



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA

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Celebrating 105 Years of "Service Above Self"



Annual Children's Christmas Party



Today's Program:
**Members'
Spotlight**

December 18, 2024
Volume 88, Number 20
Marietta Hilton
12:00 P.M.

Thanks to all who supported this project



BRUCE HAMILTON

As we all head into the holiday season to be with family, friends celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah we would like to take a moment to say a thousand thanks to all of our wonderful club members. This is our 11th year participating in the Children's Holiday Christmas Party – Franklin Gateway Holidays Around the World. It was again a terrific event that certainly brightened many children's lives for the Christmas season. Thanks to you, we were able to serve approximately 220+ area children from the Franklin Gateway community.

For some of the children, these gifts may be the only ones they will open on Christmas day. So, an extra big thank

you to all over 50 Rotarians and their family members that reached into your pockets this holiday and donated, or that volunteered to be sure no child went home empty handed.

So once again thank you all so much from the bottom of our hearts as you all really put service above self and stepped in to help where you could. You made this event a moment to remember for children who have so much less than all of us. Thanks to you, a time of year that could be a sad time for these children is instead filled with so much love, joy and the true spirit of Christmas!!

The 2024 Christmas Party Team

Volunteers, Donors, & Guests Franklin Gateway Children's Christmas Party Dec. 13, 2024

Will Allen	Alan Gibby	Glenn Owens
Joe Atkins	Warren Gordon	Jim Peeler
Don Barbour	Abbott Hall	Lee Pence
Mark Barbour	Doug and Susan Haynie	Morgan Robertson
Chuck Barnes	Harold Hobbs	Julia Sebastian
Marla Blackstone & Wayne	Jennifer Hogan	Thomas Sherrer
Justin Carsewell	Teresa Hunter Jones	& Mellow Mushroom
Jill Case-Wirth	Cliff Kelker	Irv Smith
Jeff Cooper & Family: Courtenay	Dan Kirk (Marietta Metro)	Jim Smith
Matt, Cooper, and Kennedy	Ralph Knight	Darien Southerland
Dale Covington	Dr. John Knox	Jacob Southerland
Tom Downs	Josh Kopsie	Paul & Marta Stewart
Bill Dunaway	Elizabeth Manning	Walt Walker
Jim Fausett & Granddaughter -	Kelly Maxwell	Holly Walquist & Bruce Hamilton
Analin Merchant	Morgan McNeel	Megan Walter, Andrew & Wynn
Chief Dan Flynn	Michelle Miller	Marlys Williams
Lee Foster	Jennifer Nelson	Rachel Wood (potential member)

'Holidays Around the World' Children's Party

SHOPPING



PRESIDENT DON BARBOUR



MARK AND KELLI WRIGHT FAMILY



CHAIR HOLLY WALQUIST



MEGAN AND ANDREW WALTER WITH WYNN



WAYNE AND MARLA BLACKSTONE



JULIA SEBASTIAN

'Holidays Around the World' Children's Party

THE PARTY



2024 – 18th Annual Childrens' Holiday Around the World Christmas Party

'Twas the week of the Children's Christmas party,
and all down the streets,
The Rotarians were busy shopping for treats.
The gift bags were filled with care,
In hopes that Rotarians would soon get them there.
The children were all resting and snug in their beds,
While visions of cookies danced in their heads.
Holly was making lists and gathering money,
Thomas ordered 65 pizzas to fill all those tummies.
Then Jeff and Don made such a clatter
Marlys knew just what was the matter.
Franklin Road Association was setting up in a dash,
As Bruce grabbed his camera and turned on the flash.
The weather was chilly and the hall was not dark,
But that didn't bother Susan or Julie;
When, what to our wondering eyes we took in.
But a sleigh-full of presents sorted by Jim, Kelly, and Marla.
With a jolly old driver, the star of this lark,
We knew in a moment it must be St. Mark.
The pizza was unloaded as quick as a buck,
To the sounds of laughter at jokes told by Chuck.
Now, Warren! Now, Dan! Now, Will and John!
On, Wayne! On Alan! On, Paul and Marta!
Through the doorway they came, the kids in a swarm!
To celebrate the day when Jesus was born.
Megan and Julie and Elizabeth all taught crafts.
To kids with their cookies who giggled and laughed.
The crafts from Teresa came in bags that looked pretty nice
And then Morgan and Chuck made sure they all got a slice!
The aroma of pizza rose to the roof,
Which clattered with sounds of those reindeer hooves.
The kids started screaming, and turning around,
Towards the gift room they came with a bound.
Abbott, Marlys and Rachel had the room carefully packed,
So each little kid would each get a sack.
With a new toy from Alan, and a big smile from Holly,
The children were grateful and filled with glee.
Next stop was Santa Mark who had plenty of work
As the kids always tried to give his beard a short jerk.
They picked up a book and groceries to eat.
And topped off the night with a hot chocolate treat.
And when they departed to the sound of sleigh bells,
They thanked all the volunteers and members of YELLS.
We heard Daneea shout as they drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."



-adapted from article written in 2018 & 2023

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THE PARTY



WHEN WE LAST MET

MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11 MEETING

Annually, joyfully, seasonally, traditionally Kiwanians and Rotarians alike know it's time for Jolly Ole' Saint Nick to hurry and scurry down the chimney and make his appearance when our once-a-year Rotary Club of Marietta and Kiwanis Club of Marietta joint meeting rolls around!

A large *Holiday Happy* Crowd all merry and bright filled the main Ballroom of the Atlanta-Marietta Hilton Conference Center on this eleventh day of December twenty-twenty-four for the felicitous festivities of our yearly conviviality! Santa's Helper, Rotary Club President **Don Barbour**, called the jovial Christmastime Camaraderie to order at High Noon sharp with the clack of our historic Club Bell. This Scribbler was called to the elevated platform to invoke and prayerful petition was indeed made amongst the seated platformees which included Kiwanis Club President Andy Tatnall, Strand Theater Executive Director Extraordinaire Andy Gaines, Rotary Club President-Elect **Marla Blackstone**, and Rotary Club President Nominee Cobb Sheriff Colonel **Cliff Kelker**; all fine front-of-the-room hosts indeed! Thereafter and forthwith with said entreaty to our Almighty done, Club Announcements were made by both Club Presidents. Then "The Strand Man", Andy Gaines, was introduced by President Don with well-deserving acclamational, affirmational, appreciable, applaudable, and laudable words of notoriety given for his exceptional administrative care and management of Marietta's premier historic entertainment venue located on our beautiful historic Square.



ANDY GAINES

Kiwanian Andy Gaines cheerfully and merrily took the podium offering seasonal accolades for the theatrical talents of the Strand Actors as they all made haste as he accoladed to assemble before our exuberant Christmastime Civic



Holiday crowd, Once gathered before us, these entertainers exerted exceptionally a variety of selections from "A Christmas Tradition." The Christmas Show aforementioned will play daily at The Strand beginning this Friday, the 13th, 2024, through Sunday, December the 22nd, 2024. All were encouraged to attend and well we should! Because WOWSER! The singing of the "Whos" in "Whoville" was wonderful, but the cheery-merry-joyful rhythmic upbeat sounds of "Holiday Oldies" and "Traditional Time-Honored Christmas Standards" had Kiwanians and Rotarians head-bobbin and rockin with delight to the happy-snappy yuletide outstanding performance of this grand group of Thespians! After numerous well-performed seasonal songs, Andy Gaines returned to the podium to once again bid all encouragement to attend and support The Strand this Christmas Season! He did so with a keen play-on-words based on "Twas The Night Before Christmas"; concluding his poetic remarks with "Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanza!"

President Don then came forth and offered gratitudinal words to all who provided today's entertainment, to Kiwanians and Rotarians and Guest in attendance, and then rendered forth a final special word of thanks to Theater Meister Andy.

Cliff Kelker was then called upon to lead our concluding Club recitation of our Nation's "Pledge of Allegiance" to our grand ole' Flag. Thereafter and forthwith, we all were commended a Merry Christmas and were collectively bid adjourned with exuberant joyous jubilant best wishes of holiday happiness by our Rotary Club President Don!

"It's A Great Day To Be A Rotarian At Christmastime and All The Time!"

Humbly Scribed by Scribbler Mark Barbour

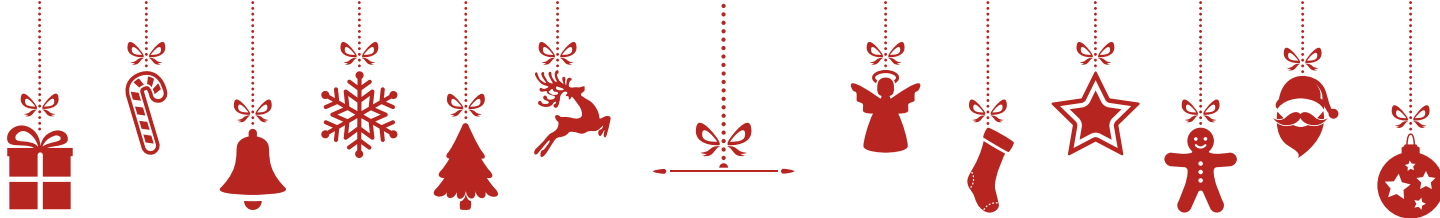
PICTURES FROM LAST MEETING

By Marlys Williams



THE STRAND CHRISTMAS TRADITION SINGERS





Merry Christmas Luncheon for MUST Ministries

Courtesy of The Rotary Club of Marietta, Thursday December 12, 2024

Miraculously, This 22-Year Partnership Will Carry On

Praise and thanks for the intervention of Presidential Advisor Rev. Dr. Mark Barbour in collaboration with MUST CEO, Dr. Ike Reighard. Thanks and gratitude for the loyalty and determination of unrelenting Rotarians to keep this valuable community service project on track. The Lunch Service at MUST Ministries will carry on into their 23-year partnership to provide the residents and the homeless lunch the second Thursday of every month. After thoughtful conversation between The Rotary Club of Marietta and MUST Ministry Management, the decision was reached to rescind the requirement for background checks for volunteers.

NOTE: Going forward, please click on the link below and create your volunteer account and fill out the information to sign up on the new platform. At the background check point, exit the system, and email Angel Radford, Director of Volunteer Services at MUST (aradford@mustministries.org or cell: 470-234-8708), and she will assist you in bypassing the background check. Once she has manually revised your profile, you may go online and sign up each month for the Rotary / MUST Lunch Service. The link is <https://mustministries.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/Mustmariettarotary/>. Thank you to all loyal MUST volunteers who made time to jump through bureaucratic hoops, and keep this valuable community effort in place. Please sign up if you wish to volunteer at any time in the future and contact marlyswilliams@earthlink.net if you have questions or issues. A minimum of 12 volunteers are required each month to adequately prepare and serve lunch for 125-150. Thank you for your service.

To provide a special Christmas treat for the homeless and the residents at MUST, Chef Emma and Chef Ean McShane once again raised standards in December humbling offering their talents, gifts, and tutelage, producing a lunch worthy of any 2-or-3-star restaurant.

Blessing this day with 12 volunteers was an answered prayer, endless toiling with a mostly unskilled labor force (e.g. Rotarians), abounded with unbelievable results. A section of Rotarians energetically peeled 60 pounds of potatoes to be transformed into creamy mashed potatoes, another section prepared 30 pounds of broccoli to be roasted, with onions, sprinkled with olive oil and garlic. Four or five 10 lb. pork loins were tended to by Chef Ean, seasoned with

fennel, coriander, granulated garlic, onions, and oregano, roasted to perfection and accompanied by a sauce of bacon and caramelized onions on the side. Another group busily peeled and sliced a fresh fruit salad of grapes, cantaloupes, and pineapples. No store-bought-bread for these chefs; the savory aroma of home-made focaccia bread with rosemary permeated the kitchen. Discarding that bottled ranch dressing, today; it's prepared-from-scratch Ranch Dressing to dress a fresh romaine salad for those watching calories. For those not, Chef Emma created 190 fudgy brownies borrowing a recipe from America Test Kitchens, and then decorating half with pink buttercream, and the other half with chocolate ganache.

Today's Kitchen was filled with exuberant, hard-working volunteers, cooking, serving, and sous chefing. Most importantly, having a grand old time in the process were Chefs Ean and Emma McShane, **Harold Hobbs**, Adam Hobbs, **Jennifer Nelson**, **Holly Walquist**, **Cissy Wilson**, and **Marlys Williams**. Serving over 100+ diners today were **Alan Gibby**, **Doug Haynie**, and **Glenn Owens**, who sliced up the Roasted Pork entrée with remarkable skill. All the cooks remained to serve the throng of diners. Food for 190 was prepared, with very few leftovers. Lines formed down the dining hall, and out into the lobby. Notably, even the MUST staff queued up for seconds. Brownies magically disappeared. Rosemary Focaccia Bread flew out of the warmers. The bacon and caramelized onion sauce did not make it through the first service.

This game has been upped to the extent these customers will NEVER again settle for Sam's cookies, and a Hamburger Helper entrée prepared with canned soup. Numerous inquiries were posed as to what might be on the menu for next month. Today was undeniably, the most extraordinary MUST Christmas lunch in history. Of note, for the budget conscious, the food prepared today did not exceed the agreed-to budget. The total purchase of all food items totaled \$400, well within budget, and producing a much healthier, more nutritious, not to mention delicious repast. Hands-on work by 12 Rotarians made this effort possible. Thank you.

by Marlys Williams



1st Row: Emma McShane, Cissy Wilson 2nd Row: Harold Hobbs, Holly Walquist, Adam Hobbs, Doug Haynie
3rd Row: Glenn Owens, Alan Gibby, Ean McShane. Not Pictured: Jennifer Nelson, Marlys Williams

Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Broccoli, Rosemary Focaccia Bread, Brownies

Entrée (Serves 190):	
<p>Roasted Pork: 4 or 5 unsliced, boneless pork loins 10-12 lbs. each Season with salt & pepper, garlic, fennel, coriander, and oregano. Bake in 350 degree oven until meat registers 160 degrees on meat thermometer. Slice in ¼ - ½” slices.</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes: Peel six 10 lbs. bags of Russet potatoes. Place in boiling water and cook for about 30-45 minutes. Heat milk, butter, & whipping cream in separate pan until warm. Mix with hand mixer and place in warmers.</p> <p>Fruit Salad: 4 Fresh pineapples diced 5 Fresh cantaloupes diced 1 extra-large crate of purple grapes, washed Place all in large bowl until service.</p> <p>Roasted Broccoli: Wash 20 pounds broccoli florets, Drain. Slice 5 lbs. onions. Spread all on roasting sheet. Sprinkle with garlic powder, salt, pepper and olive oil. Roast in oven at 400 degrees for 20-30 minutes.</p>	<p>Focaccia Bread: See Chef Ean for recipe.</p> <p>ATK Brownies: (Makes 25) 13 X 9 pan – To decorate pipe buttercream 1/3 cup Dutch processed coca- powder 1 ½ tsp. instant coffee granules ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons boiling water 2 oz. unsweetened baking chocolate, finely chopped ½ cup plus two tablespoons vegetable oil 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter melted 2 large whole eggs, plus 2 large egg yolks 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 2 cups granulated sugar 1 ¾ cup all-purpose flour ¾ teaspoon table salt 6 oz. bittersweet chocolate chips or chunks cut into ½” pieces Heat oven to 350. Grease 13x9 pan. In bowl whisk cocoa, coffee granules, & boiling water & chocolate mixing until smooth. Whisk in oil and melted butter. Add eggs & yolks, & vanilla whisking until combined. Whisk in sugar, flour & salt, stirring until fully combined. Fold in bittersweet chocolate. Pour batter in pan and bake about 35 minutes. Cool completely. Make 4 cuts horizontally & vertically to equal 25 triangles.</p>

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The Rotary Club of Marietta Paul Harris Status as of November 2024

1. A Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) is a Rotarian achieving a \$1,000 donation to the annual fund.
2. A Paul Harris Fellow +1 (PHF+1) is a Rotarian reaching \$2,000 donation to the annual fund.
3. A Paul Harris Fellow +2 (PHF+2) is a Rotarian reaching \$3,000 donation to the annual fund.
4. A Paul Harris Fellow +3 (PHF+3) is a Rotarian reaching \$4,000 in donation to the annual fund.
5. A Paul Harris Fellow +4 (PHF+4) is a Rotarian reaching \$5,000 in donation to the annual fund.
6. A Paul Harris Society commits to \$1,000 annual donation.
7. A Paul Harris Fellow Benefactor: Informs the Foundation they have made provisions in their will or estate plan as a beneficiary.
8. Foundation Bequest Society designates Rotarians who have donated \$10,000 - \$24,000.

(*Note: In 2010 and 2011, The Rotary Club of Marietta was a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. We can do that again. Let's Get Busy!
Data from Foundation Director, Holly Walquist)

Paul Harris Fellow	Paul Harris Fellow +1	Paul Harris Fellow +2	Paul Harris Fellow +3	Paul Harris Fellow +4
Will Allen	Don Barbour	Mark Barbour	Jeff Cooper	Rebecca Sawyer
Joe Atkins	Lance Burchett	Adele Grubbs	Tom Downs	
Otis Brumby III	Dan Flynn	Doug Haynie	Paul Stewart	
Bill Dunaway	Jim Freeman	Dr. John Knox		
Jim Fausett	Warren Gordon	Jeff Long		
Alan Gibby	Abbott Hall	Michelle Miller		
Harold Hobbs	Sandeep Kapoor	Glenn Owens		
Teresa H. Jones	Jim Kellogg			
Deborah Marshall	Ralph Knight			
Kelly Maxwell	Dawn McEachern			
Jim Peeler	Morgan McNeel			
Kay Peninger	Jennifer Nelson			
Irv Smith	Lee Pence			
Marlys Williams	Terry Pendley			
	Morgan Robertson			
	Bill Smith Jr.			
	Walt Walker			
	Holly Walquist			
	Dan White			

Paul Harris Society (\$1,000/Year)	Foundation Bequest Society \$10k - \$24k	Paul Harris Fellow Benefactor
Jeff Cooper	Sandeep Kapoor Level 1	Doug Haynie
	Rebecca Sawyer Level 1	Dr. John Knox
		Glenn Owens
		Rebecca Sawyer

*As of November 2024 – There are 324 PHF; 75 PHF Multiple; and 14 Benefactor. All PHF and Multiple PHFs and Benefactors are not necessarily current Rotary members.

THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 25, 2024		No Meeting - Merry Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2025		No Meeting - Happy New Year!
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Bill White - Importance of Estate Planning
Thursday, January 9, 2025	9 & 11:30	MUST Luncheon - Cook and Serve
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Michael Shannon, University of North Georgia President
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - MPD Police Officer Paul Hill Emotional K9 Handler
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	5 - 7 PM	Fifth Wednesday Social
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Lisa Cupid, Cobb County Commission Chair
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	12 Noon	Offsite Meeting - Seniors' Valentine's Day Project

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