

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

Celebrating 100 Years of "Service Above Self"

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Senior Journalist AJC

"Triumphs and Tragedies"



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Jennifer is senior reporter and digital coach for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and has covered ongoing topics like Georgia's film industry, fun events like the Super Bowl, Masters, Olympics and Rose Bowl and then, unfortunately, multiple mass shootings over the years.

She says, "By far the best thing I've ever done was writing about Mr. Floyd, Marietta's now globally famous mailman!" She and husband, Charlie, and have lived in historic Marietta (two different houses, both of which have been on the Pilgrimage tour) for 20 years and are members of Marietta First United Methodist Church and are actively involved in the community.

Jennifer is from Rocky Mount, North Carolina and graduated from North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA

Monday, November 18, 2019 @ 6-7:30pm

RSVP to chris@cmbesq.com by Friday, November 15, 2019



The **fireside chat** is a tradition that has endured as a fun, welcoming social activity that provides new members with a history of **Rotary** and an explanation of the various opportunities for involvement. This is an informal way to learn about Rotary.

Dinner & Drinks @ 1590 Gilbert Road, Kennesaw Georgia 30152

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the October 30 Meeting

President **Chris** rang the bell to open the final October meeting of the Rotary Club of Marietta. He welcomed all and particularly acknowledged **Bill Smith, George Dozier** and Teresa Jones. President Chris asked us to keep member **Jack Corn** in our prayers after the loss of his granddaughter, Taylor. Our club made a donation in memory of Taylor. The Rev. Dr. **Mark Barbour** gave our invocation, mentioning the impact RCoM made in its first 100 years, and looking forward to our impact in the next 100 years. **Chris Mitchell** introduced the guests at today's meeting, including Harold Malina, Kaitlynn Washington, Libby Coan, Tricia Fox, Christine Ramirez, Ann Paden Watts and Kim Blass, guests of our speaker, Dr. Grant Rivera. Teresa Jones is the guest of President Chris.

Past President **Jesse Evans** proffered the Slate of Officers and Club Administrators for the upcoming 2020-2021 year. He read out the names on the proposed slate and their positions. A motion was made to approve the slate which was seconded and unanimously approved by all members attending.

President Chris commented that we had a fantastic 100TH Anniversary bash and a special edition of the MDJ celebrated us on the front page of the October 27, 2019 edition. The Rotalight team will be putting together a special 100th Anniversary edition of the Rotalight to mark this auspicious occasion.

President Elect **Mary Ansley Southerland** handed out the service awards to those at the meeting and who missed the 100th Gala. It is a long list of prominent members who have made this club what it is today. Congratulations to all the awardees on a job well done.

Announcements came next, President Chris said that this has probably been the busiest October we've ever had. Rotary in the News – the MDJ highlighted our 100th Anniversary and printed another article by **Dan Kirk** and we were mentioned on The Georgia Gang TV show on Fox 5.

Marietta Reads was a big hit, thanks to **Don Barbour** for organizing this activity. 26 Rotarians read to 39 2nd grade classes and 819 kids were read to.

Please attend GIN & PHONICS HAPPY HOUR, to kick-off our 100th Anniversary Literacy Project. This event will be held on Monday, November 4th from 5-7 PM at Kouzina Christos. We want a big turnout so please join us this coming Monday.

Because of the Brave Veteran's Day event will be held on Saturday, November 9th at the Marietta Country Club. RSVP to Mary Ansley if interested in attending.

Bring the Heat Cook-off will take place on November 14th at the Jim R. Miller Pavilion.

KSU Cares Annual Golf Tournament will be held on November 11th.

President Chris announced that Mary Ansley Southerland is the October Rotarian of the Month. Well deserved, Madam President Elect!

Richard Cope reminded members that he will need help with Crutches 4 Africa. Please see Richard if you can help fill the containers with mobility devices to be shipped out to Africa in December.

Carlos Rodriguez rose to introduce our speaker, Superintendent of Marietta City Schools, Dr. Grant Rivera. While he is a Kiwanian, our speaker stated that he is very moved by what Rotary does for the community. Following along with RCoM's 100th Anniversary Literacy Project, Marietta City Schools are also making literacy a priority. The goal is to have every child kindergarten ready. This begins with the Early Learning Center which uses activity-based exercises to help students with reading and math. The center is dedicated to developing the reading brain by working on understanding letters, sounds and syllables. These activities will get the early learning center students ready for kindergarten. By first and second grades the students are focusing on phonics.

Dr. Rivera was approached a few years ago by a parent who said that she could not enroll her child in a Marietta City School because her child was dyslexic. Other parents voiced this issue to Dr. Rivera so he implemented the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading in all Marietta City Schools. Select teachers were trained in this approach which helps those with dyslexia and other reading differences learn to read.

Dr. Rivera answered questions and President Chris told him that we will be donating a book named in his honor to a Marietta City School. This week's book was The Adventures of Paddington.

The Opportunity Drawing was administered by **Joe DeSantis** and **Brooke Cohen**. Alas, neither **Daniel White** nor **Bill Dunaway** were able to locate the red marble.

Dan Kirk led us in the Pledge and 4-Way test and our meeting was adjourned.

Scribe, Deborah Marshall

Photos from our Last Meeting

Photos by Jim Kellogg



Newspaper articles, Proclamations and awards on display



Past President Dr. Mark Barbour delivers the invocation

Years of Service Awards



Tucker Hobgood, Kelly Maxwell, Lee Pence, Jim Kellogg 25+ Years



Ben Worley, Joe DeSantis, Fred Beloin 25+ Years



Richard Cope 30+ Years



Charles Kilgore, Lewis Lipsius 25+ Years

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George Dozier 50+ Years



Bill Dunaway 55+ Years

Rotarian of The Month for October



Mary Ansley Southerland



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Pictured are Superintendent of Marietta Schools, Dr. Grant Rivera, and President Chris joined by students from the Emily Lembeck Early Childhood Education Program.



Carlos Rodriguez introduced our Guest Speaker



Dr. Grant Rivera

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – William J. de St. Aubin
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 – TBD
Wednesday, December 11, 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.

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