

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:

The Rotary Foundation

Ray McKemie

**District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair 2013-14
and President at T.W. Tucker and Associates, Inc.**



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



Ray McKemie

Ray McKemie is a member of the Rotary Club of Pelham. He served as its President in 1999-2000 and Secretary in 2003-04 and 2005-06. Ray has had perfect attendance since joining in 1995. He is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, Paul Harris Society Member, Bequest Society Member, as well as a GRSP Will Watt Fellow and a Hue Thomas Fellow.

Ray is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation District Service Award and was recognized as District 6900 Rotarian of the Year in 2004-05. In 2006-07 Ray received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Ray is presently serving as the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman. Prior to that he served as....

- District Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Chairman, 2004-2008
- Assistant Governor, 2008-11.
- District Global Grants Committee, Co-Chair 2011-12.
- District Rotary Foundation Committee, Co-Chair 2012-13.

A native of Clay County, Ray and his wife Nancy live in Pelham. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Ray is president of the structural engineering firm T. W. Tucker and Associates, Inc. in Albany, Georgia. Nancy is a Physicians Assistant at the Allergy and Asthma Clinics of Georgia in Albany, and their daughter Rebecca is a Registered Dietician working at Archbold Hospital in Thomasville.

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 (Retired) 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...

Dr. Jabari Simama
President



Dr. Jabari Simama began his address by thanking the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain for its annual scholarships awarded to students in GPTC's credit and GED programs. He also expressed his appreciation to our Club as well as for the six other Rotary Clubs in Georgia's District 6900 that allocated their Rotary Foundation funds to be awarded to technical college students. Last April, \$7,000.00 dollars was donated to GPTC for scholarships to students in credit programs, and \$1,120.00 dollars was donated to their Adult Education/GED program.

GPTC is the largest provider of adult education in the state of Georgia and graduated 1,027 students last year in Adult Education. The Rotary Clubs' donations will enable the College to provide financial aid, as needed, to students seeking to complete their degree or get their GED.

During his address, Dr. Simama outlined the College's ground-breaking achievements in growth and graduates among all the other Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) schools since his tenure began at GPTC in the fall of 2012. He shared that GPTC saw a 46.5 percent increase in their number of graduates in 2013 over the previous year, 2012. And according to TCSG's fall report of Awards conferred for 2013, GPTC saw a 66.5 percent increase in the number of awards conferred, including diplomas, certificates of credit and associates degrees – the greatest positive increase all TCSG schools.

“By embracing the value of the Sankofa, a legendary bird in Ghana that returns to help those left behind, we believe that those of us of certain means have a moral obligation to help those less fortunate than us,” stated Dr. Simama.

Noting that annually, more than 96 percent of their graduates secure jobs, Dr. Simama stated, “We want to be a force for good in DeKalb County. Through building strategic partnerships with organizations such as the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, and focusing on enrollment, retention, completion and placement, we will be successful in that mission,” he said.

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 4,500 students enrolled in diploma or degree programs and more than 7,000 in adult education classes. At the end of the school year, based on historical data and projections, more than 20,000 individuals will have completed classes at the college. Academic and Technical programs at Georgia Piedmont Tech cover more than 130 different occupations. For more information, visit www.GPTC.edu.

What you may have missed last week...



Dr. Jabari Simama opens his address by thanking the Rotarians for their support for Georgia Piedmont Technical College and shares the positive impact the school has on its students, staff and overall community.



Dr. Simama presents to a captivated audience of guests and Rotarians.



President Cynthia Edwards and fellow Rotarian Duane Buckingham, visiting from Chula Vista, California, exchange banners.

Rotarians Support FODAC...

FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) held its Annual Charity Golf Classic at Bear's Best in Suwanee on Wednesday, 16 October, raising over \$20,000 for the non-profit organization. The funds raised will help support FODAC's main program which supplies home medical equipment to the disabled community, many of whom have little or no insurance. For more information on FODAC, please see the following link [Gillean Leggett at FODAC Golf tournament](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eoiUfqgeKqw)
<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eoiUfqgeKqw>



Here, the winner of the longest putt, Ron Walters, R.J. Walters, Alpharetta (right) accepts his trophy from Chris Brand, president of FODAC (left).



PE Chris Brand and Kip Crum pose for the camera. Kip is receiving the award for the longest drive at the golf tournament.



Rotarian Fellowship on the golf course!



Chris and Bill Rosenfeld At FODAC golf

Rotarians Support FODAC...



GPTC also supports FODAC

Candidate for Membership



Gillian Leggett, formerly employed by the Atlanta Journal Constitution, has been proposed for membership in our club. Jenny Hall Busch is her sponsor. As required, Ms. Leggett's nomination must be published for two weeks; this is the second. After that time, she will be eligible for membership.

Currently, at our luncheon meetings, she is a "guest of the club," an indication that she is being considered for membership. We are delighted that Jenny has nominated this potential member and are moving forward in our intake process. So, as required, please submit comments about this nomination to the Board for the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain (through the President, Cynthia Edwards, or the President-Elect, Chris Brand), by Monday, November 4, 2013.

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: **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 28th Set-up and take down.....Raymond Grote and Jenny Hall
 November 5th Set-up and take down.....Bill Hawes and Joseph Hayes
 November 12th Set-up and take down.....David Hess and Dora Jackson

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.

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	
10/29/2013	Ray McKemie, Rotary Foundation
11/5/2013	Lee Stuart, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), US Army, Veterans' Day Program
11/12/2013	Jerry Crane - Rule of 85 member program
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	No Meeting
12/31/2013	No Meeting

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

Immediate Past PresidentPP Mark DiGiovanni

Sergeant-at-ArmsRon Lunsford

Club AdministrationPP William (Bill) Witcher

Club Service Projects.....Chris Brand

Community ServiceLorrie King

Vocational Service.....Irvine Weekes

International Service.....PP Bill Rosenfeld

MembershipAG Durl Jensen

FoundationPDG Casey Farmer

Public RelationsPP Leisa Smith

Newsletter.....Dwain Forbes

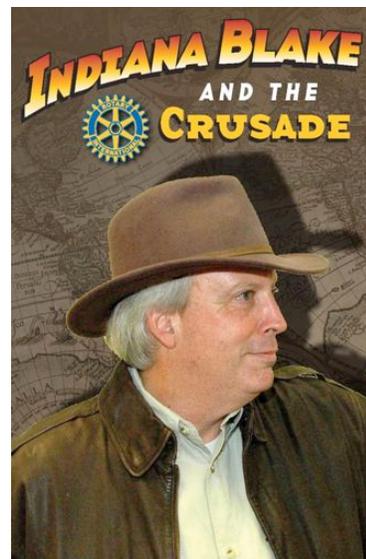
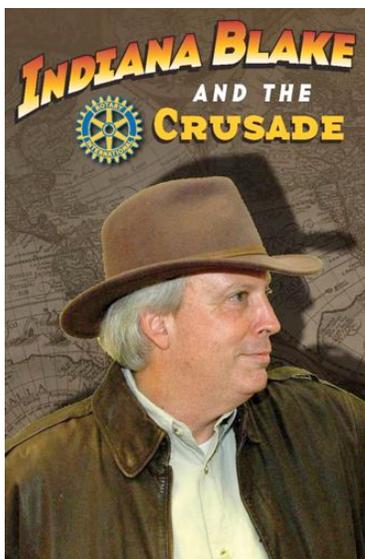
Youth Service.....Hikie Allen

Director at LargePP Bill Hawes

Director at LargePP Harry Strack

Director at LargePDG Margie Kersey

Presidential Advisor.....PDG Al Lipphardt



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