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Celebrating 100 Years of "Service Above Self"

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Marietta Rotary Cooks at MUST



Today's Speaker: SAMUEL NEWTON



**U.S. Naval Academy Graduate
and Nuclear Expert**

**Topic:
Three Mile Island Cleanup**

Sam graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree and from the United States Naval Postgraduate School in 1969 with a Master's degree in management.

He then entered the Navy's Nuclear Power program, completing Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, MD and Nuclear Power Prototype Training in West Milton, NY. Following submarine school, Sam was assigned to the USS Nautilus (SSN 571), homeported in New London, CT., in which he served as a division officer and department head from 1971 to 1974. Following a tour as a Company Officer at the Naval Academy from 1974 to 1976, upon completion of the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, Sam was assigned as the Engineer Officer aboard USS Cavalla (SSN 684) from 1976 to 1980. While on board Cavalla, he completed qualification for command in submarines. He left active duty in 1980 and affiliated with the reserves for twelve years. During this time, Sam served as the Commanding Officer of units supporting USS California (CGN 36), USS Yellowstone (AD 41), and Submarine Support Facility New London, as well as a staff assignment in a unit supporting the joint staff of the Commander in Chief, US European Command. Sam retired from the reserves in 1992 with the rank of Captain.

After leaving active duty, Sam was employed by the General Public Utilities Nuclear Corporation at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in the aftermath of the accident at Unit 2. He managed various aspects of training before becoming the training manager in 1983.

In 1985, Sam moved to Marietta to join the Institute Of Nuclear Power Operations, a non-profit organization formed by the nation's nuclear utilities as the industry's response to the Three Mile Island Accident. INPO's mission is to promote the highest levels of safety and reliability – to promote excellence – in the operation

of commercial nuclear power plants. At INPO Sam served as a manager of the Emergency Preparedness Department, the Events Analysis Department, and the Accreditation Department; as deputy

director of the Plant Evaluation Division, and as Director of the Plant Information Center. He also served as an Accreditation Team Manager and management representative and Plant Evaluation Team Manager and Exit Representative. In the latter position, he represented INPO's CEO in presenting results of plant evaluations to utility CEOs. Sam also was seconded to the World Association of Nuclear Operators, Atlanta Center, where he served as manager of the Performance Improvement Department. Sam also served a reverse loan assignment as the Vice President of Operations for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation. He retired from INPO in 2011.

Since retiring Sam has done some consulting work in the nuclear industry, but he spends much of his time on the golf course or, with his wife Sandy, traveling around the country volunteering at major golf tournaments. Sam and Sandy reside in Marietta. They have four children, including two Naval Academy graduates (91) and (94) and two UGA graduates. They have seven grandchildren, one of whom is a 1/c at the United States Air Force Academy.

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the July 10 Meeting

Newly minted President **Chris Bethel** confidently strode up to the podium and took a big whack at the Rotary bell to call his first, but certainly not last, meeting of the 2019-2020 year. He acknowledged Past President **Jesse Evans**, as the most relaxed person in the room, and I think that PP Jesse would heartily agree with him. He then called on **Jim Kellogg** to give the invocation, where he prayed for good fortune to shine on this brand new Rotary year, and prayed that President Chris and his Board of Directors will steer us on a good path and a promise of a bright future.

Before he could enjoy his lunch, Jim had one more duty to execute – the introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests. Visiting us from Leeds, England were Mike and Bronia Cam, who are in town visiting relatives. They are a Rotary house divided, as Mike is a member of the Rotary Club of Calvery and Bronia, the Rotary Club of Leeds. They came bearing a gift in the form of a banner, to present to President Chris, and he reciprocated with our 100th Anniversary banner. Chris Mitchell, guest of the club, was our only guest.

PP Jesse was pressed into duty to give out Service Above Self Awards to recipients who could not make it to Presidents' Night. While **Jess Loper** and **Mark Adams** were not present, he was able to give **Abbott Hall** a golden scoop award and **Holly Walquist** a golden golf ball award.

IN THE NEWS! **Dan Kirk** penned an article in the MDJ called "Proud to be an American". **Joyette Holmes** was sworn in by Brian Kemp as Cobb County's new District Attorney. President Chris "sunshined" **Fred Beloin** for becoming a new grandfather to a grand daughter and in the next few weeks another grand baby will be born. Stay tuned.

ADG **Mark Barbour** reminded everyone to save the date of November 14, 2019 for the 2nd annual Bring the Heat Red, White and Boots Barbeque. This is a charity fundraiser for the Georgia National Guard, the Cobb Public Safety Foundation and the Brave Victor Fund of the Cobb County Veterans Court.

As is customary, the first meeting of the year is set aside for the new President to lay out the plan for the year. President Chris started out telling the membership a little bit about himself. He is a native Atlantan living in Kennesaw GA. He is a lawyer, and has a daughter, Emma and a dog David Crockett. His passions are tennis, pizza and cars, especially his convertible BMW. His favorite thing is to hang out with his daughter and dog at the lake.

He then enlightened us with Rotary International Facts such as there are 1.2 M Rotarians in the world, which makes Rotary the largest civic club organization. RI's focus is on ending Polio, providing Clean water and Literacy. RI's core

values include: Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership. It is President Chris' intent to make sure every member signs up to serve on a committee that is part of one of the five core values.

Next he turned to our club. Presently we have 92 active members, 13 honorary members and two new members who will be inducted into the club at the July 17 meeting. Our financial picture is strong thanks to the efforts of previous administrations. Our Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget has been approved and we are showing a slight surplus. In addition, each administration must renew our contract with the Hilton. This year we negotiated vigorously, which may be the reason why we had no A/C in our meeting room today!

The Rotary International theme for this year is "Rotary Connects the World". District 6900's focus is on Literacy. Our Club's theme for this year is "Past, Present and Future". The Past is a reflection of our rich history covering over 100 years. **Buck Northcutt** and **Morgan Roberts** are charged with compiling the history of the club, which will be presented at meetings throughout the year. The Present is a celebration of our Centennial Anniversary. Our "no moss grows under her feet gal", P. E. **Mary Ansley Southerland** is taking the lead in coordinating this event. The Future is continued service above self to our community both locally and globally. Two examples of our future include the recent District grant awarded to RCOM and the Smyrna and Atlanta Brazil Clubs for a Literacy Project at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital was won through the collaborative efforts of many, and applying for the Governors' Award.

In closing, President Chris encouraged us to get involved and have fun! Even though he was our speaker, he still dedicated a book to be donated to a Marietta school called "The Incredibly Little Happy".

Final announcements included a reminder to sign up for MUST Ministries Cook and Serve on July 11, and mentioning that next weeks' speaker is Sam Newton, who will talk about the clean up of 3 Mile Island. President Chris gave some big props to Fred Beloin and **Adele Grubbs** for vetting and securing speakers.

The Opportunity Drawing was administered by **Jim Trapnell** and Holly Walquist. Judge Grubbs was the first to draw, but this was not her lucky day. Next up was **Tom Downs**, who also struck out. P. E. Mary Ansley Southerland had the honor of leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way test. President Chris rang the bell and our first meeting of the year was adjourned.

~ Scribe, Deborah Marshall
~Photos, Many Thanks to Cindy Suto

PRESIDENT CHRIS BETHEL



PICTURES FROM LAST MEETING



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MUST Ministry Lunch 7/11/2019

BY MARIETTA ROTARY



MUST Ministries' kitchen was potentially sweltering both inside and outside last Thursday as the temperature climbed to plus 92 degrees; however, the committed Marietta Rotary team of Chef **Harold Hobbs**, **Doug Haynie**, **John Knox**, **Lewis Lipsius**, **Jim Trapnell**, and **Marlys Williams** prepared and served lunch to a record-breaking number of 110 diners at the Elizabeth Kitchen facility. The MUST organization had alerted the Rotary team that the number of attendees for the week had been running from 100-120 daily for lunch, surpassing the customary 70-80 diners for this time of year. The diners are consistently very thankful to partake of a delicious, nutritious meal in an air-conditioned dining facility.

From Chef Harold's repertoire of menus to serve 100+ within a two-hour deadline, Tex-Mex Chicken Casserole was made ready. The dish comprised of 12 one-pound packages of thin spaghetti cooked al dente, 9 one-half gallon cans of chicken breasts, 16 cans cream of mushroom soup, 12 packages of dry taco seasoning mix, a 5 lb. container of sour cream, 8 quart jars of medium salsa, topped off with 5 lbs. of sharp cheddar cheese. Accompanying this entrée were assorted breads, tossed salad, and fruit cocktail.

If you are seeking a community service project to facilitate in utilizing the power of Rotary service to change lives, this endeavor will fulfill that objective. Your participation and assistance would be welcomed. Teamwork makes the dream work, and the life you change most will be your own.

Scribe
Marlys Williams







UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 24, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, July 31, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, August 7, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Evan Mercer
Thursday, August 8, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries - Cook & Serve

R.I. President, Mark Daniel Malone
District Governor, Jim Squire
Assistant D.G., Mark Barbour

- THEME: "Rotary Connects the World"
- 6900 FOCUS: Literacy
- Connection: *Allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, and with people we would have never otherwise met.*



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