

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

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*The Rotary Club of Marietta  
Welcomes  
Today's Speaker:  
**François Gauthron**  
D-Day and Normandy Expert*



**Rotary**  
Club of Marietta



## TODAY'S SPEAKER: François Gauthron

WWII Battlefields Expert Licensed Guide, François Gauthron is an official tour guide. He has been guiding Battlefields for more than 15 years, Normandy is his region of birth. Either on a private guided tour or a group tour, François Gauthron is your personal guide in Normandy and the North West of France.

This passionate travel guide shares with you his extended knowledge on the D-Day landing beaches and on the Battle of Normandy.



## Things you should Know

☀ Meeting Next Week is the **Annual Christmas Special** with the Kiwanis Club as our guest on Wednesday.

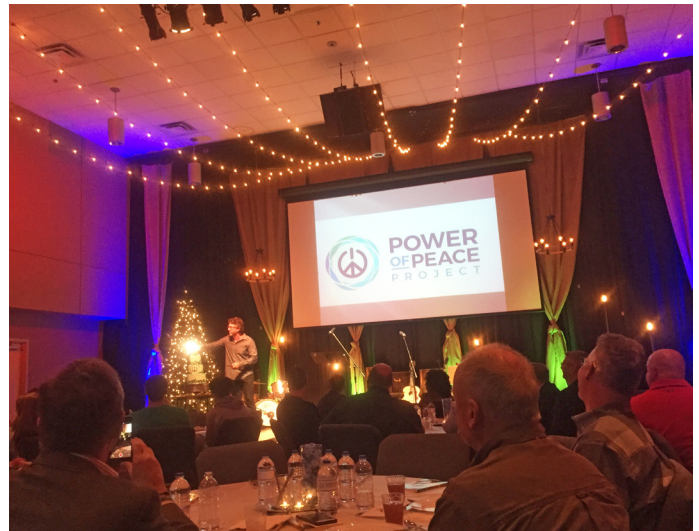
Same place and time. Outstanding speaker: Chief Justice Harold Melton, Supreme Court GA

☀ **Christmas Project** for Children Friday, December 14

**NEW LOCATION:** Gateway Oaks Business Park  
877 Franklin Gateway,  
Suite 330,  
Marietta, GA 30067

☀ **MUST** December Luncheon on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Join Harold Hobbs at 10:30 and help make this a great holiday meal for those less fortunate.

## POWER OF PEACE PROJECT



On Sunday, December 2nd, President Jesse snapped this picture of RCOM member Kit Cummings, Founder of the Power of Peace Project, during the 10th Anniversary celebration held at Northstar Church. Attendees included Rotarians, police chiefs, mayors and other local supporters there to raise funds to expand POPP's "Protect the Dream" leadership development initiative at our very own Marietta High School. The Rotary Clubs of Marietta, Marietta Metro and North Cobb are proud sponsors of the Protect the Dream program. Congratulations and well done, Kit!



# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the November 28 Meeting



As members and guests gathered for Rotary, they heard joyful Christmas music emanating from five brass instrumentalists in the west end of the meeting room. The ensemble was part of the Marietta Pops Orchestra.



DR. PAUL HILL

President **Jesse Evans** rang the meeting to order. **Kit Cummings** gave the Invocation. The Honorable **Adele Grubbs**, Past President, called the ensemble's conductor, Dr. Paul Hill, to the podium to introduce each musician and to announce the Orchestra's 9th Holiday Concert on Friday, December 7th, at First Baptist Church. Right on cue, the visiting musicians launched into a medley of universal favorites at this time of the year including "Hark the Herald Angles Sing" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." President Jesse thanked the performers and invited them to stay for lunch after their instruments were secured.



HOLLY WALQUIST

**Holly Walquist** encouraged Rotarians to shop for children's Christmas presents at Walmart on December 9th and to attend the Club's "Holidays Around the World Children's Party" on December 14th when the gifts and plenty of pizza would be distributed to over 200 youngsters in the Franklin Road area. Kit invited members to North Star Church in Kennesaw on Sunday, December 2 for supper and information about another seasonal service opportunity for selected students at Osborne and South Cobb High Schools.

Beams of sunshine brightened everyone's faces as **Lee Pence** and President Jesse commended our Club's support of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Kickoff in the Park Square on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Judge Grubbs welcomed our speaker, J.K. Murphy, the Managing Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal and Past President of the Gwinnett Rotary Club.

J.K.'s focus was the impact of the digital revolution upon all areas of life nowadays and newspaper publishing in particular. He compared the Industrial Revolution spanning the past 250 years with today's digital stampedes in cameras, music, movies and grocery shopping, where change occurs as fast as a finger snap. Newspaper publishers are challenged as their print and online reading audiences become more transitory and largely believe that news should be free and suit their convenience. These challenges place huge demands on newspaper's advertising revenues. Between them, Google Search and Facebook comprise 58-percent of the digital advertising market that now generates more billions of dollars than TV



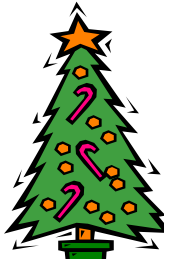
LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER, J. K. MURPHY

advertising. Referencing Joe Pompey's article in *Vanity Fair* last month describing a conversation between A.G. Sulzberger, Sam Dolnick and David Perpich—cousins all at the *New York Times*; J.K. seized upon Sulzberger's observation about the Times' future, "The time will come when this is a digital-only news organization." Sulzberger added, "Advertising will never be enough to pay for quality journalism." Positives for digital news publishers include 24/7 coverage, widespread accessibility to video and audio media, global audiences and immediate feedback from the consuming public.

In thanking J.K., President Jesse held aloft a copy of *Uni the Unicorn and the Dream Come True* that will be donated in J.K.'s honor to an elementary school in Marietta. President Jesse then welcomed **Bill Dunaway** back at his usual table and underscored Rotary's joint meeting with Kiwanis on December 12th.

Although Past President **Tom Maloy** facilitated the drawing of their lucky tickets, alas neither **Jess Loper** nor **Jim Burns** could find that pesky red marble in the green bag held by **Sandeep Kapoor** during today's Opportunity Drawing. On a third drawing, Jim won two tickets to the upcoming holiday concert by the Pops Orchestra. **Norman Aiken** led all to recite the Pledge and Four-Way Test concluding today's meeting. 🍀

~Scribe, Dale W. Covington  
~Photos, Jim Kellogg



# Rotary Club of Marietta 12<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Holidays Around the World' Children's Party

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

**DATE:** Friday, December 14, 2018 from 6-8pm

**New Location:** Gateway Oaks Business Park, 877 Franklin Gateway, Suite 330  
Marietta, GA 30067

## *Dear Fellow 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 at least 2-3 \$10 children's gifts for over 200 underprivileged children of all ages. We are providing toys/gifts, pizza & drinks, toiletry bags, 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 and most needed is to please consider donating a check for up to \$75.* Your check must be collected on or before the December 5<sup>th</sup> Rotary Meeting. We will collect these at meetings each week starting at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Please make your check out to: **MRFF** or bring cash, we CAN NOT add it to your quarterly bill. - Please indicate in the memo: **Christmas Party**

*2. Attend the Rotary Family Shopping Day & consider being an elf - help with the shopping event on Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Walmart on Cobb Parkway. Bring kids and grandkids to help us shop as they love to do this with you.*

*3. Help assemble Toiletry Gift Bags.* Meet at the above party location on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 5:30pm-7:30pm to help assemble the toiletry gift bags.

*4. Or help December 10, 11, or 12 from 10am-12noon* sorting toys & setting up for the event at the above location on Franklin Rd. (see Holly for more details)

*5. Most IMPORTANTLY.....Please attend the event on December 14 & 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.*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 9, 2018	1:00 PM	Shopping Day for Children, Walmart on U.S. 41 near Big Chicken
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	12:15 PM	Chief Justice Harold Melton, Supreme Court GA
Thursday, December 13, 2018	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Cook and Serve
Friday, December 14, 2018	6:00 PM	Annual Holidays Around The World Project <b>NEW LOCATION:</b> Gateway Oaks Business Park 877 Franklin Gateway, Suite 330, Marietta, GA 30067
Wednesday, December 19, 2018	12:15 PM	No Meeting
Wednesday, December 26, 2018		No Meeting - Happy Holidays
Wednesday, January 2, 2019		No Meeting - Happy New Year!
Wednesday, January 9, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Heidi Green, Chief of Staff for the US Dept. of Agriculture

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