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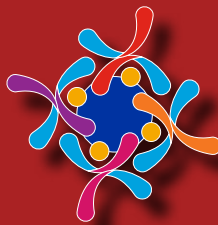
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL 'Holidays Around the World' CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



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A Letter from
Daneeia Badio-McCray
The Franklin Road Community Association
Community Programs Coordinator



WE DID IT AGAIN!!!

THANK YOU to ALL of you for your amazing contributions to last night's Franklin Gateway Holidays Around the World event! Yes, it was another rainy night in Georgia, but everyone made it safely and in time for us to start a few minutes early. A very special thanks for the kind and incomparable generosity of Christ Harvesters Global Outreach Ministries, Pastor Teresia Karanja, Abby and the entire church leadership team! Their open doors and open hearts contributed significantly to the "smooth" execution the event! We are especially grateful for them allowing us to rearrange the sanctuary and activity hall to accommodate flow of the event and it also helped us avoid having families waiting out in the rain!

This year, we served approximately 130 youth and their families. Our total attendance was around 280 youth, parents, partners and volunteers sharing and enjoying the event.

Again this year committed members of the community, our amazing Franklin Road Community Association planned, organized, pre-registered families and hosted this event. I'm so very proud of this team, which was made up of 60% veteran members and 40% new members of the Community Association! All of whom did an outstanding job! On behalf of this remarkable Franklin Road Community Association, we extend our sincere thanks to every one of YOU, our partners and supporters:

- **First to Christ Harvesters Global Outreach Ministries**, our sincerest thanks to YOU!
- To our beloved **Rotary Club of Marietta** partners, THANK YOU for all your time, hard work and coordination. You really are the best Rotary Club ever! Thank you for being our Lead sponsor and partner, for continuing to embrace the Franklin Gateway community with your kind hearts, generous toy donations, volunteer shoppers, arts & crafts activities, toiletry give-a-ways, the jolliest Santa of all time, pizza, fun photos and more.
- Our beloved **Pastor Wilma Zalabak** of Grace Chapel Fellowship and First Christian Church, thank you for your passion, love, tireless dedication, the Christmas story year after year, and providing grocery and book give-a-ways at every Franklin Gateway event. We hope you're feeling better!
- **Marietta Adventist Church & First Christian Church** for your continued support, loving volunteers, wonderful books and generous grocery donations.
- **University of Dayton Alumni** for coming through year after year to spread Christmas cookie cheer with fun, creative and delicious cookie decorating.
- **Kiwanis Club of Marietta** for joining us this year and providing the opportunity for free books for our young readers.
- **LaAmistad, Inc** for attending the event and registering more families for ESL classes.
- **YELLS** (Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading & Serving) Community Action Café, YELLS Afterschool & YELLS Mentoring! Thank you for being our wonderful partner and exceptional builder of Franklin Gateway's Youth Leaders and Scholars.
- **Marietta Police Department** for providing 4 awesome recruits for set-up in the morning and 4 more officers who assisted during the event!
- To the **City of Marietta, Marietta Police Athletic League, Marietta Police Department** and **Marietta Parks and Recreation**, we say thank you as well for joining us year after year in service to the community.

Please note: Any remaining gifts and toiletries will be shared on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at the Marietta Police Athletic League's holiday "Winter Wonderland" event which serves youth throughout the City of Marietta.

Again, our special thanks to our Franklin Gateway Community Leaders! Thank you for your commitment and sacrifice, for regularly attending meetings, to plan, coordinate, market, recruit, register, set-up, break down and clean-up after the event.
YOU ROCK!!!

On behalf of our amazing and grateful families of Franklin Gateway, we wish you all abundant returns and a safe and happy holiday season to you, your organizations and your families.



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Thanks to all that helped

Listed below is a partial list of Rotary members who supported this project

Mark Adams	Dawn McEachern
Will Allen	Morgan McNeel
Joe Atkins	Jennifer Nelson
Don Barbour	Guy Northcutt
Chris Bailey	Lee Pence
Fred Beloin	Hall Rigdon
Chris Bethel	Morgan Robertson
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Jack Corn	Walt Walker
Jeff Couch	Blair Waldron
Debra Day	Daniel White
Joe Desantis	Ben Worley
Terry Dewitt	Jim Fausett and grandson and granddaughter
Tom Downs	Norman and Dorothy Aiken and granddaughter Jordan
Bill Dunaway	Jeff Cooper and two grandchildren Mac and Kennedy
Jesse Evans and daughters	Jim and Sue Trapnell
Reuben Green	Doug and Susan Haynie
Adele Grubbs	Julie O'Meara and her husband
Abbott Hall, daughter and granddaughter	Mark Wright
Jennifer Hogan	Marlys Williams
Joyette Holmes	Dale and Barbara Covington
Jim Kellogg	Dr. John Knox
Charles Kilgore	Warren Gordon
Dan Kirk	Mary Ansley Southerland
Phillip Knight	Kelly Maxwell
Ralph Knight	Holly Walquist
Brad Leskoven and daughter	Rev. Dr. Mark Barbour
Jeffrey Long	

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Shopping at Walmart





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By the Numbers

Children we served: 130

Amount donated by Marietta Rotary
members and spent for toys
at Walmart:
\$4,000.00



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Packing the Toiletries





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IT ALL COMES TOGETHER – THE PARTY!!



WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the December 11 Meeting

President **Chris Bethel** rang the bell to quiet the rowdy crowd of Rotary members assembled this fine December day. He immediately pointed out **Buck Northcutt** and **Morgan McNeel**, who joined us today and (borrowing a line from the Pointer Sisters) declared that We Are FAMILY! Our Rotary fam



PRESIDENT CHRIS

then learned that **Jim Kellogg's** mother passed away at the age of 96. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers. President Chris then asked **Doug Haynie** to give us the invocation. Prior to launching into prayer, Doug exclaimed that our club is truly doing so much good in our community and it makes him glad that he is a member of RCoM. Amens were heard throughout the room. Next, Judge **Adele Grubbs** announced that we had two visitors with us today, Barbara Covington and Peggy McNeel. After awards and recognitions, President Chris launched into Announcements:

President Chris thanked everyone who participated in three back-to-back service projects – Bell ringing for The Salvation Army on Saturday, shopping for toys at Walmart on Sunday and assembling toiletry bags on Tuesday. Way to go TEAM RCoM!

This editor was asked to tally up the donations received in the Salvation Army Kettles at the Sam's Club on Saturday. The grand total was \$744.68! To put this in perspective, the average amount of donations in a kettle for one day is \$350.00. So, our super-duper bell ringers more than doubled the average!

On Friday, December 13 from 6 – 8 PM Rotarians will gather to attend the Franklin Gateway Holidays Around the World.

Our interim treasurer is **Terry DeWitt**. President Chris thanked **Brad Leskoven** for the many years he has been our Treasurer.

Dr. **Irv Staley** donated a substantial sum of money that allowed us to purchase all the remaining literacy books for our 100th Anniversary Gift.

Wellstar is updating their branding at the beginning of the new year, and will pay for the new logos on the literacy packets.

We will hold another joint meeting with the Marietta Kiwanis on 2/11/20 at The Garden Center to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Next, President Chris called on **Will Allen** to give us an update on the Foot Bowl Picks! PEN Allen deftly punted the request to Morgan McNeel, who usually manages this very important service project for our club!

On Thursday night a pep rally for the MHS Blue Devils will be held. PE **Mary Ansley Southerland** and others are sponsoring the party. The MHS Blue Devils will take on Lowndes Co. on Saturday night for the Championship. Go BLUE DEVILS!

IN THE NEWS – last Sunday there was an article on the Marietta Library, which was founded and supported by several former RCoM members. Also, Today Marietta proclaimed Marietta as the most generous city in America by GoFundMe, based on number of donations per capita. Of course, we all knew that already!!!

Next up was **Kelly Maxwell** with sunshine. Past President **Jesse Evans** announced that his daughter Finley asked him for a copy of the Award Winning Rotalight! In this Editor's humble and always correct opinion - that's one smart kid! **Jim Peeler** stated that this Saturday the 100th Anniversary of the Army v. Navy football game will be played. He also expressed his opinion by yelling "Go Navy!" Based on the score of the game, I'm sure Jim is quite pleased with the outcome. PE Mary Ansley Southerland proclaimed that her son Rosser has graduated from college at the tender age of 27. Her advice to other parents – keep your eye on the prize! **Jim Fausett** sunshined Judge Adele for her beautiful singing in the church choir. In turn, Judge Adele gave praise to **Mark and Don Barbour's** mother, who also



sings in the choir. **Jim Trapnell** is glad to be back at Rotary after a few weeks away. **Ralph Knight** is seeking gently worn childrens clothing for 10 children in foster care. **Jeff Long** is happy to be attending the marriage of his son in Brazil next week.



PAST PRESIDENT SANTA (MARK BARBOUR)

On to our program! On this day we were joined by not one but two Santas! The first one barged on to the scene to the surprise and delight of the crowd. Little did we know that the entire audience would be part of the show! Rotarians were randomly selected by Santa and his elves, played brilliantly by **Teresa Jones** and **Norm Aiken**. Our beloved Santa had written a little ditty for each of our members. Needless to say, much hilarity (and maybe a little bit of horror) ensued, and those selected were rewarded with a candy cane and a hug!

Moving from the ridiculous to the sublime, our next Santa and his helper led us in some Christmas carols to mark the season. Everyone enjoyed the music.

In closing, President Chris told our Singing Santa that a childrens book in his name will be donated to a Marietta City School.

The Opportunity Drawing was led by **Walt Walker** and **Tom Downs**. Barbara Covington had first crack at the bag and her hand emerged holding a red marble!

Parting announcements from our President included:

- Our next meeting is a joint holiday meeting with the Marietta Kiwanis on Thursday, December 19, to be held at our usual venue.
- MUST Ministries Cook and Serve is on 12/12/19
- The Childrens Christmas Party will be held on 12/13/19
- Santa Send-Off at the "L" Restaurant in the square on 12/23/19



NEERA BAHL

Kelly Maxwell led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. With that, the adjourning bell was rung and the sun set on another wonderful RCoM meeting.

From your Editor and the staff of the Rotalight we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Safe and Joyful New Year.

*~ Scribe, Deborah Marshall
~ Photos, Dale Covington*



SINGING SANTA!

MUST Ministry Luncheon, December 12, 2019

Prepared By Marietta Rotary

A warm welcome to **Jim Trapnell** who once again returned to cook and serve at MUST after a brief illness (Jim has just received an award for serving 15+ years on the Rotary MUST team and celebrated his 91st birthday), accompanied by his enthusiasm, volunteering spirit, and leaping right back to assist in preparing lunch for 90+ residents at MUST Ministry for the final luncheon of 2019. Chef **Harold Hobbs**, Adam Hobbs, Jim Trapnell, **Marlys Williams**, and **Morgan Robertson** bustled around to produce perhaps the best entrée of the year, Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Topping. Ingredients for the entrée included 9 quart cans of chicken breasts, 14 cans of English peas, 14 cans of canned corn, 12 cans cream of mushroom soup, 1 large tub sour cream, 1 gallon of milk, 5 pounds of shredded cheddar cheese, with biscuit topping. Lines around the room extended for seconds and thirds (noted even the volunteers were stepping in the back with forks and cups in hand to sample the leftovers).

Along with chicken pot pie, mixed salad with ranch dressing, tropical fruit salad, and a variety of breads were served.

Cooking were Harold Hobbs, Adam Hobbs, Morgan Robertson, Marlys Williams, and Jim Trapnell. Servers were **Lewis Lipsius**, **Doug Haynie**, **John Knox**, and Jim Trapnell.

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**Volunteers do not necessarily
Have the time
They just have the heart. . .**

-Elizabeth Andrews



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 23, 2019	5:00 PM	"Santa Send Off " at the New "L" Restaurant on the North Marietta Square
Wednesday, December 25, 2019		No Meeting - Merry Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2020		No Meeting - Happy New Year
Wednesday, January 8, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Spencer Gelernter, Licensed Psychologist, "Starting the Year off for Success"
Thursday, January 9, 2020	10:30 AM	MUST Cook and Serve
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Hamilton E. Holmes, Jr., "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Patricia Patterson, Marietta Center for Advanced Academics
Wednesday, January 29, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Ross Cavitt - "Changes in Media"

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