

The GRITS

Weekly Newsletter for the
Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Club



December 19, 2006

Upcoming Speakers

Dec. 26/ Jan. 2

No meeting, see you next year!

Member Notes

*Dusty Miller is recovering nicely at home from knee surgery but is not receiving visitors yet.

Meeting Notes

This morning's speakers were Mr. Lance Shakespeare, curator of Wren's Nest Museum, and Mr. Akbar Imhotep, master story teller, from the museum.

Mr. Shakespeare is the great, great, great, great grandson of Joel Chandler Harris, writer and illustrator of B'rer Rabbit stories who recorded and published African-American slave tales into eight books that are world famous and translated into 17 different languages.

Mr. Imhotep mesmerized club members and guests with his renditions of three 'tall tales' including "B'rer Rabbit Dies for Fashion."

Mr. Shakespeare told club members his organization needs everything from financial support to volunteers. His has reduced the financial debt of the museum from over \$100,000 to \$83,000 but more help is needed to keep this living piece of Atlanta history alive for generations to come.

Ed Brown introduced two Atlanta Police officers who were awarded the club's 'Police Officer of the Month' awards for outstanding performance and initiative in foiling a professional car thief ring which drilled locks in vehicle's doors in down-

town Atlanta. The officer's also gave club members 'tips' in how to not have their vehicles stolen. They also said GM vehicles were 'prime targets'.

Announcements

Rising Leaders Any members going on the tour of Lockheed Martin need to turn in their social security numbers to Kendall Carter for base security purposes.

Gala Gifts Needed Keep working on gifts for the Gala!

Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Foundation Time is running out to contribute to the club foundation before the December 31st tax deadline.

'toiletory goody bags' were packed by club members December 14th for the Piedmont Shephard's Center and the Atlanta Union Mission.

The annual Holiday party was held December 16th at Ronni French's home and a great time was had by all. A special thanks to Ronni and Connie Weatherby for all the festivities, fine food, and the 'white elephant gift giving' and their hard work and hospitality. [Jerry Hitt needs to find the Christmas tree stand 'gift' he threw out]

Upcoming Events

No Meeting
December 26, 2006
January 2, 2007

Board Meeting
January 5, 2007

Rising Leaders
Lockheed Martin tour
January 16, 2007

Rising Leaders
TBA
February 6, 2007

My House
Spring/Easter Work Day
March 3, 2007