's weekly meeting; by participating in a service project, Board meeting, or committee meeting; or by making up on line by accessing the Rotary International website. All documentation confirming make-ups should be provided to George Miranda, Club Secretary within two weeks of the missed date. Online make-up confirmations will be automatically sent to George.

MEMBERSHIP

Continuously be on the lookout for potential Rotarians. Remember, our goal is to attract them, not just recruit them. With this in mind, we are working to become more involved in assisting the organizations that we financially support. From publicizing our community service, people who have similar interests may be attracted to join our club. Begin to make a list of friends who are like you and/or have similar interest that fall in at least one of Rotary's six areas of focus, but who have not asked to join you at a Rotary meeting. Invite them!

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CLUB LOCATOR



MISSED A MEETING? MAKE IT UP.

Online
Anytime
www.rotaryclubone.org

Brookhaven Club

Capital City Country Club
7 John Portman Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30303
Wednesdays @ 12:00pm

Decatur Club

Old Courthouse on the Square
101 E Court S, Decatur, GA 30030
Fridays @ 12:15pm

Dunwoody Club

Westin Perimeter North
7 Concourse Pkwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30328
Fridays @ 7:15pm

Emory-Druid Hills Club

Global Mall
5675 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross, GA 30071
Wednesdays @ 12:15pm

North Atlanta Club

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30346
Thursdays @ 12:15pm

Northlake Club

First Christian Church of Atlanta
4532 Lavista Rd., Tucker, GA 30084
Thursdays @ 12:15pm

South DeKalb Club

DeKalb Medical Center
2701 N Decatur Rd., Decatur, GA 30033
Thursdays @ 12:00pm

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MEET OUR LEADERS

"There is
no limit to



**RON
BURTON**

RI PRESIDENT
2013-2014

what we
can
accomplish
when we
all serve
with our
whole
hearts."



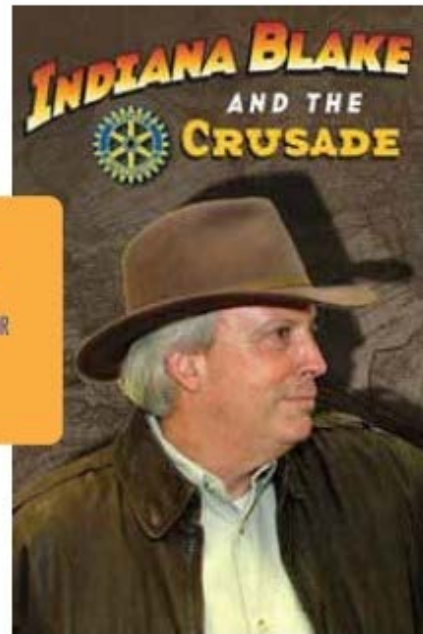
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**INDIANA BLAKE
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