

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain

Stone Mountain Views

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*Putting "Service Above Self" in Stone Mountain since 1965
100 % Paul Harris Fellow Club*

This Week's Program:



Michael L. Thurmond

Interim Superintendent, DeKalb County School District



*Rotary International President Ron D. Burton
District 6900 Governor Blake McBurney
Assistant Governor Bill Weeks
Rotary Club of Stone Mountain President Cynthia Edwards*



Michael L. Thurmond

Interim Superintendent, DeKalb County School District

Michael L. Thurmond is the interim superintendent of the DeKalb County School District, the third largest district in the state of Georgia. The district serves nearly 99,000 students with over 13,400 employees. He is currently on leave from the Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer law firm. Thurmond was the Democratic Party's nominee for United States Senate in 2010.

Thurmond was raised as a sharecropper's son in Clarke County, Georgia. He graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from Paine College and later earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He also completed the Political Executives program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

In 1986, he became the first African-American elected to the Georgia General Assembly from Clarke County since Reconstruction. During his legislative tenure, Thurmond authored major legislation that has provided more than \$250 million in tax relief to Georgia's senior citizens and working families.

Following his legislative service, Thurmond was called upon to lead the state Division of Family and Children's Services and direct Georgia's historic transition from welfare to work. He created the innovative Work First program, which helped over 90,000 welfare-dependent Georgia families move from dependence into the workforce.

In 1997, Thurmond became a distinguished lecturer at the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The following year in November, he was elected Georgia Labor Commissioner, becoming the first non-incumbent African American to be elected to statewide office in Georgia.

During his three terms as commissioner, the Georgia Labor Department underwent a major transformation in customer service and efficiency. His Georgia Works program has earned national praise and bi-partisan support. President Barack Obama based part of the American Jobs Act after the Georgia Works model. However, Thurmond's most gratifying accomplishment as a public official was the construction of a \$20 million school for young people with disabilities at the historic Roosevelt Institute in Warm Springs, Georgia.

He is the recipient of two honorary doctorate degrees from Clark Atlanta University and LaGrange College. Thurmond has also served as a motivational speaker to state school board associations in nine Southern states on issues regarding leadership, diversity, and public education advocacy in the 21st century.

Thurmond's latest book, *Freedom: Georgia's Antislavery Heritage, 1733-1865*, was awarded the Georgia Historical Society's Lilla Hawes Award. The Georgia Center for the Book listed *Freedom* as one of The 25 Books All Georgians Should Read. He presently serves on the Board of Curators of the Georgia Historical Society. He is married to Zola Fletcher Thurmond, and they have one daughter, Mikaya Thurmond.

What you may have missed last week...



President Cynthia Edwards (C) presents Rotary M&Ms to Club members (L) Leisa Smith and (R) Jenny Busch after their enlightening and informational classification talks.



Community Service Project in Partnership with the City of Stone Mountain:

School Supply Giveaway – July 21st 2013



Though the weather was a bit gloomy, the spirits of all the volunteers and students were very sunny! The event was well-attended by Rotarians, students, family and friends. Overall, the event was a success and the supplies equipped many of the local students with some of the tools they require to further their education.



Announcements

July 23rd Set-up and take down.....Ron Lunsford and Frank Luton
 July 30th Set-up and take down.....Scott McEvoy and George Miranda
 August 6th Set-up and take down.....Ted Owens and Diana Robinson

Birthdays.....None

Anniversaries.....Douglas Coil

Upcoming Programs	
07/23/2013	Michael Thurmond – Interim Superintendent DeKalb County School System
07/30/2013	Dr. Pamela Gore, Professor, Georgia Perimeter College; Author: Roadside Geology of Georgia

2013 Georgia Membership Seminar

Recruit and Retain

Growing Rotary from Within

July 27, 2013 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Renaissance Concourse Hotel

Atlanta, Georgia

Members who want to attend, contact PDG Margie Kersey. She will register members of the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain. The Club will pay the registration fee of \$35.

LITERACY ON HEALTH MONTH

July

July is the month to encourage awareness of health problems in our community

For information on what you can do, see PDG Al Lipphardt, PP Mack Willet, PE Chris Brand, PP Joe Stock, Anresa Davis, Lorrie King, Irvine Weeks, and other club members whose vocations and passions can provide a wealth of information.

About Us.....*The Friendliest Club in the South*

Mission Statement

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."

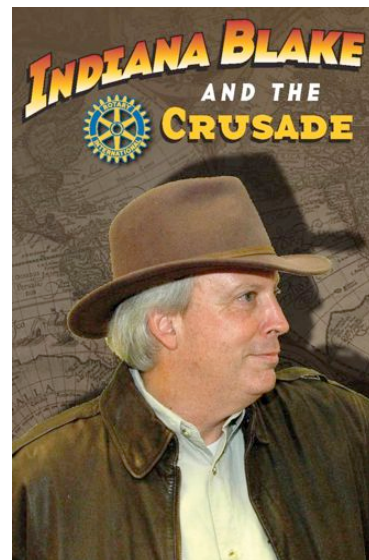
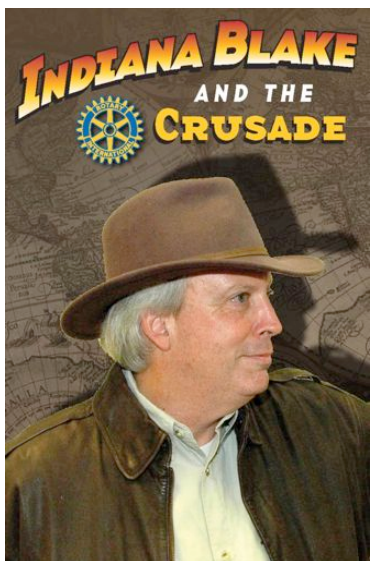
Our members are actively involved in the local community with programs and projects in the city of Stone Mountain and surrounding areas. Realizing that the boundary of the world's borders are ever growing, Stone Mountain Rotarians are also involved in humanitarian and educational projects in India, Central America, Europe, Asia, Africa – literally all over the world. Stone Mountain Rotarians can be counted on and called on. They honor commitment, value integrity, and unselfishly render "Service Above Self." Stone Mountain Rotarians are among Rotary's heroes!

We meet every Tuesday at noon at the Smoke Rise Country Club
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For more information about the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, call 770-656-4363

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