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CHARLES REDDING, CEO

ALVIN TOWNLEY, Author

MedShare

**"DEFIANT—The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison"**

**MedShare: 15 years of Sharing the Good"**

**Charles Redding** served as MedShare International's Chief Operating Officer (COO) for two years before being named President and CEO by the MedShare Board of Trustees, in May 2014. Charles led the company's efforts to expand into the Northeast United States by opening a Sorting and Collection Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Before joining MedShare, Redding held a number of senior management positions with Johnson & Johnson, holding executive positions on a global basis responsible for 1,200 employees in the U.S., France, The Netherlands, and Mauritius, and managing a \$200 million dollar budget. His time abroad has increased his sensitivity to the global need for health and human services. He is very passionate about improving the quality of life of those most in need.

An Atlanta native, Redding has a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering, and a certificate in Team Management from the University of South Carolina.

Redding lives in McDonough, with his wife of 24 years, Vele Keyta Y. Redding, and their 13 year-old son Morgan Charles Redding. He enjoys reading, sports, teaching and developing people.

Introduction— Rich Kumar

Invocation— Nancy Bedford

Best-selling author **Alvin Townley** risked everything on a dream when he embarked on an odyssey to discover inspiring stories of leadership, personal triumph, and adventure. His travels have taken him around the world and led to his nationally-acclaimed books, *Legacy of Honor*, *Spirit of Adventure*, *Fly Navy*, and *Defiant*.

Townley grew up in Atlanta, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and found a love for adventure and purpose. He graduated from Washington & Lee University, worked in the U.S. Congress, and helped manage global strategy for a leading international consulting firm. He currently serves as director of corporate philanthropy and veterans' programs at the Woodruff Arts Center. His talks have inspired corporate, civic, non-profit, and student audiences and his books have earned praise from *The New York Times* and top authors

Townley's adventure truly began when he quit his job to travel the country and write his first book. His pursuit of inspiration has since taken him to the halls of Congress, deep into Africa, into Middle East combat zones, inside the infamous Hanoi Hilton, through the Great Barrier Reef, into corporate boardrooms, and onto five aircraft carriers in three oceans. He has met with national leaders, Peace Corps volunteers, Olympians, Navy SEALs, entrepreneurs, adventurers, and military heroes.

Introduction— Mary Pat Crouch

Invocation— Alan Elsas



**Celebrating 97 Years of Service to Atlanta**



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Dr. Ileana Arias, Dep. Dir., CDC  
10 Mayor Kassim Reed, "State of the City"  
17 **STAR STUDENT DAY**—Alok Deshpande,  
StoryCall  
24 TBD

**4th Quarter Donations to Foundation:** Thanks to the following who made contributions in honor/memory of someone:

#### In Honor

Laura McCarty: Jack McFarland, Burt Vardeman

#### In Memory

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Burt Vardeman: John Hemby, Bill Ziegler  
Rae Weimer: John Hemby  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Kiwanis Connection** will be Thursday, **January 22**, 5:30—7:30 pm at **Del Frisco's Grille**. Enjoy appetizers and cash bar. All Kiwanians and guests welcome!

**KI Centennial Tour Celebration**— with **KI President Dr. John Button** on **Sat, Feb 21st** with groundbreaking of the Playground at 10 am. Private reception at Zoo Atlanta, 5—7 pm with heavy hors d'ouerves and cash bar. B.A. Project plays from 7—9 pm! Tickets only \$35. Contact [office@kiwanisatlanta.org](mailto:office@kiwanisatlanta.org) for more info.

## INTERCLUBS

**Monday, Jan 19, Druid Hills**, Noon, Petite Auberge Rest. Chuck Bruce, [chucksaudio@mindspring.com](mailto:chucksaudio@mindspring.com)

**Friday, Jan 23, Northside**, 12:15 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Mike Halpin, [mhalpin@wpba.org](mailto:mhalpin@wpba.org)

**Tuesday, Feb 3, Peachtree**, 7:30am, Landmark Diner, 3652 Roswell Road. **Bob Wiggins**, 404-522-1701.

**Monday, Feb 9, Buckhead**, 12:30pm, Landmark Diner, 3652 Roswell Rd. Rich Kumar, [rich.c.kumar@gmail.com](mailto:rich.c.kumar@gmail.com)



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