

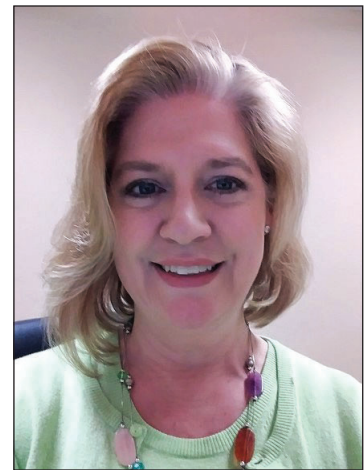
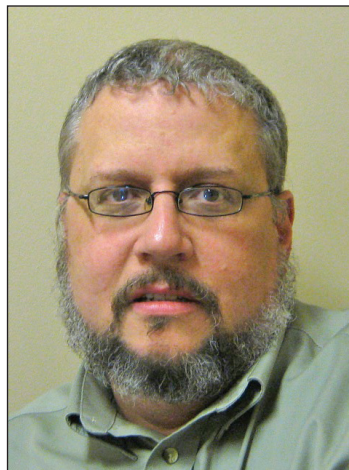
# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

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*The solution for homelessness & addiction*



**OFF-SITE MEETING  
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*“Another chance is what we offer at The Extension—a licensed residential recovery program serving homeless men and women of Cobb County who suffer from alcohol and other addictions.”*

Residents usually come to us by word of mouth but they are also referred to us by various Cobb County government services and nonprofits. Would-be residents undergo a rigorous assessment to assure that they are genuinely committed to starting a new chapter in their lives. Then begins the long, tough challenge of reclaiming their lives from the clutches of chemical dependency.

In addition to substance abuse counseling, we provide residents with educational opportunities and life skills training. After more than twenty-five years of service in the Cobb community, we have built strong relationships with local businesses and organizations, relationships we draw on to place residents in jobs within weeks their arrival.

When they have completed our program, residents eagerly give back to the Extension both financially and by serving as mentors and friends to newer residents. Above all, our alumni give back by demonstrating through their own lives that it is possible for former addicts to live healthy productive lives.

At The Extension, we are proud to be in the business of giving people who are determined to change their lives a realistic chance of doing so. For them, it is the chance of a lifetime.

Our mission is to facilitate a transformation that empowers chemically dependent homeless men and women to become sober, accountable members of society and to serve as a recovery resource for the community.

## IT'S OFFICIAL!



**Sandeep Kapoor, Kit Cummings and Chuck Core** receive their permanent badges from President Jesse and Membership director Kelly Maxwell.

# WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the February 27 Meeting



LAURETTA HANNON

President **Jesse Evans** opened our meeting and noted the abnormally balmy weather. **Buck Northcutt** delivered the invocation, and **Sandeep Kapoor** introduced visitors and guests. **Jim Fausett** brought Roger Allen (Rector at St. James Episcopal Church) and Jeff Couch (architect). **Jennifer Nelson** brought Laretta Hannon (a previous speaker). Also, Ben Hunter was a Rotarian visiting from the North Fulton Club. President Jesse reminded us that next week's meeting is off-site at The Extension. **Blaine Clotfelter** announced that the recent social at the Wine Market was a huge success.



BUCK NORTHCUTT

A quorum being present, **Mark Barbour** moved for approval, and Buck Northcutt seconded the motion to amend the by-laws. The vote on the motion was unanimously in favor. Copies of the proposed amended by-laws were previously distributed to the membership and were again available for review prior to the vote.



President Jesse sadly announced that past-president Russ Wood had resigned from the club due to job and family commitments and that Dr. Tim Brown had also resigned due to his new position with the Georgia Department of Education. With his office being in downtown Atlanta it became logistically impossible for him to make it back to Marietta for lunch meetings.

President Jesse also was glad to report that **Lee Alison Rable** and **Bert Reeves** were both recently featured in the *Cobb Life Magazine*. Mark Barbour announced that his sunshine was having president-elect **Chris Bethel** attend PETS (Rotary Leadership Training) soon.

Jennifer Nelson introduced our speaker, Gary McGaha, Ph.D., President of Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Dr. McGaha is a native of Corinth, Mississippi. He received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi Valley State University, his M.A. from Bowling Green State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. Prior to coming to Atlanta Metro, he held administrative positions at Kentucky State University, Morehouse University School of Medicine, and Georgia Perimeter College. After serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim President, Dr. McGaha became President of Atlanta Metro on November 13, 2007.




SPEAKER DR. GARY MCGAHADR

Atlanta Metro is one of only nine public state colleges in Georgia and one of only three public institutions of higher education in Atlanta proper (the others are Georgia State and Georgia Tech). It is located on Metropolitan Parkway in Atlanta, about four miles from the Capitol.

Atlanta Metro's mission is to provide quality education to its students, most of whom are the first in their families to attend college. It offers both associates and bachelors degrees. Many of its students are dual enrolled, which allows them to complete their high school diploma and then go on to graduate from college in two years. It sends many students to Georgia Tech, and they do quite well there. Atlanta Metro also enjoys a good working relationship with Kennesaw State University and offers six degrees through that program. A new program of which Dr. McGaha is particularly proud is the Police Science Institute, which prepares students to serve as police officers and is led by a former U.S. Secret Service Agent.



There was no winner in the opportunity drawing. The pledge and four-way test were led by Buck Northcutt, and then the meeting was adjourned. 

~ Joe Atkins, Scribe  
~ Dale Covington, Photos

# UPCOMING EVENTS

|  |          |  |
|--|----------|--|
| Wednesday, March 13, 2019              | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Hank Klibanoff;<br>Georgia Civil Rights Cold Cases Project at<br>Emory University |
| Thursday, March 14, 2019               | 10:30 AM | Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries  |
| Wednesday, March 20, 2019              | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – Mayor Bill Dunaway;<br>Reflections on Marietta: Then and Now                          |
| Wednesday, March 27, 2019              | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – Benjamin Fischer-Valuck, MD   |
| Wednesday, April 3, 2019               |          | NO MEETING   |
| Wednesday, April 10, 2019              | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Jere Morehead,<br>President, University of Georgia                                |
| Wednesday, April 17, 2019              | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – TBA   |
| Wednesday, April 24, 2019              | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – TBA   |
| Thursday - Sunday, April 25 – 28, 2019 |          | District Conference – Sand Destin, Florida   |

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