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Special Veterans Day Program



Master Sergeant Mike Reynolds



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Today's Speaker: Mike Reynolds

MSG (Ret.) Mike Reynolds had been a long time member of the fire service since the day he received his high school diploma. His career as a firefighter and Army Flight Medic has spanned the globe. He spent over four years as the flight medic for the 4th CST/WMD at Dobbins ARB in Atlanta. He deployed in 2009, to head an ambulance service in northern Iraq. After sustaining a significant traumatic brain injury, he returned to the U.S. for treatment. Found "Unfit for Duty" just before he began his 18th year of military service, he was forced to retire. After multiple hospitalizations and years of cognitive, speech, vocational, physical and rehabilitation therapy, he has refused to give up. He came to the Shepherd Share program in 2012 arriving in a wheelchair. Several months later he would discharge and the following week complete the Climb for Clean Air with members of the Dalton and Atlanta Fire Departments. Mike continues his recovery in Calhoun, Georgia through occupational therapy with the city's fire and police departments through a program established by Shepherd Center. Currently, as a board certified Georgia Paramedic, he is the only volunteer with either of the city's departments. Having farm much of his life, he continues to challenge himself and this year has formed Reynolds Cattle Ranch, LLC, specializing in non-GMO, hormone free and antibiotic free beef for families in the local area.

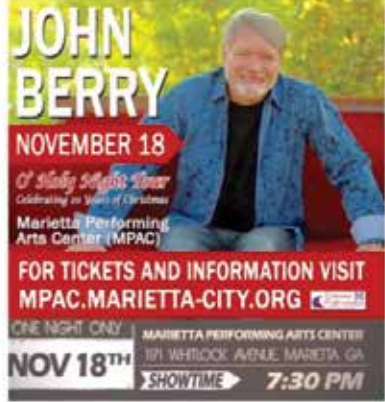
Next Week's Program:



Richard Woods
Superintendent of Schools
State of Georgia




Fun



JOHN BERRY
NOVEMBER 18
7:30 PM
MARIETTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (MPAC)
FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION VISIT
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NOV 18TH SHOWTIME 7:30 PM

NOV. 18
6PM: DINNER
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THE EGG
7:30PM
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CONCERT

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Norman Aiken
Marla Blackston
Joe & Jo DeSantis
Jim Fausett
Reuben Green
Doug Haynie

Jeff Long
Dawn McEachern
Becky Sawyer
Mike Straus
Jim & Sue Trapnell

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MARIETTA ROTARY MILITARY VETERANS

When Dan Kirk and Judge Reuben Green suggested recognizing all of our military veterans in this issue, we were very happy to do so. After all, their service is essentially what allows everything in our community to exist. As much as I thought I appreciated their service, the sacrifices they have made became quite real for me when my nineteen year old son recently informed me he had just signed a contract which essentially allows the United States Army to tell him to do anything, any place for the next twelve years. I think I am beginning to understand veterans' sacrifices a little better!

So to Dan, Reuben, and all of the others – thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your service. May we honor you by striving to be good, well - informed citizens and never taking this wonderful country for granted.

~ Joe Atkins

<u>ACTIVE MEMBER</u>	<u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Reuben M. Green	United States Marine Corps	4
Daniel F. Kirk	United States Marine Corps	4
Robert Lewis	United States Marine Corps	6
Mitch Rhoden	United States Marine Corps	4
Clint Austin	United States Navy	10*
Christopher Phillips	United States Navy	4*
Clem Doxey	United States Navy	13
Russell Wood	United States Navy	8
James Peeler	United States Navy	6
Harold Hobbs	United States Navy	4
Russ Dalton	United States Navy	4
William D. Smith	United States Navy	2
Ralph Knight	United States Army	28
Lee Pence	United States Army	20
Dale Covington	United States Army	2
Debra Day	United States Army	14
Guy Northcutt, Jr.	United States Army	2
Irvin Smith	United States Army	3
James Trapnell	United States Army	2
Charles Kilgore	United States Army	4
James H. Powell	United States Army	4
Thomas Maloy	Army National Guard	6
Don Smith	United States Air Force	4
Glenn Owens	United States Air Force	4
Joesph DeSantis	United States Air Force	35
Jack Corn	United States Air Force	2
James Faucett	United States Air Force	5
Stinson Adams	Georgia Air National Guard	7

*Still in Reserves

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the November 2 Meeting

President Elect **Caitlyn Cooper** stood in for President **Reuben Green** and opened up our meeting with a warm welcome to all. **Bill Dunaway** gave our invocation and **James Eubanks** introduced our visitors.

Joe DeSantis announced that December 15, 2016 is the last day of the early-registration discount (\$340 Rotarians/\$70 Rotaractors) for the Rotary International Convention scheduled in Atlanta. Our club has about fifteen folks attending the convention, and several members have asked about volunteering during the annual event. Questions concerning registering or volunteering should be directed towards **Norman Aiken** or **Dale Covington**.



Joe DeSantis

Caitlyn announced that The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro is hosting a showing of the documentary "Jeremiah" at the Earl Smith Strand Theater on November 7 in a tribute to Veterans. The hour long movie tells the story of U.S. Senator Jeremiah Denton who battled North Vietnamese captors and led the American POWs in the infamous Hanoi Hilton prison. Best-selling author and Georgia Author of the Year Award recipient Alvin Townley will also speak. His book **DEFIANT** tells the story of eleven brave officers who led the American POWs during



Holly Walquist

their grueling eight year ordeal inside North Vietnam's brutal Hanoi Hilton prison.

Holly Walquist reminded everyone that the upcoming Holiday Party will be held on December 9.

Our speaker for the November 2 meeting was Rob Garcia from the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Rob is the project manager



Rob Garcia

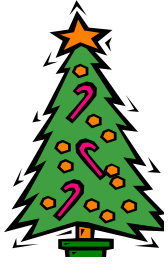
for the Cobb Workforce Partnership and stated there was no greater honor than working for the Chamber along with Sharon Mason the Chamber's Chief Operating Officer.

Rob emphasized that a skilled workforce is critical to economic development. The Cobb Workforce Partnership was established to take positive action to address workforce needs within the county. The availability of skilled labor is one of the top site selection factors for companies interested in moving to Cobb County - more important than incentives, highway accessibility, labor costs, and tax rates. Many industries are growing in Cobb County and a large share of their workforce is retiring or close to retirement age. A talent pipeline is needed to make sure businesses in Cobb have the skilled workers they need today and into the future. Too often students are pursuing degrees that do not necessarily line up with the projected openings and growth in the county. Additionally, the Governor's High Demand Career Initiative, which this plan was modeled after, identified gaps between the workforce supply and industry demand.

The vision of the Cobb Workforce Partnership is a future in which Cobb County employers know Cobb students have the skills they need, how to find folks for internships, apprenticeships, and job options. It is the job of the entire community to connect our students to these opportunities. A shining example is how Marietta High School and Tim Brown have led the charge in Cobb County. Rob closed with questions.

Joe DeSantis assisted with the opportunity drawing and James Eubanks led us in the Pledge and Four Way Test.

*~ Text by Mark Chesney
~ Photos by James Eubanks*



Rotary Club of Marietta 10th Annual 'Holidays Around the World' Children's Party

Franklin Rd. Marietta Police Athletic League: 200-250 Kids

DATE: Friday, December 9, 2016 from 6-8pm

LOCATION:

Located in the YELLS Community Action Café, 779 Franklin Rd.(Gateway), Marietta, GA.

Dear Rotarians:

Every year we ask each member of our club to participate in some way for our annual Children's Christmas Party. This year, similar to last year, we will be working with the Franklin Road Community Association, the Marietta City Police Department Police Athletic League (PAL) & a variety of other local organizations & businesses. We will be purchasing 2 - \$10 children's gifts for over 200 underprivileged children of all ages. We are providing toys/gifts, pizza & drinks, toiletry bags, a craft table and entertainment. *Below are all the many ways you and your family can help, as many hearts & hands are needed to accomplish this community event.*

1. The easiest thing for you to do is to please consider donating a check for up to \$75. Your check must be collected on or before the November 30th Rotary Meeting. We will collect these at meetings each week.

- Please make your check out to: **MRFF** or ask us to add it to your quarterly bill.
- Please indicate in the memo: **Christmas Party**

2. Sign up to Adopt specific age groups of children & purchase unwrapped children's gifts (value up to \$10) spending up to \$75 worth of Christmas toys/gifts. All gifts must be received by December 7th Rotary meeting, and must be unwrapped.

3. Please attend the event & help with the Rotary craft or refreshment tables, handing out gifts/toiletry bags/pizza or be a Santa's helper. We'll find the perfect thing for you to do.

4. Attend the Rotary Family Shopping Day or consider being an elf & help with the shopping event on Sunday, Dec. 4th from 1-3pm at Walmart on Cobb Parkway.

5. Or help December 5, 6, or 7 from 10am-12noon sorting toys & setting up for the event at the above location on Franklin Rd. (see Holly for more details)

Questions contact: Holly Walquist 770-424-4664 (holly@hollyenterprises.com) or via cell 404-518-4664.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 10	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Lunch Service
Wednesday, November 16	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Richard Woods State Superintendent of Schools
Friday, November 18	6:00 PM	John Berry Concert/Dinner
Wednesday, November 23	12:15 PM	No Meeting - Enjoy Thanksgiving!
Tuesday, November 29	6:00 PM	Serve Dinner at the Extension
Wednesday, November 30	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Brian Robinson
Thursday, December 8	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Lunch Service
Friday, December 9	6:00 PM	PAL Children's Holiday Party Project
Wednesday, December 14	12:00 PM	Joint Holiday meeting with Kiwanis
Wednesday, December 21	5:00 PM	3rd Annual Santa Send-Off The Stockyard off the Marietta Square
Wednesday, December 21		NO MEETING – Happy Holidays

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