

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

*Celebrating 100 Years of "Service Above Self"*

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*Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year  
from President Chris  
and  
Marietta Rotary  
Club Board*

**SPECIAL PROGRAM TODAY:  
FUN AND SPIRITED CHRISTMAS AND END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION**

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# From the Rotalight Archives

## The Ideal of Service

We are still in the first inning, so to speak, of our new Rotary year. The coaches have been selected, the signals have been called, the practice sessions have gone well, and the players in the field and on the bench are charged with enthusiasm for a successful year.

That, in the parlance of sports, is where Marietta Rotary stands during this first month of a new "season." Whether we are to claim the victory 12 months hence depends on the efforts of each club member - each player on the team.

As a comparatively new member of a relatively "old" club, nothing said here is designed as "preaching," for that would be presumption. A vast majority of "our team" is far wiser and experienced in Rotary than the writer. Rather what is said is intended for the writer himself and merely put on paper so that others may read the memo. During this year, I hope to practice the ideal of service as the basis of worthy enterprise. That is the simple and fundamental object of Rotary, and I shall seek to attain it.

If I am successful, along with my fellow Rotarians, in living up to this ideal of service, a victorious year will be automatic. Fellowship will come naturally. Attendance levels will remain high. Projects of Rotary committees will be successful. In other words, all worthwhile objects of this club will follow along, as surely as clay follows the night, if we attain the ideal of service.

Someone has written what was described as the "True Citizen's Creed," and it is passed on here to be mulled over: **"It is my opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and so long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatsoever I can. I want to be thoroughly worn out when I die for the harder I work, the more I live."**

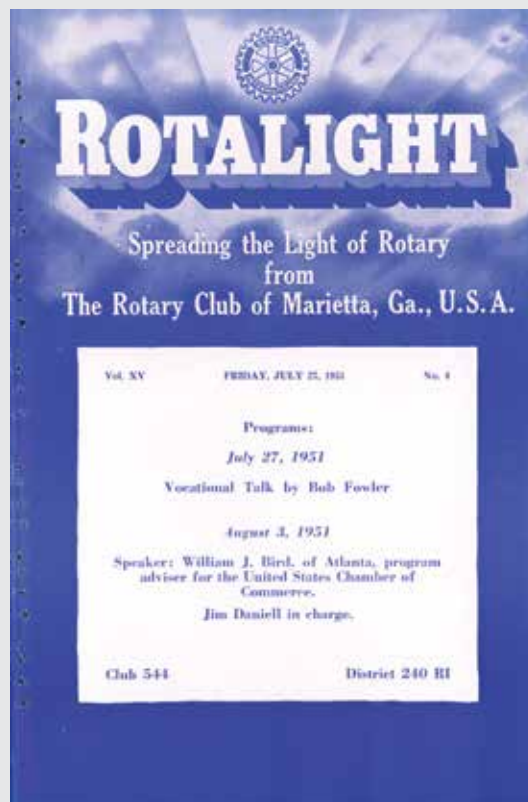
That is a challenging paragraph and is right in line with Rotary's ideal of service. Many members of this club can truthfully say that it is their creed, for the list of civic endeavors engaged in, and led, by Rotarians is impressive.

Eddie Rickenbacker said that if a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to live. Old families, old customs, old styles survive because they are fit to survive. Old-fashioned hospitality, old-fashioned politeness, old-fashioned honor in business have the qualities of survival.

I would only add that Rotary's ideal of service is as old as the teachings of Christ, and has the quality of survival. Let us, like the Roman Marcus Aurelius, "take care that our soul has something credible to preside over:"

~ Brooks Smith  
July 27, 1951

**Editor's Note:** This editorial penned by Brooks Smith, editor of the Rotalight year 1951-52. The president that year was Bolan Glover, and the associate editor Guy Northcutt. The late Mr. Smith was the publisher of the *Marietta Daily Journal* and father to local attorney Hap Smith, past president and charter member of the Marietta Metro Rotary Club.



# Marietta Rotary supports The Salvation Army as "Bell Ringers"



On this past Saturday, Marietta Rotary again supports the Salvation Army. At our last meeting, President Chris presented a check for \$2,500 to Lt. Jose Valentin, and on Saturday, Rotary members were "Bell Ringers" at one of the Salvation Army's Kettles. The dedicated Rotarians taking two hours out of their Saturday were **Lee Pence, Mark Wright, Holly Walquist, Paul Stewart, Fred Beloin, ADG Mark Barbour, Pres. Chris Bethel, Past Pres. Jesse Evans** and his three daughters, **Doug Haynie, Dale Covington, Abbott Hall, Marlys Williams, and Deborah Marshall.**



# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the December 4 Meeting

Melodic seasonal musical merriment made its way into eager ears for our first Rotary Club of Marietta Mid-week Gathering for December 2019. The Salvation Army Ensemble Band settled into the far-right corner of our customary Marietta Hilton Conference Center ballroom meeting place and certainly did an extraordinary job of playing Christmastime favorites prior to the start of our meeting. No Grinchy disposition could resist the resonating reverberative resounding rhythm of such gifted musicians.

President **Christopher Bethel** in his ever so dashing debonair manner deftly clanged our Club bell at approximately 12:14 pm calling the best Rotary Club in District 6900 to order. President Chris extended aspirational affirmations hoping that Thanksgiving happiness was had by all. He then called upon one of our distinguished birthday Rotarians, Judge **Adele Grubbs**, to offer our invocation. After the Judge's pensively persuasive petition of the Almighty with references to this season of goodwill, introduction of visiting Guests and Rotarians ensued as proffered by the equally dashing debonair Past President **Jesse Evans**. Notwithstanding such prevalent male GQ-ism, acknowledgment was rendered forth to one female personage equally resplendently splendiferous. Indeed, our one and only "visitor" (aside from the Salvation Army Ensemble and the SA Speaker-Leader) was none other than the aesthetically beautiful and scintillatingly winsome Rotarian, **Mitzi Moore Smith**(!). A rowdy appreciative applause followed the heartfelt welcome of Sister Moore-Smith who has been "MIA" nigh these many months! What a great joy to have Mitzi back with us again!

Thereafter, several distinguished longtime Rotarians were called forward to stand before the rostrum. Rotarians **Adele Grubbs**, **John Knox**, **Jim Speed**, and **Jim Trapnell** stood in a truly dignified 'line-up' for commendable, applaudable and laudable recognition of their December-Christmastime birthdays. The Salvationist Band had been previously cued to accompany an enthusiastic, exemplary, exhibitory expression of great love and admiration for these good and dear folks. As the time honored "Happy Birthday to You" tune exuded forth, our Past President Scribbler led the assembly of Rotarian converts to a fortissimo crescendoing 'hold' of each named candidate in salutational honor of their said birthdays whilst President Chris passed to each a symbolic expression of our deep, abiding appreciation and highest regard for each personage...namely a freshly heliumed brightly colored crinkly aluminum-like sac sealed at its neck. Yes, the balloons were a nice touch! Then our Assistant District Governor, in such official, dignified, decorous manner, placed a delicate celebratory kiss upon the foreheads of said 'birthday-ians' decreeing that John Knox's forehead should be duly noted as the "fairest and softest" forehead in Marietta Rotary Land! It should also be noted herein that Jim Trapnell is now one year past the nonagenarian benchmark! And, that our beloved brother Jim T., has served 15 consecutive years preparing MUST Ministry lunches for our Club! And, TO BOOT, brother Jim has 'only' been a member of the Rotary Club of Marietta for 44 years! WOW! Congratulations to Jim T. and to all! **Holly Walquist** was then called upon to remind us of the annual "Holidays Around the World" opportunities to

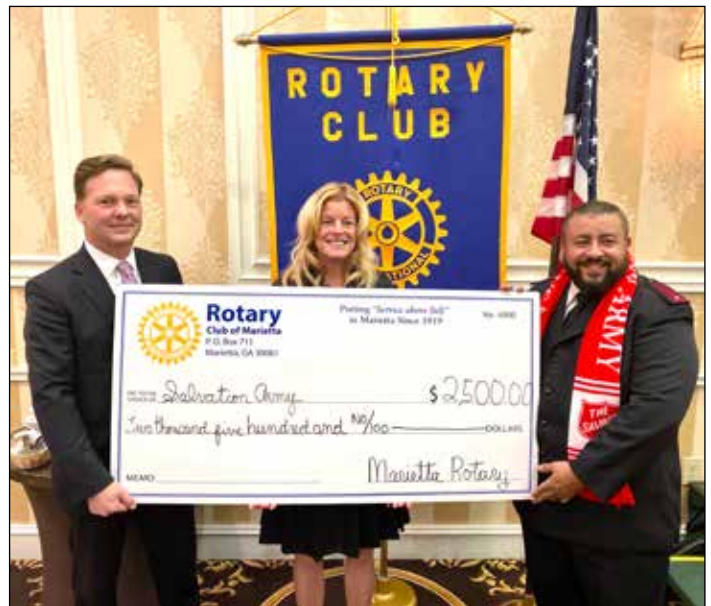


THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

support this good event, namely: 'Family Shopping Day' at the 'Walmarts', 12/8, 1 pm until 3 pm, our 'Toiletry Bag Assembly' opportunity of happiness, 12/10, 5:30 pm 877 Franklin Gateway – Suite 300, and YES(!), be present on Friday, December 13th, 2019, at 877 Franklin Gateway, Suite 700, at 5:30 pm to support this wonderful service project event. **Deborah Marshall** was recognized to commend that bell ringers are still needed for our late Saturday afternoon "Red Kettle" Salvation Army service project at the Sam's Club, 150 Cobb Parkway. Methinks the Georgia Bulldog-LSU 'Tigger' SEC game at the ATL Mercedes Dome that commences at 4 pm has jeopardized the enlistment of Rotarians for the late day service slots. Our President then called once again upon Salvation Army enlistee Deborah Marshall to introduce our esteemed guest, Lieutenant Jose Valentin, who is area leader for the Cobb/Douglas Counties Salvation Army Corp. His program for our meeting, "Today's Salvation Army."

After a brief explanation of his previous career track (formerly a police officer for 17 years and business entrepreneur), Lt. Valentin explained that each day throughout Metro Atlanta, The Salvation Army Centers provide emergency and life-sustaining assistance with food, clothing, rent/mortgage, utilities, school supplies and furniture to individuals and families facing these crises. Likewise, Lt. Valentin expounded on helping the growing number homeless people in our area and around the ATL by providing not only "an encouraging word, but showers, laundry facilities, 'comfort kits' and food bags." "This program," he noted, "is there for those who would otherwise not have access to these basic needs"; "but we also hope to impact their lives in a positive and Christ centered manner." The Salvation Army has an on-going ever-expanding vision of "meeting the needs of those in our community by providing a safe and caring environment to meet some of their immediate needs." "We also strive to provide opportunities to help empower these individuals to move forward with their lives both physically and spiritually." Lt. Valentin also gave pertinent and keen insight into the history of the Salvation Army that was founded in London, England in 1865, by William Booth. He additionally gave impressive statistics related to the number of homeless people, meals, showers, afterschool children, summer campers, and "vacation Bible school" enrollees served over the past year. Moreover, he stated that "eighty-two cents of every dollar given goes directly to the mission work of the Salvation Army." Impressive! Furthermore, Lt. Valentin gave historical insight into the 'red kettle' bell-ringing tradition that got its start in San Francisco in 1891. Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was exceptionally distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome -- funding the project. As he pondered the challenge of feeding over 1,000 homeless people, he remembered his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He recollected how at 'Stage Landing' dock, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle

called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor. The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were fed well at Christmastime. Now, we know the "rest of the story!"



A few questions were presented as customary from the floor. Rotarian barrister **Joe Atkins** directed a question about the dramatic influx of homeless people in our area. Lt. Valentin did acquiesce that indeed homelessness is on the rise, hence, all the more reason to generously support the "Army"! President Chris then made remarks about our funding for the Salvation Army due to the exceptional work of Deborah Marshall and **Michelle Miller**, recently and in days past, enabling a benevolent gift from of Club in the amount of \$2500! A symbolic "BIG CHECK" was then appropriately presented to Lt. Valentin. Our President then noted that a book would be presented to a Marietta Elementary School in our guest speaker's honor. Rotarians **Walt Walker** and **Tom Downs** presided over our Club's 'Opportunity Drawing' and once again Lady Luck would not dance with nary a Rotarian the 'cha-cha' of gleeful good fortune. **Chris Mitchell** nor Salvation Army Band member, Josh, picked the everso elusively enigmatic red oblong-like marble!

Our noteworthy practice of respectful, rousing recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag then occurred, followed by our weekly equally enthusiastic recitation of the Rotary International "Four Way Test" of the "Things We Think, Say, and Do" were both well led by the delightfully dear-to-all, faithful Rotarian **Becky Sawyer**. And thereafter we were all once again "belled" adjourned after yet another marvelously managed 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

# MORE PICTURES FROM OUR LAST MEETING

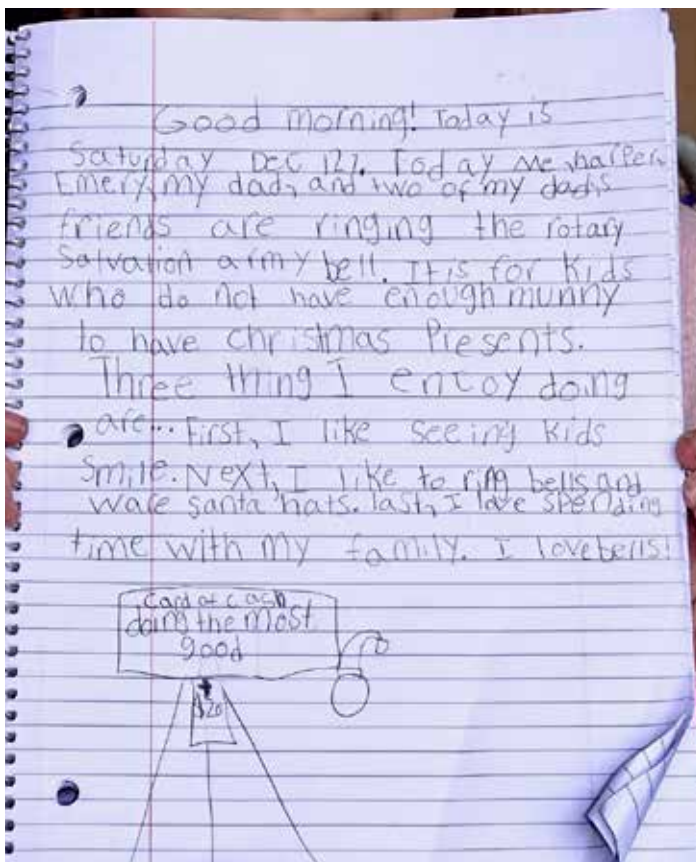


PRESIDENT CHRIS WELCOMES ALL



JESSE WELCOME MITZI SMITH MOORE

## FROM SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



"I LOVE BELLS" BY FINLEY EVANS,  
DAUGHTER OF PAST PRESIDENT JESSE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



CHRIS MITCHELL DRAWS – BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!



# Rotary Club of Marietta

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Holidays Around the World' Children's Party

Franklin Rd. Marietta Police Athletic League: 200-250 Kids

**DATE:** Friday, December 13, 2019 from 6-8pm

**LOCATION:**

Location Christ Harvesters Global Outreach Ministries, 877 Franklin Rd.(now Franklin Gateway) Suite #200 , Marietta, GA, 30067

**Dear Rotarians:**

Every year we ask each member of our club to participate in some way for our annual Children's Christmas Party. This year, similar to last year, we will be working with the Franklin Road Community Association, the Marietta City Police Department Police Athletic League (PAL) & a variety of other local organizations & businesses. We will be purchasing 2 - \$10 children's gifts for over 200 underprivileged children of all ages. We are providing toys/gifts, pizza & drinks, toiletry bags, and a craft table. *Below are all the many ways you and your family can help, as many hearts & hands are needed to accomplish this community event.*

**1. The easiest thing for you to do is to please consider donating a check or cash for up to \$75.** Your donation must be collected during Rotary meetings no later than the December 4<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting. We will collect these at the meetings each week.

- Please make your check out to: **MRFF** or you can pay cash.

We **CAN NOT** add it to your bill. Please indicate on the check: **Christmas Party**

**2. Sign up to help assemble the toiletry bags** on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the above party location.

**3. Please attend the evening event** & help with the Rotary craft or refreshment tables, handing out gifts/toiletry bags/pizza or be a Santa's helper. We'll find the perfect thing for you to do.

**4. Attend the Rotary Family Shopping Day by being an elf & help with the shopping event on** Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Walmart on Cobb Parkway.

**Deliver the gifts to location Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> by 9:30am.** If you do this you will need to come to the shopping day to fill your car up with the toys that are purchased. (see Holly for more details)

Questions contact: Holly Walquist at 404-518-4664 or via email: [holly@hollyenterprises.com](mailto:holly@hollyenterprises.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 12, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Christmas Lunch
Friday, December 13, 2019	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Childrens' Christmas Party
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 – Dr. Spencer Gelernter, Licensed Psychologist
Wednesday, January 15, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – Hamilton E. Holmes, Jr., "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"
Wednesday, January 22, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Patricia Patterson, Marietta Center for Advanced Academics

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