



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA

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Celebrating 105 Years of "Service Above Self"

**Marietta Rotary Sponsored Annual
Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon
Wednesday, September 11**



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Today's Speaker:
Tate Fall
Cobb County
Elections Director

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**Marietta Hilton
12:00 P.M.**

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Tate Fall currently serves as the Director of Elections for Cobb County. She has previously served as the Deputy Director of Elections for Arlington County, VA, a Communications Specialist for the United States Election Assistance Commission, and as a Voting Rights Advocate for Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program. Tate has her B.S. in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, a Master of Public Administration, and a Graduate Certificate in Election Administration all from Auburn University. In addition to her professional career, Tate also volunteers as a National Advisory Consultant to Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings which is an affiliate of Air Force ROTC with over 3,000 members nationwide. In her free time, Tate enjoys spending time with her friends and family, crafting, catching up on the latest Bravo show, and going on walks with her husband, Wesley, and two golden retrievers, Elle and Gunner.

Remembering Don Smith



Marietta Rotarian Don Smith, a longtime resident, passed away on September 6, 2024. Don was a prominent Marietta attorney and past president of Marietta Rotary from 1980 to 1981.

Serving Those Who Serve the Community Rotary Club of Marietta Honors First Responders

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Marietta First Responders were honored with a BBQ luncheon from Dave Poe's BBQ, paying tribute to and acknowledging their work in the community by the Rotary Club of Marietta. Held in the breezeway behind the Marietta Fire Department, the club's annual event is a big thank you to all of the Marietta Public Safety heroes. Rotary Club President Don Barbour spoke thanking all the police officers, firefighters, and their staff for what they do every day. After hosting the event for many years, this is the first time the club has hosted on the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. President Don asked the audience to pause for a moment of silence to honor those who were killed in the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Marietta Mayor Thunder Tumlin said a few words welcoming all and thanking the Club for their continued community endeavors and support. Next, dropping in on the festivities today was Rotary District 6900 Governor Gordon Owens who commented "I think, especially in today's day and age, there's been a lot politicizing and divide between the community and our first responders . . . and anytime we can pat them on the back and thank them for their service to the community is a good day." Owens regularly visits all 67 clubs throughout metro Atlanta and Southwest Georgia area. After receiving an invitation he was inspired to attend to help support the mission. Refusing to merely be an "honored guest," Gordon insisted to be assigned a "working" task and devoted his remaining time manning the beverage station, stopping to dine only after everyone had been served – how is that for an admirable example of a "Service Above Self" Rotarian!!

Newly installed Marietta Police Chief David Beam (ex-Rotarian and club president) expressed his appreciation recognizing Rotary's efforts and bringing the community closer together. "It is very important that we do not forget what happened in 2001, and I believe events like this help us remember in a more positive light." Marietta Fire Chief, Tim Mulligan, stated he believes there's more weight to this year's luncheon given the anniversary it coincides with "it means the world to our entire team because anytime we're thanked for the job we all signed up to do . . . day in and day out, it just means a lot."

Lt. Col. Cliff Kelker from the Cobb County Sheriff's office (a Marietta Rotarian) led the invocation and the 4-Way Test, and welcomed all to queue up to be served a buffet lunch served by a lineup of Rotary Club members. Dave Poe's team prepared pulled pork, smoked chicken, accompanied by their famous BBQ sauce, their celebrated mac & cheese, cole slaw, and baked beans with banana pudding for dessert, all served up with sweet tea. There were few leftovers this day, and the fire department transported them to the fire department refrigerators to serve those who were working and unable to partake in the festivities.

It was a great day to be a Rotarian!



WHEN WE LAST MET

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 4TH MEETING

President **Don Barbour** opened our lunch meeting in a rather chilly room and offered the invocation. **Josh Kopsie** introduced numerous visitors and guests, including:

- Keith Jones (guest of **Teresa Jones**)
- Dan Kirk (Visiting Rotarian from North Cobb Rotary)
- Timothy King (guest of Josh Kopsie)
- Julia Fedoryuk (Boy Scouts of American, Atlanta Council)

Deborah Marshall handled sunshine. **Marla Blackstone** offered two sunshine topics – the Marietta Citizens' Police Academy and the New Member Information Handbook. Immediate Past President **Jeff Cooper** mentioned the Smoke on the Mountain production at the Strand Theater. Past President **Will Allen** announced his niece recently welcomed the birth of her new healthy baby boy.

President Don made several announcements:

-We have two new members who have transferred from other Rotary clubs. **Yanick Hicks** works for John Maxwell Leadership and transfers from the Rotary Club of Glendale, Arizona. **Kay Penninger** works for KSU and transfers from the Gastonia, North Carolina Rotary Club.

-The Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon will occur next Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 11:00 am behind the Marietta Fire Museum. District Governor Gordon Owens and his wife Ashley will join us to serve BBQ to fire and police personnel.

-Josh Kopsie announced the Appreciation Dinner and New Member Orientation Roundtable which will occur on September 19th.

-Please use Sign Up Genius to sign up for the Adaptive Games which will be held on October 11th. Also please order your volunteer t-shirt and indicate your size.

-Marietta Reads sign-up starts today. Sign-up sheets were placed on each table. This event occurs during the week of October 21st.



MILTON OVERTON

Lance Burchett introduced our speaker, KSU Athletic Director Milton Overton. Lance broke the tradition of reading the speaker's Rotalight biography and added several significant items for the benefit of the club. Among those were that Mr. Overton was a four-year starter on the offensive line for the University of Oklahoma

football team, that although he is a sociology major, he is adept at handling technological issues, and that he is an excellent singer.



PRESIDENT DON BARBOUR

Mr. Overton grew up in Fort Worth, Texas and was exposed to gangs as a youth in his tough neighborhood. As mentioned, he later played football and graduated from the University of Oklahoma and was the first in his family to attend college. It was obvious from his life experience that he is passionate about the opportunities college athletics provide to young men and women, and he credited his college athletic experience and his faith to helping him achieve his goals. His family has carried on the tradition as his two sons play football at the University of Alabama where he previously served on Nick Saban's staff.

After showing a promotional KSU Athletics video, Mr. Overton spent considerable time discussing the influence Name Image and Likeness (NIL) has had on college sports, especially football. He felt NIL can have positive effects on athletes, but these also come at a cost. For example, college coaches have to "renegotiate" their star players' contracts almost four times per year, especially if they become better and can demand more money. This puts an obvious strain on the program and coaching personnel. Despite this, Mr. Overton believes it is important to lead each student athlete to develop character, in order to give them the tools to live a life of integrity after they retire from sports.

The opportunity drawing was administered by **Lee Pence**, and Dr. **John Knox** drew the red marble! **Morgan McNeel** led the pledge and the four-way test, and then the meeting adjourned.

Scribe, Joe Atkins

PICTURES FROM LAST MEETING



LANCE BURCHETT INTRODUCED OUR GUEST SPEAKER



LANCE BURCHETT, MILTON OVERTON, PRESIDENT DON



JOSH KOPSIE INTRODUCED VISITORS AND GUESTS



PP JEFF COOPER WITH SUNSHINE



DR. JOHN KNOX WON THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



DEBORAH MARSHALL AND GUEST DAN KIRK

MUST Lunch Prepared and Served by a Bare Bones Crew of Rotarians From the Rotary Club of Marietta, September 12, 2024



(L- R): PP Jeff Cooper, Holly Walquist, Alan Gibby, Marlys Williams, Doug Haynie and Harold Hobbs

A bare bones crew of Rotarians materialized in the MUST Kitchen this water-logged Thursday morning to prepare lunch. Adam Hobbs, a faithful volunteer and son of Harold, was summoned to serve on the Grand Jury and thus in absentia. The Club's entire membership, having served lunch the day before on the Marietta Square to approximately 250 First Responders, Public Service workers, and Marietta Dignitaries alongside a visit from Rotarian District 6900 Governor Gordon Owens, might explain this morning's lack of Rotarian volunteers. Chef Harold single handedly collected the grocery items from SAM's and delivered to the MUST Kitchens. The MUST staff, noting this rare deficit of volunteers, leapt in to assist with unloading groceries, and two MUST volunteers pitched in to lend a hand with food preparation. It is a physical impossibility for 3 Rotarians to prepare lunch for 100 within a two hour timeframe, and everyone was very thankful for the MUST staff assistance. Cooking were Chef **Harold Hobbs**, **Holly Walquist**, and **Marlys Williams**.

Cheerfully donning aprons and hats to assist with serving were PP **Jeff Cooper**, and faithful MUST advocates, **Doug Haynie**, and **Alan Gibby**, accompanied by Holly, Marlys and Harold who stayed on to assist with serving 60+ diners and over 30 customers lined up for seconds.



Bill of fare today entailed Chicken Alfredo Casserole, topped with French Fried Onions, tossed salad with Ranch Dressing, sliced peaches, hot rolls, and an assortment of cookies.

Chicken Alfredo Casserole

Ingredients (Serves 100):	Instructions: Preheat Oven to 350 Degrees
3 Rotisserie Chickens – deboned and meat chopped into small pieces. 8 - 1 pound boxes elbow macaroni – cooked al dente and drained. Set aside. 12 packages of frozen mixed vegetables not thawed 16 cans Cream of Mushroom Soup 12 Quart Jars Alfredo Sauce 2 Extra Large Pkgs. French Fried Onions (for tops) Seasonings: Salt and Pepper, garlic powder and onion powder to taste.	Spray 6 pans heavily with PAM. Divide drained pasta among 6 pans. Add chicken. Add 2 bags frozen Vegetables to pans. Add 2 ½ cans Cream of Mushroom soup per pan. Then add 2 jars of Alfredo Sauce per pan. Season with salt, pepper, garlic and onion powder. Mix thoroughly. Cover pans with aluminum foil. Heat oven to 350 degrees and cook for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, check moisture, and add more if needed. Stir. Transfer to warming ovens. While serving, top pans with fried onions so they remain crisp.

Marlys Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 25, 2024	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - David Beam, Chief of Marietta Police Department
Thursday, September 26, 2024	6 PM	Women's Extension, Serve Dinner
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Jackie McMorris, Cobb County Manager
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Dr. Amy Shaffer, Chattahoochee Tech Program Director of Occupational Therapy Assisting
Thursday, October 10, 2024	9 & 11:30	MUST Luncheon - Cook and Serve
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Amanda Buice, GYSTC Executive Director
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	12 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Irene Barton, Cobb Collaborative Executive Director
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	5 to 7 PM	Fifth Wednesday Social - TBD

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