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TODAY'S SPEAKER:

William J. de St. Aubin
CEO of Sizemore Group
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Bill de St. Aubin brings many years of experience leading successful designs involving complex sustainable environments. His process is to collaborate in an open manner with multi-disciplined teams to assure aspiring healthy, sustainable projects and studies are completed within constraints of the market. He directs each project or town plan to realize the highest aspirations of the community. The results are often sustainable designs which provide a sense of heritage, civic pride and stronger sense of community. These projects, studies and designs are often catalysts for the economic redevelopment of an entire district, city or state. Bill has published several papers, conducted seminars and received design awards for his work in transforming suburban communities.

Select Experience / Publications / Speeches:

- Guest Speaker: Harvard Graduate School of Design – Executive Education Program, Urban Retail Essentials: Planning, Design and Management Practices
- Master Plan for Perimeter Center CID, including Mall Retrofit
- Master Plan for Tucker-Northlake CID LCI, including Mall Retrofit
- Master Plan for Town Center Area CID LCI, including Mall Retrofit (GPA Award-Winner)
- ULI Pittsburgh Key Note Speaker on Healthy Communities
- ULI Regional Sustainable Summit Retrofitting Suburban Communities
- National Congress for New Urbanism Conference Speaker
- American Institute of Architects Public Architects, National Conference on Sustainable Design Conference & Workshop Speaker on Sustainable Commercial Facilities
- Healthy Community Planning / Sustainable Urbanism in the South CNU 18 Publication
- City of Duluth Town Center, National Award Winner
- DeKalb County Medline Medical District Master Plan
- AIA Georgia Regional Conference Readapt = Design + Economic Yield Presentation
- Cumberland CID Blueprint and Green TOD Plan (GPA Award-Winner)
- AIA GA Regional Conference Readapt = Design + Economic Yield Presentation
- Fort Mac LCI Master Plan, including Tyler Perry Studios (GPA Award-Winner)
- DeKalb County Stonecrest Mall LCI Master Plan (GPA Award-Winner)
- Crabapple Master Plan for a Rural Walkable Village

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WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the November 13 Meeting

Little did our amiable President **Chris Bethel** know of the coincidental fortuitous nature of our November 13th, 2019, weekly Rotary Club of Marietta Meeting when he enthusiastically struck our Club Bell at eighteen minutes past noon. With his dulcet voice President Chris called to order our dutiful, dedicated, great and good group of community service leaders gathered together on this chilly November day to enjoy the commendable warmth of Rotary revelry and reciprocity. President Chris immediately called our attention to the passing of an exceptional Cobb Countian, community leader, jurist, churchman, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and longtime Rotarian, the Honorable Judge **Conley Ingram**, a member of our Club since 1958. President Chris informed us that his Funeral Service would be held at eleven o'clock Friday, November 15th, at the First United Methodist Church of Marietta. Rotarians attending will be seated together at the service in a designated section of the congregation.

Our President then offered affirmative accolades for all who made possible the successful "Because of the Brave" veterans event sponsored by our Club at the Marietta Country Club this weekend past. Past President Chief Judge **Rueben Green** was then called forward to offer our innovation, thanking the Almighty for "our freedom to worship as we wish, when we wish, how we wish;...to elect our leaders, to gather freely...to speak freely, to have jobs, homes, families, to live in safety, and have all of these freedoms..." methinks Judge Green has spent considerable time talking to the Good Lord outside of our Rotary Meetings to render forth such a beautifully eloquenced, declamative petition! Thereafter congenial gentleman **Jim Fausett** introduced our one Guest, "Michael," who is "Club hopping" in his efforts to determine which Rotary Club in our area is best to his liking. The Scribbler commends Michael Godspeed as he meanders hither and yon in dazed disillusionment knowing that his quest will only be a waste of time... because the RCoM is absolutely the best Club in District 6900(!). President Chris noted "Rotarians in the News," made other numerous and pertinent "Club Service Opportunity" announcements and much to the chagrin of our beloved President, noted our upcoming "FIRESIDE CHAT" to be held at his "new" home in Kennesaw. In the entreaty for new members and all interested Rotarians to attend, unsolicited questions percolated from the Hilton banquet room related to "bringing our own folding chairs and toilet paper" to the event... President Chris turned a lovely shade of crimson as other "BYOF" (Bring Your Own Furniture) comments floated up to the podium. Then our scarlet faced President called upon the dapper and dashing Past President **Jesse Evans** to, as noted by President Chris, convene and call to order our By-laws required annual Club Business Meeting. The purpose of said called meeting being to make note of the list of Officers and Directors



DR. AVRIL BECKFORD

put forth for balloting; nominees were listed therein on the provided ballot and nominees from the floor were requested. Past President **Mark Barbour** immediately rose to banter a nomination from the floor, Past President **Fred Beloin**. Past President Fred bellowed thereafter a resoundingly vigorous "BOOOOOO" in objection to his nomination. Nominations were then closed, and Rotarians then urged to vote on, and or for, the listed propositional would-be future Club Leaders.

Sunshine then followed with a variety of humorous, informative solar radiational offerings from Rotarians Jesse Evans, **Richard Cope**, **Ralph Knight**, and Judge **Adele Grubbs** (who not only would receive recognition for 25+ years of RCoM "Service Above Self" but also rayed us with the celebratory accomplishment of being admitted to the Georgia Bar fifty years ago on this date(!). President Chris then once again made 'years of membership recognitions' of Rotarians who were AWOL at our recently gloriously wonderful centennial confabulation at the Marietta Country Club: **Jeff Long** - 25+; **Warren Gordon** - 25+; and **Doug Haynie** - 40+. Congratulations all for your longtime association with the prestigious 'Mother Club' of practically all Rotary Clubs in Cobb County! Prior to the introduction of our Guest Speaker, Past President Jesse confirmed that all nominees where now and hence forever irrevocably elected to serve our Club via their respective prospective now approved positions.

Very freshly elected President Elect Nominee **Will Allen** was then summoned to the Podium to introduce our esteemed, notable medical Guest Speaker, Dr. Avril Beckford. Prior to P.E.N. Will's introductory remarks, he made mention that "if and or when Past President Judge Reuben Green asks you to serve as a Director... be warned, he does not tell you that serving as a Director sets you up to be nominated to be President of the Club!" Duly noted and Judge Green's keen recruitment of Rotarian Allen duly commended! Squirm as he may, barrister Allen

will indeed compliment the honorable bestowment of this prestigious responsibility as he joins that “great cloud of witnesses” who have preceded him thusly in such an honorable and lofty place of service! PEN Allen then gave a laudable introduction of our Speaker’s exceptional medical credentials and background noting that Dr. Beckford’s husband had “out-punted his coverage when marrying the doctor,” and, we all would “enjoy what she says and the accent with which she says it.” Indeed, Dr. Beckford’s South African accent made her remarks charmingly engaging! Dr. Beckford extended a heartfelt thank you for the opportunity to speak to our Club and to “partner” with our Club in our centennial literacy book project. Then she was expedient to point out that “I have figured out where the naughty table is...pointing to where Doug Haynie, Jeffrey Long, **Don Barbour, Bill Smith, Marlys Williams,** and our award winning *ROTALIGHT* Editor, **Deborah Marshall** were all seated... rowdiest Rotarians indeed seated among the more serenely dispositioned Rotarians Fred Beloin and Mark Barbour (LOL!).

Thereafter the serendipitous synchronistic nature of today’s meeting unfolded as revealed by Dr. Beckford. It seems that her husband had left South Africa as a Rotary Exchange Student in 1985, coming to Tucumcara, New Mexico. Through his ‘Rotary adoption’ into his new ‘New Mexico Rotary Family’ he would “fall in love with the American way of life.” He would return to South Africa and through a “series of unintended Rotary associated consequences and events” “meet, marry, and passionately persuade” his wife, Dr. Beckford, to come to America. Dr. Beckford stated, “if it wasn’t for Rotary, I would not be here!” Fortunately, providentially fortuitous to be sure! She then related her professional gratification for the emergence of WellStar Pediatrics as one of the stellar Pediatrics Health Care Departments in our State noting that “in 1972, our Pediatric Department was almost shut-down.” Her personal insight and proficiency in presenting relevant information about children’s healthcare, emotional, mental, and physical development was exceptional. She likewise referred to her avid support of our centennial literacy project by relating a story that she previously shared at our recent “Gin and Phonics” event regarding a young father with a small child “with tremendous breathing problems.” It seems this father had an aversion to accepting the benefits of reading to his baby “who can’t understand what I’m reading.” Dr. Beckford’s, along with her staff’s gracious coaxing, led to the father’s agreement to read to his ailing infant. After a few weeks, the “holding, reading, and connecting to his baby led to remarkable results...”; “nurses had their ears to the door.” Said Dr. Beckford, and she found them at the door crying one day; “what’s wrong,” she asked her group of nurses, “the dad is actually reading to his baby...it’s beautiful.” The father would later remark, “Hey Doc, thanks for telling me about this reading stuff...no one ever read to me...it really works.” Dr. Beckford related in her comments that “we all presume from different frames of reference...connecting, touching, holding, reading...I’m in a room full of people who understand the importance of holding and reading to

babies.” “Your commitment to giving the [reading] packets to parents at WellStar will make such a difference.” Providential serendipity that Dr. Arvil Beckford of South Africa would marry a Rotarian who would lead her to come across the big pond to eventually come to Marietta to embrace and endorse our Rotary Club of Marietta literacy action project in our 100th year of “Service Above Self!” Further remarks were made about Pediatric inoculations and thereafter during our routine time of questions from the floor, insight regarding flu vaccinations, DTAP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis), and Pneumococcal Pneumonia ‘booster shots’ were provided by the good doctor. Dr. Beckford strongly urged all Rotarians to initiate and receive the DTAP, Flu and Pneumococcal vaccinations.

President Chris then presented our “coveted” 100th Anniversary Globe to Dr. Avril along with the promise to present a book to a Marietta Elementary School in her honor. **Holly Walquist** and **Jeff Couch** were our conveyors of the ‘Opportunity Drawing’ and alas the red oblong-like marble was elusively evasive...Lady Luck happily skipped out of the room.

Our accustomed practice of avid recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag then took place followed by our weekly equally boisterous recitation of the “FourWay Test of the Things We Think, Say, and Do” was well led by our very diligent “Crutches 4 Africa” Service Project Coordinator Richard Cope. And we were all once again pronounced adjourned after yet another commendable Rotary Club of Marietta Wednesday mid-week meeting during our 100th year of making an exceptional difference in our community, district, and world... “It’s a great day to be a Rotarian!”

~Humbly Scribed by Scribbler Mark Barbour

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Crutches 4 Africa will be having a work day this Friday at our warehouse at 6105 Boatrock Blvd, Atlanta. Anyone who would like to help us prepare our crutches walkers and wheelchairs contact:

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MUST Diners Love Chili Fritos Pie

by
Dale W. Covington



Marietta Rotary Chefs Adam and **Harold Hobbs** adapted one of their favorite home recipes for 77 diners at MUST Ministries last week. At home, Adam and Harold like Chili Fritos Pie topped with creamed cheese spiked with green onion bits, however the topping was left off for the pie's first appearance at MUST. It's not a complicated dish. Chili beans to the front bed of it, freshly browned, ground beef to the right of it and fresh tomatoes to the left of it. Into the mixing well of it came chili seasoning, garlic powder and minced onions. After baking for 30-minutes at 350-degrees F, out came the hot casseroles for toppings of shredded cheddar cheese. Once the cheese melted, the casseroles were ready to serve under a tasty bed of corn Fritos scoops. Green leaf salad, canned peaches and bread completed this super meal cooked by Harold, Adam, **Marlys Williams** and **Morgan Robertson** and served by Marlys, **Doug Haynie**, and Dr. **John Knox** with support by **Lewis Lipsius** and **Dale Covington**.



Fireside Chat for New Members



This past Monday evening, President Chris held his first Fireside Chat for new members of the Marietta Rotary Club. The traditional social activity began with drinks followed by excellent food created by President "Chef" Bethel, including Beef Wellington, BBQ pork, chicken, and a potato souffle. The meal was capped off by two unbelievable cakes homemade by Marlys Williams. Past President Jim Kellogg gave a brief history of Marietta Rotary and discussed how new members could get involved. Many attendings had questions and comments. In all a very well presented evening.

Members attending were **Julie O'Meara, Adele Grubbs, Mark Wright, Jim Kellogg, Marlys Williams, Mark Barbour, Sandeep Kapoor, Chris Bethel, Chris Mitchell, Abbott Hall, Philip Knight, Kelly Maxwell, Richard Cope, Marla Blackstone, Jeff Couch, Fred Beloin, and Dan Kirk.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 27, 2019		No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Lt. Jose Valentin "Today's Salvation Army"
Wednesday, December 11, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Santa Secrets: Fun and Spirited Christmas and End of the Year Celebration
Wednesday, December 18, 2019		No Meeting – Due to joint meeting w/ Kiwanis
Thursday, December 19, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Joint Meeting Kiwanis "Annual Christmas Meeting"
Wednesday, December 25, 2019		No Meeting - Merry Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2020		No Meeting - Happy New Year
Wednesday, January 8, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – TBD
Wednesday, January 15, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – Hamilton E. Holmes, Jr., "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"

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