

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

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Today's Guest Speaker

Meris Lutz

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Meris Lutz covers Cobb County politics and community news for the AJC. She previously worked for the MDJ. She also previously covered the Middle East for the LA Times and for others.

Meris is originally from the New London, Connecticut area. She came south to attend college at Emory University.



Rotary
Club of Marietta



BE THE INSPIRATION

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the June 12 Meeting

Approaching the end of his term as President of Marietta Rotary, **Jesse Evans** called the meeting to order and opened with several announcements.

Jesse requested two additional volunteers to cook at MUST Ministries on Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 am. Any interested parties should contact **Harold Hobbs**. There are adequate volunteers for serving.



MARY ANSLEY SOUTHERLAND

President Jesse thenceforth called upon **Mary Ansley Southerland** and President Elect **Chris Bethel** to share an exciting announcement. Chris and Mary Ansley had quietly been working on an application for a grant to assist with the Marietta City Schools' literacy effort. Their efforts resulted in winning a \$10,000 grant. The Smyrna Rotary Club, and the new Brazilian Rotary Club (which Marietta Rotary chartered) will also assist in this sponsorship. Kudos to all for the hard work in earning the grant. Packages and information will follow at a later date per Mary Ansley.



CHRIS BETHEL

President Elect Chris Bethel reminded members to communicate directly with him (chris@cmbesq.com) if they plan to attend President's night on June 27 at the Marietta Country Club for a menu of Boursin Chicken stuffed cream cheese and herbs in a white chardonnay sauce (MCC #1 most favorite dish), corn soufflé, green beans with ham, salad, and white chocolate bread pudding and cookies for dessert. You may go online to the Marietta Rotary website to register and pay, or pay the \$50 per person fee at the check in desk. Chris's new presidency is effective July 1, 2019. Cocktails at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm, and program to begin at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Richard Cope who leads the Crutches for Africa project provided a recap of the international Rotary Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Crutches for Africa had a booth at the convention. Richard solicited countries to join in the effort to collect crutches and wheelchairs to donate to this international Rotary project. The outcome of Richard's endeavors is that England, Germany, and Africa will also be participating and collecting, in addition to the United States.

Phillip Knight then offered perhaps the shortest invocation in the history of the club in two sentences.

Jess Loper introduced guests and visitors. Allie Neal from Revved Up Kids attended as a guest of the club. Megan Tempo from Emory Center was a guest of Jesse Evans. Noele



JESS LOPER

Jenkins accompanied today's speaker, Kevin Scott. There were no visiting Rotarians.

President Jesse then donned his creative hat and presented a nicely done, hand-crafted check to Allie Neal of Revved Up Kids on behalf of the Club. Allie briefly described Revved Up Kids' goal is to provide instruction and programs to kids of all ages to protect them from predators.

There is a long waitlist for the programs in schools. The amount of \$3,450 was donated, and 937 children in an elementary school completed the program.



GUEST SPEAKER KEVIN PAUL SCOTT


President Jesse once again changed hats to introduce today's speaker, Kevin Paul Scott, who is the author of three books and a recognized authority on leadership. He is a co-founder of Inspire, and resides in Marietta with his wife and son. Kevin began his leadership programs with the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy. The program's target audience is high school students. Kevin's programs have also extended to the Atlanta Braves and baseball teams in Baltimore and Seattle. In his college years at the University of Georgia Kevin participated in a program dealing with Pediatric HIV. Fifty percent of the children had lost at least one parent to HIV. His greatest lesson was learned from a six year old girl. The underlying challenge is how does one takes the resources at hand and leverage them. First, you must change the perspective, and that changes how you do things, and that changes results. Kevin advocates

prioritizing the priorities. Priority tells you when to say NO. Further, small decisions alter the course of the world. As an example lives around the world can be impacted by decisions made in this room. Rotary has this perspective, and it changes the world.

Kevin then answered questions from the audience. **Sandeep Kapoor**, a Rotary member and Chick-Fil-A owner, observed that leadership should begin at an early age, and suggested leadership programs should begin in elementary and middle school, versus high school. He remarked it is easier to build boys and girls than to mend adults and fix them.

President Jesse presented the speaker a book to be donated to a Marietta elementary school library as a thank you entitled "101 Small Ways to Change the World."

Next **Irv Smith** and **Paul Stewart** facilitated the Opportunity Drawing. **Kelly Maxwell** held the first ticket number but was not successful in drawing the red ball. **Charles Kilgore** held the second ticket, but fared no better.

Jeff Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. President Jesse ended the meeting, gonged the bell and dismissed all. 

~ Marlys Williams, Scribe
~ Dale Covington, Photos



KEVIN SCOTT AND PRESIDENT JESSE

CHARTER NIGHT – OCTOBER 23, 1919

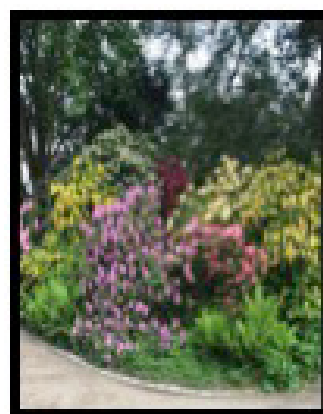
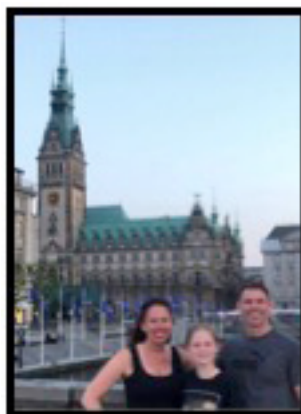


100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET – OCTOBER 19, 2019

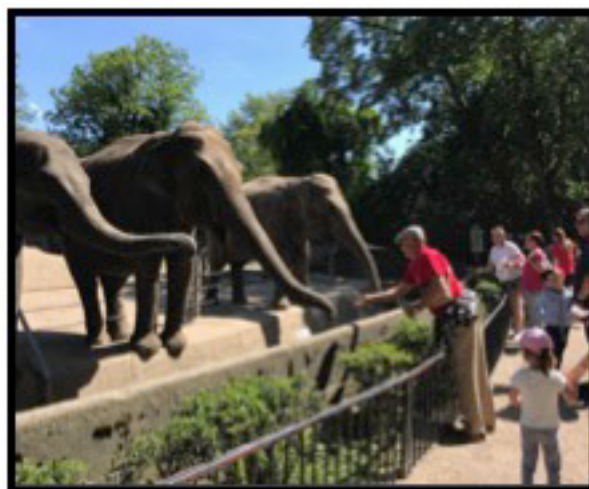
Marietta Rotarians Attend R.I Convention - Hamburg, Germany

Photos and Text by Marla Blackstone

Marietta Rotary members **Marla Blackstone** and **Richard Cope** recently attended the R.I. convention in Hamburg, Germany. The 2019 Rotary International Convention began early for Rotarians wishing to see the sights of Hamburg. Hamburg is Germany's wealthiest city and has more theaters per citizen than any other city in the world.



Rotarians could visit Hamburg's famous Miniature Wunderland, take guided tours of the city's architecture, and



Rotarians from around the world could hear performances at Hamburg's new \$1.3B Philharmonie concert/opera house, enjoy an organ concert at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, or attend hospitality events with local Rotary clubs.

museums, visit Hamburg's 32-acre botanical garden and the zoo/ animal park/ aquarium, or take a boat ride around Alster lake.

Marietta Rotarians Attend R.I Convention (cont.)

Some Rotarians took day trips to medieval villages, cathedrals, castles, concentration/ extermination camps and Nazi documentation centers. One could go from heaven to hell in the course of a day.

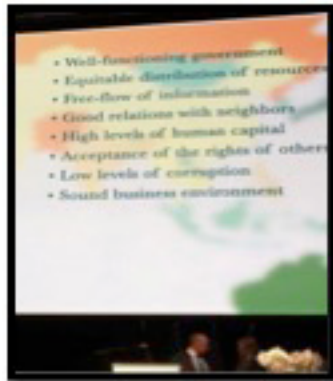
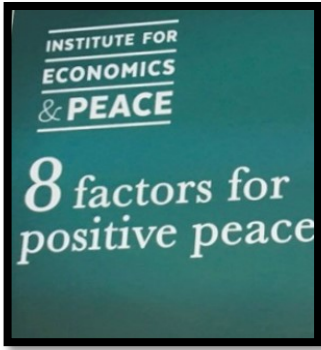
Opening ceremony commenced the Convention and the House of Friendship was in full swing. Richard Cope supervised the "Crutches for Africa" booth making contacts, gaining support and organizing ongoing efforts.

We learned of Rotary fellowships for like-minded Rotarians who gather to enjoy motorbiking, sailing, cycling, scouting, whiskey drinking, tennis, running, traveling and more. Rotoract, Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA were all well represented by impressive young future Rotarians.

Old friends reunited and new friendships were forged. Meals were often at outdoor cafes. Dry whites and Pilsner were drinks of choice.



Marietta Rotarians Attend R.I Convention (cont.)



Rotary International Upcoming Convention Sites

2020 - RI Convention in President Chris's year is in Honolulu

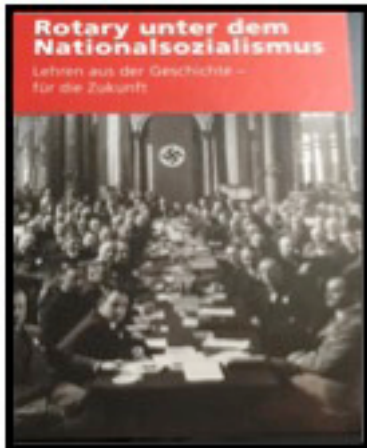
2021 - RI Convention in Pres. Mary Ansley's year is Taipei

2022 - RI Convention is in Houston Texas

2023 - Warsaw, Poland

2024 - Singapore

We attended lectures at the breakout sessions on topics like:
- How to Create a Business Culture in your Rotary club and Facilitate Networking; - Rotary's Peace Initiatives;



- How Germany's Rotary clubs facilitated Hitler's rise and then disbanded under the Nazi regime underscoring RI's requirement that all clubs to remain non-political to provide grassroots humanitarian aid wherever whenever needed;
This photo is of a 1933 Rotary meeting in Munich.



- How to streamline Rotary meetings and schedule family-friendly events to attract young members without making waves;

Marietta Rotary Cooks & Serves at MUST Ministry

June 13, 2019

by Dale Covington



Month after month, Adam Hobbs—son of Marietta Rotary’s Master Chef **Harold Hobbs**—has been helping his father every month shop for groceries and cook meals for approximately 80-diners at MUST Ministries. This June school bells rang for Adam to complete his education. Consequently, Chef Harold was shopping alone for MUST groceries last Thursday.

When he arrived in MUST’s Kitchen, any tinge of sadness for Harold over days past was quickly replaced with his grin from ear to ear over seeing six members of the Rotary Club of Marietta on hand to help cook—**Marlys Williams**, **Dr. John Knox**, **Dr. Lewis Lipsius**, **Jim Peeler**, **Jim Trapnell** and **Dale Covington**. The day’s main entrée was hamburger casserole. Soon noodles were boiling away on the range as Harold began browning ground beef on a tilt skillet. The other cooks began opening cans after cans of mushroom soup for the casserole, bags of shredded cheese for the casserole, bags of lettuce and cabbage for the garden salad, cans of fruit cocktail for the meal’s other side and loaves of assorted breads to add bread slices to each plate passing down the serving line. Before eleven o’clock six trays of casserole were already cooking in the big convection oven. **Doug Haynie**, freshly returned from a fabulous European cruise of France, Italy and Greece, arrived to man the serving line along with several cooks who stuck around to fill trays and greet MUST diners that day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

NO Meeting

Thursday, June 27, 2019

5:00 PM

Presidents' Night – Marietta Country Club

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

NO Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

12:15 PM

Luncheon Meeting – TBA

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