

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

Celebrating 100 Years of "Service Above Self"

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**Marietta Rotary Club
Appreciation Luncheon
to all personnel of the**



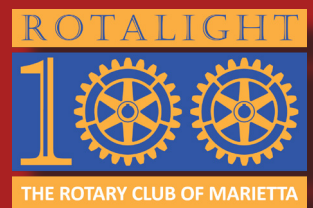
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Marietta Police Department**

Thank you for all you do!

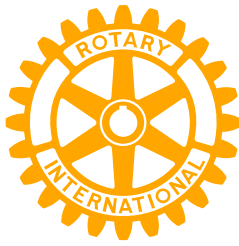
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**The Members of the Rotary Club of Marietta
extend a sincere**

THANK YOU

to all personnel with

Marietta Fire Department & Marietta Police Department.

**To honor those who serve,
we will serve BBQ to YOU!!**

Co-Sponsored by



Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Serving From

11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

In or Around the Haynes St. Fire Station



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

Map for location and parking

Marietta Square

Marietta Fire Museum – Main entrance of museum is on level 1

FREE Parking - Located off Lawrence Street. Please bring ticket in for validation.



WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the October 2 Meeting

After a two week hiatus President **Chris Bethel** approached the podium and rang the bell with authority to open our meeting. He thanked everyone for their hospitality toward 6900 District Governor Jim Squire and his wife Donna Squire, both had many wonderful things to say about our club. President Chris then called out to Dr. **John Knox**, who apparently was not at the meeting, to congratulate him on attaining 872 views on Facebook of the picture he took with DG Jim Squire. Next, the Reverend Dr. **Mark Barbour** confidently walked to the stage to deliver the invocation. Before Mark asked us to bow our heads he told us that he was talking with his mom today and that she said Past President **Jesse** is very handsome and that President Chris is a dreamboat! President Chris quickly dubbed PP Jesse GQ1! After the laughter subsided and with heads now bowed, Mark led us in prayer for our club, all the wonderful work we do and to pray that this continues. He also asked us to pray for the family of Tim Lee, who passed away earlier this week and was a great friend to Mark.

Chuck Boring introduced four guests. Joel Toby, guest of **Chris Mitchell**, Mark Wright, guest of **Glenn Owens**, Deanne Bonner, Past President of the Cobb NAACP and guest of Mark Barbour, and Bill Paden, guest of our speaker.

Don Barbour rose to ask for volunteers for Marietta Reads. There are many slots open so please try to attend one or more of the sessions. Marietta Reads happens the week of October 21.

President Chris said that the SunTrust Park outing raised \$2,500.00 in ticket sales. This amount will be doubled by a generous grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of \$7,500.00, 100% will go to Polio eradication.

We have plenty of events to keep us busy, including our 100th Diamond Jubilee Gala on October 19 at the Marietta Country Club, our Joint luncheon meeting with the Marietta Kiwanis on October 24 and that evening the World Polio Day Reception at the CDC, and the Bring the Heat Cook Off, Red White and Boots on November 14 at the Jim R. Miller Park.

President Chris commented on the no-meeting meeting at Dave Poe's last Wednesday, where Mayor **Bill Dunaway** was sorely missed. His consolation prize was a Dave Poe's styrofoam cup. Also, anytime we need to have another no-meeting meeting it will be at Dave Poe's and be called Barbeque with Bill!



DEBORAH MARSHALL, ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH FOR SEPT.

Yours truly was awarded the Rotarian of the Month for September 2019. It is my pleasure and privilege to be the Editor of our award winning Rotalight. This honor is shared with **Abbott Hall** and all of the club members who graciously offer to scribe the minutes throughout the year. Thank you.

Chuck Boring led Sunshine, Past President Jesse stood up first to say that during his family vacation on Fripp Island he strolled into The Chocolate Tree in Beaufort, SC, where he found chocolates in the shape of the Rotary Wheel. He purchased two, one for President Chris and the other for Mark Barbour. Our next sunshiner was **Norm Aiken** who loudly declared that he is no longer living with two women. That got quite the reaction from the members! Alas, the real story was not nearly as steamy and salacious as one would think – Norm and his wife lived with his wife's sister until their new home was completed. He is now living in his new home with his wife and appears to be very relieved by this turn of events.

In a series of presentations about the history of our club as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary, **Morgan Robertson** titled this presentation "Starts and Finishes". In 1919 a gentleman named John Hancock approached the then President of the Atlanta Rotary Club, Albert S. "Bert" Adams and proposed the issuance of Rotary's 544th charter to a club in Marietta. On Thursday, October 23rd, 1919, President Adams with 25 other members of the Atlanta Rotary Club, boarded a train to Marietta. Upon arrival they were transported to the Marietta Country Club for a sumptuous meal. The Governor of the 8th Rotary District rose to tell the new club what Rotary stood for, describing the ideal Rotarian, and welcomed the club in the warmest terms to the 8th District. He then swore

in the first elected officers, including John Hancock as President. Bert Adams then gave them the glad hand of friendship, welcomed the club and all its members into International Rotary and presented John Hancock with the charter of the Rotary Club of Marietta.



MORGAN ROBERTSON

From that start, followed a century of activity and service. Our club has sponsored scout troops, youth clubs, sporting events, supported schools, charities and the underprivileged. We can be proud of our long and impressive legacy of good turns and good deeds.

Judge **Adele Grubbs** rose to introduce our speaker. Before she did so, she gave a shout out to Mark and Don Barbour's mom who sings in the choir with Judge Grubbs, calling her a bright light and a smart woman. Judge Grubbs prefaced her introduction by reminding us how Lockheed Martin and Dobbins Air Force Base have profoundly shaped and influenced Cobb County. She then introduced Brad Hawkins, the Director of the Aviation History and Technology Center. Currently the Center has 13 aircraft from various points in time. Once part of the Marietta Museum of History, in 2004 The Aviation and Discovery Center was created and the organization opened to the public in 2015. In 2019 the Center split from the Marietta Museum of History and formed its own 501(c)(3).

Brad broke out the goals for the Center between short and long term. The short-term goals include achieving stability, increasing community awareness and impact, development of facilities, outreach and education. The long-term goal is to build a 25,000 sq. ft. facility to house the aircraft. Brad wants people to know that aviation changed the course of history of Cobb County from an



SPEAKER BRAD HAWKINS

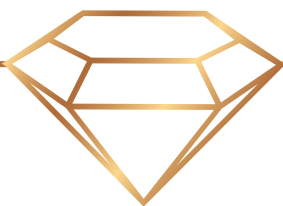
agricultural community into the industrial age, impacting global events. One example is that in 1961 President John Kennedy met with the CEO of Lockheed Martin to desegregate Lockheed Martin. This occurred three years prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Brad wants people to know this history and aims to educate, engage and inspire those that come the Center. Right now he is raising awareness of the Center and encouraging others to get involved by becoming a member, and other ways to get involved.

The Opportunity Drawing was administered by **Lance Burchett** and **Dan Kirk**. As Dr. John Knox won last week's pot, this week's pot was \$55.00. The first to draw was **Tom Downs** and for the second time in a row we had another winner! Tom will receive \$27.50 for his efforts.

As usual, President Chris told our speaker that as a token of our gratitude we will donate a book to a Marietta school in his name.

President Chris reminded us that we are off-site next Wednesday, serving barbeque to the Marietta Police and Firefighters – please sign-up to serve our local first responders and heroes! The following day is the MUST Ministries Cook and Serve. He reminded us to attend the 100th Anniversary Gala on October 19th and to mark our calendars for Thursday October 24 for our joint luncheon with the Marietta Kiwanis. We were also reminded that we have a new proposed member in Mark Wright. With announcements completed, Chuck Boring led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. The bell rang and this informative and entertaining meeting was adjourned.

~ Scribe, *Deborah Marshall*
~ Photos, *Jim Kellogg*



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

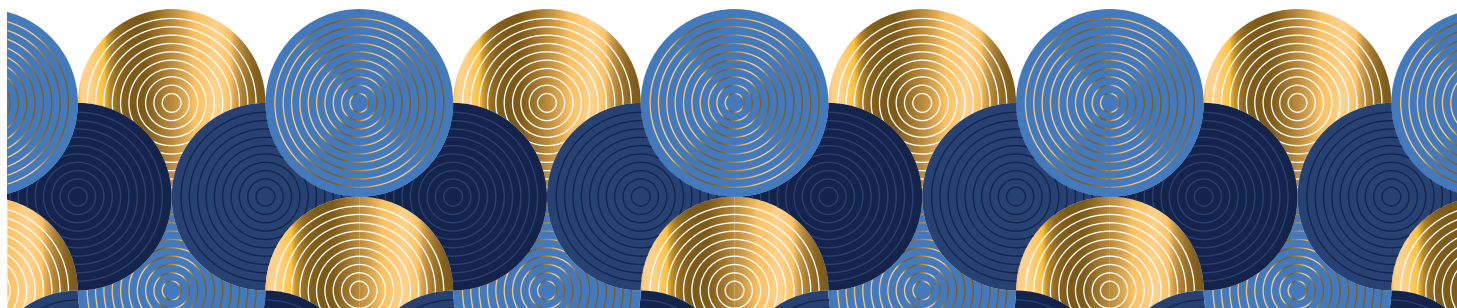
RSVP by October 11, 2019

**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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 10, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries - Cook & Serve
Wednesday, October 16, 2019		No Meeting
Saturday, October 19, 2019	6:00 PM	MRC 100 th 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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