

# MIDTOWN ATLANTA ROTARY CLUB

Club 4114 - District 6900



## The Midtown Atlanta Messenger

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Club Information  
**Meets at Ansley Golf Club**  
196 Montgomery Ferry Rd  
Tuesday at 12:30 PM  
**Charter Date**  
Founded in April 1956

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### Club Leaders



**Albert Kay Blackwelder**  
President



**Elmer Stancil Jr.**  
President Elect



**Courtney Bazemore**  
Secretary

### Meeting This Week

Will Johnston, Founder & Executive Director, Tiny House Atlanta

### Meeting Duties This Week

Date	Pledge and Invocation	Guests	Greeter/ Attendance
3/28	Tom Quinn	Meredith Regains	James Waddey
4/4	Diana Sauvigne'	Clay Sparrow	Elmer Stancil
4/11	Richard Swindle	Matthew Tanner	Bob Thornton
4/18	Barbara Rose	Renee Weese	Candace Wood

*Please notify Myron Martin if you cannot perform your duties.*

### Upcoming Programs and Events

Date	Speaker
4/4	TBA
4/11	Paul Morris, CEO of Atlanta Beltline Inc. , followed by Atlanta Beltline Bus Tour (2 hours)
4/18	Allan Vella, President and CEO, Fox Theatre
4/25	Pat Gardner, State Representative HD 57

# Rotary



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### If You Have Volunteered for RI Conference

If you volunteered for the RI Conference and missed the teleconference last week, you can view it

Go to <http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/volunteer> to see what opportunities are available.



**Paul Lundy**  
Treasurer



**Julie B. Goldberg**  
Past President



**Sandra Murray**  
Club Communications Chair



**Juan McGruder**  
Rotary Foundation Chair



**William L. Burns III**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**T. Myron Martin**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Thomas Worthy**  
Director at Large



**Brian McGuire**  
Club Programs Chair



**Ryan Jacobs**  
Membership Chair



**Dolph Goldenburg**  
Service Projects

## STAR Update

Dan Ricks, our STAR Breakfast Chair reports, that he attended the Region 3A STAR Student/Teacher luncheon March 18, on behalf of MARC, and the two STAR Students whom we sponsored. Madison Landis from Cambridge High School and Carson Collins from Woodward Academy represented themselves very well. In fact, they are both honored to be chosen as Region STAR Student winners and, therefore, to move on to the State level competition that occurs in April.

Region 3A includes all the metro Atlanta area school districts (Gwinnett County, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Decatur City, Cobb County, Forsyth County, Atlanta City, Buford City, Cherokee County, Marietta City and the Virtual School System). Among these different local PAGE chapters there were 16 local winners (including our two). Out of the 16 local winners there was actually a tie for Region Winner among 10 students! Yes, the two students we sponsored plus eight others from Region 3A will be going to the state competition (all with perfect SAT scores). For comparison purposes, last year there were 8 winners from Region 3A so this is not unusual. There are a lot of gifted students in the metro Atlanta area!



Meet another wonderful member of the HEART family who help the HEART School in Haiti thrive.

## George's Adventures in Haiti

I began work in Haiti on cook stoves at the Arts Creation Foundation for Children (ACFFC) in Jacmel. We had ethanol stoves and ethanol for a dozen mothers who had agreed to participate in a field test. How well did ethanol stoves perform cooking Haitian dishes including rice and beans compared to traditional charcoal? Working with David Stillman of the Public Private Alliance Foundation (PPAF), we had obtained stoves from Harry Stokes of Project Gaia. We had also met with possible participants from Leogane where there were many Guildives, a potential source of ethanol. During this trip I also delivered several computers for Joe Duplan's work with children in Civadier (near Jacmel). Joe was making improved stoves (less fuel, fewer emissions) using alternative fuel from coconut husks. I worked with Social Tap to get Joe a grant from the Ogden Foundation for his fuel and stoves.

PPAF got a grant from the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) which allowed us to have a microbiologist look at guildives in Leogane. We found that crushers (old) were leaving about 40% of juice in the sugar cane while microbial life was eating about half of the sugar content entering the guildive before it got to the



distillation unit. This helped to explain why ethanol in Haiti was four times more expensive than in the US. Tom Setchel developed technological fixes for the guildives.

Yet another grant from the Inter-American Development Bank allowed us to work with D&E Green who manufactures improved cook stoves which use about half the charcoal of traditional stoves and have fewer emissions. D&E has a sales network the majority of whom are women. They are closely linked with CETEMOH, a university in Port au Prince.

Enter Kathy Puffer and TH Culhane and biogas at HEART in Haiti. Now I apply my 34 years as a change agent at USEPA to broader issues of sustainability. Love the HEART team!



### Celebrate March Birthdays

#### Birthdays

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>
1	Ashley Baker	March 4
2	Carol Gray	March 5
3	Sam Choy	March 20
4	Patricia Gardner	March 22
5	Brian McGuire	March 22

#### Anniversaries

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
1	Meredith Regains	March 10