

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain

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This Week's Program:

Dr. Jabari Simama
President



About Georgia Piedmont Technical College:

Georgia Piedmont Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, promotes a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development, while encompassing academic and technical education for employment in a global community.

The college has nine centers of learning in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale, and Morgan counties. Georgia Piedmont Technical College currently has more than 8,000 students enrolled in diploma or degree programs and more than 9,000 in adult education classes.

Georgia Piedmont Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate of Applied Science degrees, diplomas and technical certificates of credit.

Academic and Technical programs at Georgia Piedmont Tech cover more than 136 different occupations. For more information, please visit their website at www.GPTC.edu.



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Dr. Jabari Simama

Dr. Jabari Simama was appointed as Georgia Piedmont Technical College's President on September 1, 2012. He is the third President of the College to preside during its 51 years as a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development.

Dr. Simama brought over 20 years of higher education experience at both two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Simama held positions of increasing responsibilities at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), University of Cincinnati, Morgan State University, and Benedict College.

From 2005-2009, Dr. Jabari Simama served as Vice President for Community Development and External Relations at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C. He also, simultaneously, served as Executive Assistant to the college's president and chairman of a statewide consortium of technical colleges, universities, and state agencies desiring to interconnect via broadband. Associated with the consortium, he was instrumental in the South Carolina Technical College System's winning a \$3 million broadband grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Dr. Simama earned his Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University; his Master's from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), and his Bachelor's from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. He is the author of the highly acclaimed book: *From Civil Rights to Cyber Rights* (2009).

In addition to education, Dr. Simama has had extensive experience in government and the private sector. He was Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff in DeKalb County from 2009 to 2012; he was the Executive Director of Community Technology and Director of Marketing and Communications for the City of Atlanta from 1998 to 2005. He served as a member of the Atlanta City Council from 1987 to 1993. He also served as an appointed member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority, which provided financial oversight for the Atlanta Olympic Games Committee's \$2 billion budget. Further, he worked in the Cable TV industry prior to then.

Ron Jackson, Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), said he was, "...impressed with Jabari Simama's experience, knowledge of the community, and vision for the college. Dr. Simama has a strong background in management that crosses a broad spectrum of executive roles in higher education, government administration, and the private sector. His diverse experience, coupled with his deep ties to the local community and a strong passion for higher education, will enhance Georgia Piedmont Technical College's mission to deliver a highly-skilled workforce for the region's businesses and industries," Commissioner Jackson continued.

Dr. Simama and his wife, Nisha, are the parents of two adult daughters.

Special Program – November 5, 2013

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain Remembers our Veterans

Lee Stuart, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army (Retired)



Our speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Retried) Lee Stuart. His Veteran's Day address will be a reflection on the service of those that proudly wear the military uniform including his children. He will also reflect on a few of his combat experiences and especially his love for the dog that saved his life, *Boomer*. This is great meeting to bring a guest! Mark it on your calendar today!

Lee Stuart is the Founder and Director of the Native American Indian Management Organization better known as (NAIMO). He is a member of the Sappony Tribe, (www.sappony.org), located in the North Carolina, Virginia area. Lee is a retired U.S. Army Officer with 32+ years of Honorable service and has a very diverse background as a Trainer, Teacher and Educator. An Infantry Officer, Lee served with the 173rd Airborne Division in Vietnam, 1967 - 1968. Along with the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger tab, Jump Wings and Aviator Badge he has received numerous other awards and decorations. Lieutenant Colonel Stuart is the recipient of two Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in combat.

In 1996 Lee was shot at point blank range with a shotgun by three teenagers during an armed robbery attempt. His Black lab, Boomer, interceded and ran the robbers off when they attempted to shoot him a second time. Boomer was selected as the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (AAHF) mascot of the year in 2002 and Animal Planet "Top Dog" for 2004 in Atlanta. Boomer passed away in 2006 and Lee penned his memoirs of Boomer in a recently released book titled: *Boomer One of the Unwanted*.

Lee served as a consultant for DOD and US State Department in Iraq from 2003 to December 2008. Lee was the Senior Operations/Executive Officer for USAID to get the five Northern Provinces of Iraq infrastructure back up in 2003-04. In September 2005 Lee/NAIMO was awarded a grant to teach the Kurdistan Ministry of Education how to incorporate Character Education into their educational curriculum and was awarded a second grant in September 2006 to work with the Iraqi Ministry of Education. Lee was invited to the White House in March of 2006 to receive the personal accolades of President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush for his humanitarian efforts in Iraq.

Upon his return to the United States in December 2008, Lee started the Warrior FAMILY program whose mission is to help America's finest and FAMILY members deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) - (www.warriorfamilyprogram.com).

Lee is the former Mayor of Stockbridge, Georgia for 2010-2013. Lee was chosen by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs to represent his Sappony tribe as one of North Carolina's Veterans for American Indian Heritage month for November 2010.

Lee's son is a Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel, his oldest daughter is an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel-former Army Blackhawk pilot and his youngest daughter is a SWAT Officer with the Henry County Police Department. His wife Cheryl Lynn and he have 6 children and 17 grandchildren.

What you may have missed last week...

Tisha R. Tallman

President & CEO

Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



First established in 1984 as the Atlanta Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) has grown to become one of the largest Hispanic chambers of commerce in the nation with approximately 1,300 members. http://ghcc.org/articles/bro_mem.html The GHCC provides domestic and international programming and services, and serves as a voice on legislative initiatives impacting members' businesses at the local, state and federal levels. The GHCC is also home to the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Development Center and the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee.

Atlanta, the largest urban center in the southeastern U.S., has undergone profound social, cultural and demographic change since the 1980s. Prior to that time, the region contained two main ethnic groups: European Americans and African Americans. However, from 1980 to 1995, the Hispanic population of Georgia grew 130%. By 1996, there were 462,973 Hispanics in Georgia. From 1990 to 2000, Georgia became the third largest state for migrating Hispanics and

Latinos. The Hispanic population is the largest non-traditional minority group in the city. Hispanic Americans is the fastest growing ethnic group in Atlanta.

At 10.4% of the metro's population in 2010, versus only 6.5% in 2000, the metro's Hispanic population increased 103.6%, or 278,459 people, in ten years. Major Hispanic groups include 314,351 Mexicans, 43,337 Puerto Ricans and 17,648 Cubans. All of those groups' populations increased by over 90% in the ten-year period. Of the metro's 279,000-person increase in the Hispanic population from 2000 to 2010, 98,000 were in Gwinnett County; 37,000 in Cobb; 25,000 in Fulton (all but 3,000 outside the city of Atlanta); 20,000 in Hall; and 15,000 in DeKalb County. The Hispanic population is heavily concentrated in the northeastern section of the Atlanta metropolitan Area.

Hispanic Businesses

- According to *American Demographics*, with approximately 40% of all minority entrepreneurs being Hispanic, Hispanics make up the largest share of minority entrepreneurs.
- According to *Georgia Trend* magazine, with more than 13,000 firms, Georgia ranks 13th in the United States for the number of Hispanic owned business firms.
- According to the Center for Women's Research, the number of Hispanic women-owned firms grew by 39.3% between 1997 and 2002. Georgia ranks 6th in the list of states with the fastest growth rate in the number of minority women-owned firms.
- According to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's Book of Lists*, 10 of Atlanta's top 25-minority owned firms are owned by Hispanics.

What you may have missed last week...



Tisha R. Tillman addresses a captive audience and fields pertinent questions.



Tisha R. Tillman is poised for interaction between herself and members of the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain.



President Cynthia Dorsey Edwards presents Rotary M&Ms to Tisha Tallman as a token of gratitude from the club.

What you may have missed last week...

PN Donna is chairing a committee that is taking the hundreds of small banners, collected by Stone Mountain Club Members who have visited Rotary Clubs all over the world and displaying them to be appreciated and enjoyed.



PN Donna Jensen surprises President Edwards with progress made on a new banner.



President Cynthia Dorsey Edwards and Donna Jensen share a warm embrace.

[Rotarians Support Other Service Organizations Too!](#)



MUD RUN!!!!



PR Chair, Leisa Smith successfully completes Atlanta's third annual Merrell Down & Dirty National Mud and Obstacle Series. Proceeds of the race go towards Operation Gratitude, a program that sends care packages to the US Military.

A Members Vocational Moment

Submitted by Rotarian Anresa Davis

Long Term Care Costs

Report from John Hancock

(Member's Vocational Moment – Submitted by Anresa Davis)

John Hancock Life Insurance Company (John Hancock) recently announced the results of its biennial long-term care (LTC) cost study, which found that LTC costs have continued to increase for all provider options.

The study, conducted by LifePlans Inc., based in Waltham, MA, surveyed approximately 16,000 long-term care providers, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and home health care agencies, in key cities across the country. Its findings revealed that the average annual cost of care in the U.S. is \$94,170 for a private room in a nursing home; \$82,855 for a semi-private room in a nursing home; \$41,124 for an assisted living facility and \$18,460 for adult day care. The average annual cost of care received at home was approximately \$29,640.

To understand how long-term care costs are trending over time, John Hancock calculated a five-year average based on a subset of common providers from our 2008 and 2011 Cost of Care Surveys and our 2011 and 2013 Cost of Care Surveys. These five-year average annual increases are summarized below:

- The 2013 average cost of a private nursing home room (\$258 a day/\$94,170 annually) has risen an average 3.6 percent per year
- The 2013 average cost of a semi-private nursing home room (\$227 a day/\$82,855 annually) has risen an average 3.6 percent per year
- The 2013 average cost for a month in an assisted living facility (\$3,427 a month/\$41,124 annually) has risen an average 2.0 percent per year
- The 2013 average cost of adult day care (\$71 a day/\$18,460 annually) has risen an average 1.6 percent per year
- The 2013 average cost for a home health aide (\$19 hourly/\$29,640 annually) has risen an average 1.3 percent per year(1)

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Club Announcements

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 p.m. **We will begin the meeting promptly at 12:15 p.m.**, so that we may end promptly at 1:15 p.m. 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 Strack, to ensure that our individual financial accounts are up-to-date. Remember, currently, our personal dues and assessments provide the majority of the funding for our club's work and support to other organizations.

ATTENDANCE: **We presented perfect attendance certificates for our 2012-2013 year at our September 24th meeting. If you did not receive your certificate last week, be sure to obtain it from President Cynthia at Tuesday's meeting.**

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 your meeting by attending another club's weekly meeting; by participating in a service project, Board meeting or committee meeting; or by making up online 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 interests that fall in at least one of Rotary's six areas of focus, but who you have not asked to join you at a Rotary meeting. Invite them!



Announcements

October 22nd Set-up and take down.....Cynthia Dorsey Edwards and Dwain Forbes
 October 28th Set-up and take down.....Raymond Grote and Jenny Hall
 November 5th Set-up and take down.....Bill Hawes and Joseph Hayes

Birthdays.....None

Anniversaries.....None

Rotary Club of Stone Mountain Upcoming Service Projects

Sue Kellogg Library

Just a reminder to members that collecting books for the Sue Kellogg Library is an ongoing project. Bring, Bring Bring!!! Should you need assistance, please get in contact with Dora Jackson at the next meeting.

Hugs for Soldiers

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013, bring personal items to the weekly club meeting to donate to a joint project in which we are participating with the Stone Mountain Women's Club ---- Hugs for Soldiers. Go to <http://www.hugsforsoldiers.org/node/11> to see a list of suggested items for care packages as well as to learn more about the Hugs for Soldiers organization.

Medical Supply Sorting for Free Clinics/International

On Saturday, November 9, 2013, join us at Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist with sorting medical supplies for free clinics. To confirm your participation and/or to obtain more information, contact PE Chris Brand, Executive Director of FODAC, at 404-784-5957.

Upcoming Programs	
10/22/2013	Dr. Jabari Simama President of GA Piedmont Technical College
10/29/2013	Jerry Crane - Rule of 85 member program
11/5/2013	Lee Stuart, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), US Army, Veterans' Day Program
11/12/2013	Ray McKemie, Rotary Foundation
11/19/2013	Lee Cuthbert, Location Specialist, GA Dept of Economic Development - Film, Music and Entertainment, "The Rapid Growth of Film and TV Production in GA"
11/26/2013	Jeffrey Tapia, Executive Director, Latin American Association
12/3/2013	Phyllis Miller, Executive Director, DeKalb Rape Crisis Center
12/10/2013	Ben Spivey and Christina Ottis, Amaji Health Information System
12/17/2013	Salvation Army Band (Holiday Program)
12/24/2013	TBD

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."

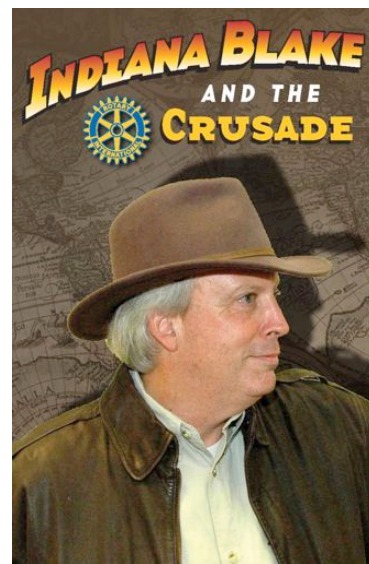
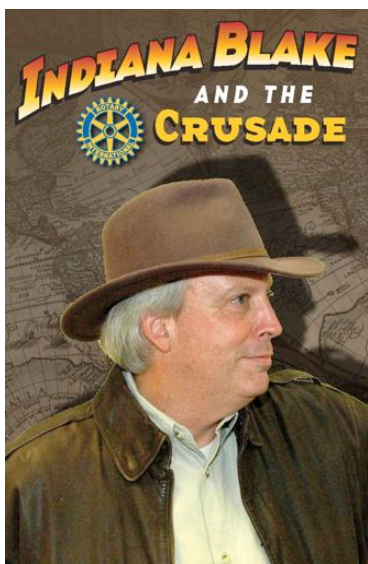
Our members are actively involved in the local community with programs and projects in the city of Stone Mountain and surrounding areas. Realizing that the boundary of the world's borders are ever growing, Stone Mountain Rotarians are also involved in humanitarian and educational projects in India, Central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

2013 - 2014 Club Officers & Directors

- President.....Cynthia Dorsey Edwards
- President ElectChris Brand
- President Nominee.....Donna Jensen
- Secretary.....George Miranda
- Treasurer.....PP Bud Schooler
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