Greetings from fellow Rotary member - Downtown Atlanta

Favorite subject - Georgia Tech

Coming year exciting - preparing for Olympics, but .....

Have to do what we normally do:

- Educate students - 13,000; very bright, more from instate this year; hear about problems in state education, including: developmental studies, retention, graduation rate. Does not apply to Tech. Offer degrees in engineering, sciences, business, architecture, history of technology, international affairs - even can get minor in music. Campus in Lorraine France.

- Conduct research - $200 million, up $35 million. Projects: virtual reality, telemedicine, drug therapy, defense. Work has a practical bent as well as blue sky e.g., chaos for heart fibrillations. Interactions with industry - MARC, NSF EPRC, GCATT

- Service - EDI, ATDC, K-12 interaction.

How do others perceive we are doing our job?

- Rankings - overall, program by program; who do we compete with?

- Money Magazine - one of best buys

- Alumni - tops in US for public school

In addition to doing our regular job, there is the Olympics
Olympic village - $120 million in residence halls ($27 from ACOG and $93 million in debt; $40 million in athletic facility improvements; other academic projects - Futurenet, etc.

Will give up our campus for about 2 months, can’t get in without FBI clearance. 15,000 athletes, trainers, etc; five Olympic venues

After Olympic Games, then Paralympics and our summer session simultaneously

Beyond the obvious: the torch, motion analysis, diving analysis, traffic control systems, and athletes and coaches too.

But we have to look beyond the Olympics:

1.) Retire debt
2.) Use Olympic facilities to full potential
3.) Deal with new Washington environment
4.) Help Atlanta and Georgia move to high tech status
5.) Capitalize on Olympics to help us become internationally recognized institution of higher ed.