

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

*Celebrating 100 Years of "Service Above Self"*

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**TODAY'S SPEAKER**  
**Brad Hawkins**  
Director of the  
Aviation History and  
Technology Center

**Rotary**  
Club of Marietta



**ROTARY**  
**CONNECTS**  
**THE WORLD**



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

# Brad Hawkins

Brad A. Hawkins is the Aviation Wing Director of the Marietta Museum of History. He began his career with Marietta Museum of History as a volunteer in 2017 before becoming Aviation Wing Project Wing Coordinator in January 2018. Since January of this year, Brad is the Aviation Wing Director.

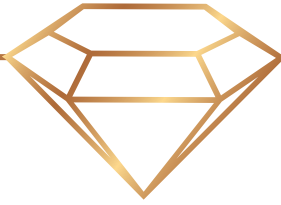
Brad holds a Master of Arts degree in History from the University of West Georgia and a Bachelor of Arts also in History with a minor in Geography from Kennesaw State University. He graduated with a 4.0 average from both Universities.

The Aviation Wing is a growing collection of aircraft displayed on a 15-acre campus conveniently located at 555 Perrin Road, Marietta, Georgia just 4.5 miles west of I-75. The museum highlights the impact the aviation industry has had on our local culture. It shows how aviation catapulted our reasonably typical, small, Southern agricultural community into the industrial age and how Cobb County has impacted global events. They also seek to interest America's youth in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) disciplines through exposure to the science and physics of aeronautics and astronautics.

The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 A.M. until 3 P.M. and Sundays from 1 P.M. until 5 P.M.



## Sign-up Today for what many Rotarians call the Best Project of the Year!



*100 Years*

The Rotary Club of Marietta  
requests the honour of your presence at our

## **Diamond Jubilee Gala**

Celebrating a Century of Service Above Self  
*Spreading truth, fairness, good will and better friendships  
in our community since 1919*

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
**The Marietta Country Club**  
**6 o'clock**

Cocktails - Cash Bar  
Seated Dinner with Complimentary Wines  
Lively Entertainment with styles Spanning the Decades  
Dessert and Champagne  
Special Anniversary Surprises

\$75 per person, payable in advance  
by check or at [mariettarotary.org](http://mariettarotary.org)

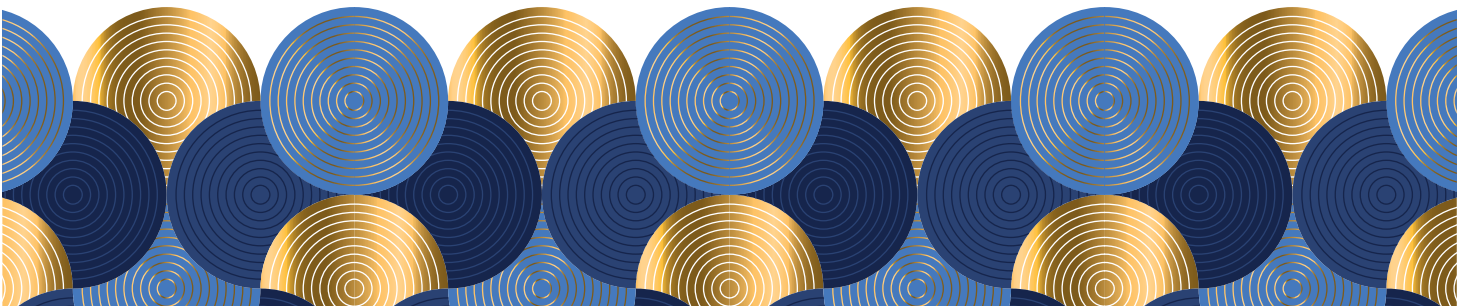
**RSVP by October 11, 2019**

**To commemorate this once in a lifetime moment,  
we are also requesting your consideration of**

An additional \$25 contribution to Marietta Rotary Foundation Fund (MRFF)  
Supporting the charitable causes of The Rotary Club of Marietta

- or -

An additional \$100 contribution to be listed on our Special Diamond Host Committee  
to honor the 100 Presidents of The Rotary Club of Marietta



# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the September 18 Meeting

**Chris Bethel**, President of Marietta Rotary, opened this week's meeting with announcements. There was record turnout this year for the kick-off of Marietta Reads on September 14 at 8:00 am on the square for set-up. Particular thanks to **Don Barbour** for organizing and managing, and thanks to all who arose early and drove to the square: Don Barbour, **Mark Barbour**, President Chris Bethel, **Jeff Cooper**, **Dale** and Barbara **Covington**, **Debra Day**, Past President **Jesse Evans**, **Abbott Hall**, and **Julie O'Meara**, **Lee Pence**, **Mary Ansley Southerland**, **Daniel White**, **Holly Walquist**, and **Marlys Williams**.

See Chris Bethel if you still need tickets for the Braves Game on Sunday, September 22 at 1:20 pm.

Wearing many hats today, the Invocation/Prayer for this meeting was offered by **Chris Mitchell**. **Neera Bahl** introduced her guest, Babe Atkins Byrne, a well-known courthouse face. A lifelong friend of **Morgan Robertson**, Tjeerd de Boer from the Netherlands (a/k/a Boo Boo), joined the meeting today as well as cheerfully assisting with the MUST lunch.

**Joe Atkins** opened Sunshine by proclaiming how fortunate we were to have Babe Atkins join us today. Abbott Hall, after fathering two daughters, and grandfathering three granddaughters, announced the arrival of his very first grandson. Chris Bethel revealed that **Thomas Sherrer** announced his engagement via Facebook. Mary Ansley Southerland welcomed Jim Squire, Governor of Rotary District 6900 and today's speaker.

- President Chris presented the Rotarian of the Month award for September 2019 to **Harold Hobbs**, for his well-deserved service and leadership for the monthly lunch at MUST Ministries serving as chef, cook, and menu planner.

- **Richard Cope** made two announcements: (1) there are sign-up sheets on each table for the Marietta Reads event. Please volunteer at your preferred school and time (2) In the weeks and months ahead the Crutches 4 Africa Committee will be looking for volunteers to help prepare materials for shipment via ocean container to Uganda. Volunteers are needed for this important work for our club's only international project. Further information detailing work days will be forthcoming. Please email Richard at coperichard@hotmail.com.

- Mark Barbour reminded everyone of the "Bring the

Heat Cook Off, Red, White, & Boots" at the Jim R. Miller Pavilion Thursday, November 14, from 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm hosted by The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation.

- In celebration of Public Safety Week, President Chris announced plans for an offsite meeting to serve BBQ lunch to the Marietta Police Department and Marietta Fire Department at the Fire Department between 12:00 and 1:00 pm on October 9 (112 Haynes St. NE, Marietta, GA 30060). There will be a tour of the Fire Department Museum.

Thanks to Harold Hobbs, **Buck Northcutt**, and Morgan Robertson for sifting through old photographs, photo albums, and newspaper archives to prepare the history presentations in celebration of Marietta Rotary's 100 Year Anniversary. Dispersed around the meeting room were numerous posters depicting well-known faces of Rotarians over the 100-year history of the club. Many descendants of the early founders are current members today. Several current members date back two - four generations – an extraordinary record. Morgan opined Marietta Rotary has historically been comprised of the best the community has to offer including authors, educators, judges, physicians, dentists, bankers, soldiers, rangers, attorneys, and five mayors. A few of the standouts include Fred David, President of University of Georgia, Conley Ingram, Cobb Superior Court Judge, Leo Aikman, Columnist, Lamar Franklin (who had perfect attendance for 50 years), Clarence Crowther, County Agent, Phil Malonson, WWII Fighter Pilot, Dan Worley, Bank President and Partner in Worley and Schillings, Lewis Sohn, Chairman of the Marietta Housing Authority and head of UGA's Alumni Club, Roy Simmons, VP of Public Affairs, Lockheed Georgia, Stinson Adams (BB) who served 25 years as the Sergeant at Arms, Linnie Lou McRae, longtime proofreader for the Rotelight, and Susan Upchurch who served as Secretary for over ten years. Most of the listed names are no longer with us but are still present in our memories.

Assistant District Governor, Mark Barbour, introduced Jim Squire, Governor of District 6900, and described him as the epitome of Service above Self. He is the Rotarian's Rotarian. Governor Squire was presented with a bottle of his favorite beverage. He and Chris Bethel jointly presented two Paul Harris Fellow Awards, one to **Morgan McNeel** and another to Mark Barbour. This Rotary achievement award is bestowed to those of extraordinary

service. Both recipients are repeat winners. For Mark this is the second award, and for Morgan this is a +1 Sapphire award.

Before Jim Squire embarked on today's session, he presented the Lifetime Service award to highly-respected Rotarian, Dr. **John Knox**, celebrating 52 years of Rotary. John Knox joined the club on November 1, 1967. Caught off guard by this bestowment, John was uncharacteristically at a loss for words for a few moments.

DG Jim Squire emphasizes the theme "Connect with Rotary." The reason people stay in Rotary is fellowship. We must make connections for members. Jim confessed he was likely preaching to the choir. He applauded the club for the upcoming effort which will connect citizens in the community with the service of Rotary by assembling and providing a literacy package in tote bags to new parents at WellStar Kennestone. This effort connects the club and supports the district and will provide 2,500 – 5,000 new parents with books and information from Marietta Rotary. Praise to president elect Mary Ansley Southerland and President Chris Bethel for doing the preliminaries and paperwork for obtaining this grant for the club.

October 24 is World Polio day at the CDC. There will be a reception at 5:30 pm at the Center for Disease Control; however if you wish to attend, please contact Chris Bethel as there are several steps to undertake before you will be able to attend and be allowed entrance to the CDC facility.

The Rotary Foundation was founded in Atlanta in 1917. There are Rotary Action Groups (RAGS) for members for specific types of service such as Aids Prevention or Ending Human Trafficking. Additionally, there are Rotary fellowships which are about things people enjoy: tennis, golf, etc.

The final connection is connecting to the world with compassion. The number 1 Rotary internal issue is membership. Though the Rotary external goal is to eradicate polio, the internal goal is to attract and retain members. Ask a friend to join. There are 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries worldwide. The two primary reasons members join and then leave are:

1. What I experienced was not what I was told beforehand. A strong organization is fundamental and vital.
2. I wasn't asked to be involved and lost interest. New Rotarians must be engaged.

Lifelong learning is critical. It is important to be in literacy activities. Jim predicts Marietta Rotary will win awards for

its literacy activities.

Jim presented a straw hat which promoted the District 6900 gathering at Jekyll Island April 30 – May 3, 2020 to PE Mary Ansley Southerland and congratulated her on the phenomenal job she is doing. Jim announced speakers need to do 3 things (1) Be brief (2) Be sincere and (3) Be seated, which he promptly did.

The District Governor is accompanied today by his wife, Donna, who graciously provided printed particulars for the D6900 Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia April 30 through May 3, 2020. It will include several fun filled evenings e.g., "Taste of the District" (hometown specialties of many of the D6900 clubs so bring your recipes), Jimmy's Fish Camp (featuring Coastal Georgia native DG Jim's local seafood selections), and a Kentucky Derby celebration and welcome for 2020-2021 governor Kirk Driskell (don your Derby hats and accoutrements). Details and registration forms (including hotels) located on <https://www.rotary6900.org>.

The Opportunity Drawing was facilitated by Chris Mitchell and **Tyler Stephens**. Today's pot totaled \$101.00. The first ticket winner was Dr. John Knox, who deftly drew the red marble and walked away with today's pot.

President Chris made several additional announcements:

- October 2 the speaker will be Brad Hawkins, Director of Aviation and Technology Center
- \$209 was raised for the Dorian survivors
- On September 25 the meeting will take place at Dave Poe's BBQ, 660 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA 30064, at 12:00 Noon, and attendance will be taken. This meeting can also be used as a make-up meeting.

The Pledge and 4-Way Test was led by **Fred Beloin**. Chris Bethel reminded everyone that the October 24 meeting will be held jointly with the Kiwanis at the Hilton Conference Center, and without further delay adjourned the gathering.

~ Scribe, Marlys Williams

### A MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN KNOX

I want to thank Gov. Squire, Pres.Chris, the Board, and my fellow Rotarians for honoring me with The Governor's "Lifetime Service" Award. I hope this "lifetime" does not mean the governor knows something I don't know. I will continue trying to make up for the many years of service, that I couldn't participate now that I'm retired; for the joy of Rotary comes as we serve others.

~ John Knox

# PICTURES FROM THE LAST MEETING

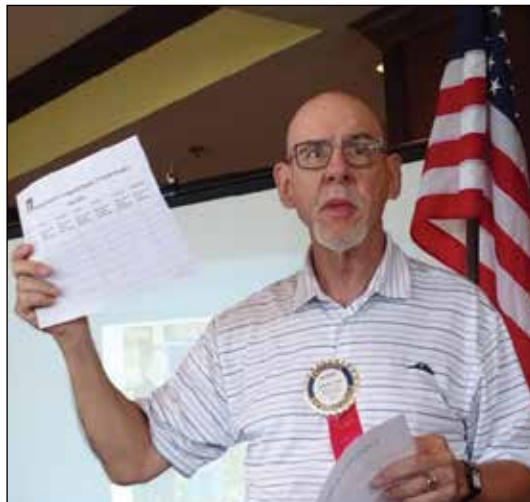
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**MORGAN ROBERTSON WITH FRIEND TJEERD DE BOER**



**MORGAN MCNEEL AND MARK BARBOUR ARE PRESENTED WITH PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**



**RICHARD COPE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARIETTA READS AND CRUTCHES 4 AFRICA**



**DR. JOHN KNOX RECOGNIZED BY DG JIM SQUIRE FOR 52 YEARS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP**



**MORGAN ROBERTSON PRESENTS LAST OF THE HISTORY OF MARIETTA ROTARY SERIES**



**JOHN KNOX WINS THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING!**



**PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER BETHEL, FIRST LADY DONNA AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM SQUIRE**

## **PICTURES FROM DAVE POE'S**



**(L-R) MARK BARBOUR, MARLYS WILLIAMS, JIM KELLOGG, ADELE GRUBBS AND DAN KIRK**



**PAUL STEWART AT DAVE POE'S**

# Thanks

for

# Giving

Because every family deserves the Thanksgiving tradition. It's more than a meal.

We are hosting a food drive for families in need in Cobb County!

Please deliver items to: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Location) (Date)



### PLEASE NOTE:

- Gift cards can easily be lost. Please package them separate from your food donation.
- Items in glass containers break easily and therefore cannot be accepted.
- Perishable items cannot be accepted because refrigeration is not available.

### Food List

- Stuffing
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned or instant potatoes (sweet or white)
- Canned green vegetables
- Canned yellow vegetables
- Non-refrigerated pie shell and pumpkin pie mix
- Dried or canned milk
- Roasting pan
- Dried beans
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned meat, tuna, or ham
- Rice, pasta, or cereal
- Soup
- Bread or rolls
- Canned fruit
- \$15 gift certificate to a local grocery (to purchase a turkey)

*Thousands of families struggle to keep food on the table.*

Thanksgiving week can be even more financially stressful when students are home from school for more than just the holiday meal. Through participation in the annual Thanks for Giving food drive, our generous community captures the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

**Thank you for giving to local families in need!**

**For more information on sponsorships or hosting a food drive, call (770) 428-2601 or visit our website at [thecfr.org/t4g](http://thecfr.org/t4g)**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 9, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – <b>Offsite Meeting</b> at Marietta Fire Department
Thursday, October 10, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries - Cook & Serve
Wednesday, October 16, 2019		No Meeting
Saturday, October 19, 2019		MRC 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday, October 23, 2019	No Meeting	Joint meeting Thursday, October 24
Thursday, October 24, 2019	12:15 PM	Joint Meeting w/Kiwanis DEA "Take Back"
Wednesday, October 30, 2019	12:15 PM	Grant Rivera, Superintendent of Marietta City Schools
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	12:15 PM	Jennifer Brett, Senior Journalist AJC "Triumphs and Tragedies"
Wednesday, November 13, 2019	12:15 PM	Dr. Avril Beckford, Chief Pediatric Officer Wellstar Health System
Thursday, November 14, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries - Cook & Serve

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