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Rotary
Club of Marietta



The Rotary Club of Marietta
Welcomes
Today's Speaker:
Dr. Kent Wessinger
Millennial Development



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY ROTARACT CLUB 'Re-Boot' Reverses the 'Blue Screen of Death!'

On February 23, 2011 (the 106th Anniversary of the first Rotary Club Meeting in Chicago), the Originating Charter of the KSU Rotaract Club was signed by Faculty Advisor/Sponsor/Club Member **Debra Day**, then Club President **Mark Barbour**, then Club Secretary Susan Upchurch, and founding KSU Rotaract President Cynthia Hosford. Eighteen KSU Rotaractors were Guests of our Club on that auspicious Rotary International Anniversary Meeting Day and likewise were signers of the original Kennesaw State University Rotaract Charter.

The Rotary Club of Marietta continues to hold the R. I. Originating Rotaract Charter and now, under the leadership of President **Jesse**, has re-activated the KSU Rotaract Club with help from our Assistant District Governor and other area District 6900 Clubs (East Cobb, North Cobb, Marietta Metro, South Cobb, and Smyrna). The on-going challenge of the KSU Rotaract Club relates to the logistics of KSU Rotaractors successfully graduating(!). From 2011 until 2015, our sponsored Rotaract Club thrived under the exceptional Advisorship/Leadership of Debra Day and our fellow Rotary Club of Marietta Rotarians. Then, in one happy graduation commencement swoop, the majority (22!) of the Rotaractors graduated. Hence, the KSU Club went 'off-line' until Past President **Dawn McEachern's** year. Gallant efforts were made to 'reboot' during Dawn's Club year but the virus of indifference and connectivity issues resulted in the eventual 'Blue Screen of Death' and the necessary 'shut-down' of the KSU Rotaract Club. But now, with peripheral issues resolved and with the support of District 6900 leadership, our Club, the East Cobb, North Cobb, South Cobb, Marietta Metro, and the Smyrna Rotary Clubs (YES! It takes a village) we are well on our way on the happy highway of KSU Rotaract success once again. The 're-booting' of the KSU Rotaract Club occurred on Friday afternoon, August 24th, 2018, at two o'clock in the afternoon on the KSU Campus in the Spurgis Library.

RCM Past President-Assistant District Governor - Mark Barbour; Past President of Marietta Metro - Charles Lassiter; Past President of the South Cobb Club - Wayne Blackstone, and Club Youth Service Director - Jonathon Lyons of the East Cobb Club - all gathered together to celebrate, mentor, and promote the pragmatic ideals of Rotary International on the KSU Campus for the auspicious re-activation of the KSU Rotaract Club. Under the keen leadership of Faculty Advisor and Sponsor, Dr. Linda Golian-Lui, students have promoted the KSU Rotaract Club at recruitment events resulting in 150+/- students indicating an avid interest in KSU Rotaract. Also supporting the re-boot effort are the Rotary Club of Smyrna - President Brenda Romanchik, and the North Cobb Rotary Club - President David Schwickerwrath.



ADG Mark presents the Rotary Club of Marietta Banner to KSU Rotaract Club President Maria Golian-Lui during Officer installation ceremony

How can you help ensure the re-launching of the KSU Rotaract Club continues to be effective and sustained? Glad you asked!

1. As KSU Rotaract Campus Meetings are announced, please make plans to attend at least one Meeting before the end of the school year next May 2019.
2. As items are requested that the KSU Rotaractors need to promote their Club presence on the Kennesaw State University Campus, pony-up the needed items (many thanks to Rotarians **Marla Blackstone** and Wayne Blackstone for the generous donations of a tent, chairs, coolers, and a banner/stand; and many thanks also to Rotarian **Lee Pence** for the donation of additional chairs).
3. When our Club hosts the KSU Rotaractors in the near future, please be present and be charming and communicative! The best influence is our lively, congenial, persuasive engagement of these future Rotarians... in Rotarian lingo... 'be beneficial to all concerned'!

As mentioned, plans are underway for our Club to extend an invitation to the Officers of the KSU Rotaract Club and their new Faculty Advisor/Sponsor, Dr. Linda Golian-Lui, to be our guests for one of our outstanding weekly high noon luncheon Meetings. During that meeting, we will officially re-activate the Charter and install the KSU Rotaract Officers. Kudos to President Jesse for re-connecting with an exceptional group of Rotaractors and extending the invitation for area Clubs to help us out, and YES, always remember these students are indeed the Rotarians of tomorrow!

Humbly Submitted by Mark Barbour - Rotalight Scribbler

**Today's Speaker:
Kent Wessinger**



Kent Wessinger's unique path of life has provided him with amazing experiences, significant relationships around the world, and a broad perspective of life. Having lived in the rural mountains of Jamaica, next to the sea on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, and on the south shore of St John, U.S. Virgin Islands; his life has been shaped through deep relationships in cultures beyond his upbringing in Atlanta, Georgia. Recognizing the value that perspectives from other cultures add to his life, he has had the privilege of spending significant time in South Africa, Fiji, Costa Rica and an Arawak Indian village in the Amazon Basin of southern Guyana. Each piece of Kent's unique journey has collectively grown him as an author, educator, and entrepreneur.

Kent places a high priority on understanding and creating paths of sustainable growth for corporate, organizational, and social cultures. Recognizing that our truest identity is established through the development, ownership and implementation of innovative ideas of value; he believes that every culture has the opportunity to secure sustainable growth when allowed to freely access environments of innovative practice. However, his research emphatically reveals that when environments of entrepreneurship and innovative practice are strategically suppressed or omitted, inequality and instability abound. As a result, Kent seeks to "Give Life" to cultures, corporations and organizations through the tools of growth developed in his create2elevate lab.

PICTURES FROM OUR LAST MEETING



FRED BELOIN INTRODUCES OUR SPEAKER



DAWN YOU WANT THE RED BALL. SHUCKS!



LEE PENCE INTRODUCED GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the August 29 Meeting

President **Jesse Evans** called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. (This is a reminder to all that punctuality is a practice and not a virtue!) **Abbott Hall** delivered our Lord's blessing.

Lee Pence introduced our guests: Dr. Spencer Beloin, PhD, guest of father **Fred Beloin**; Chuck Core and Bethany Greenley, guests of **Marla Blackstone** and Neera Bayl, guest of Jesse Evans.

Announcements: **Mary Ansley Southerland** will soon announce plans for a special Veterans Day event to be held on November 10. **Mark Barbour** announced that the Rotary Club of East Cobb and North Cobb have joined with our Club to sponsor the resurrection of the KSU Rotaract Club. **Don Barbour** is once again chairing our Marietta Reads program. The kick off will be October 27.

Sunshine: Mary Ansley and James are celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary. Employing trickery, the Jesse Evans family is wearing sun glasses at the breakfast table in hopes that their son will not realize the early hour that school begins. (GOOD LUCK????)

Today the Club was honored to welcome Clark Hungerford, Chairman, Development Authority of Cobb County as our guest speaker. The 7 member Authority members are appointed by the elected Cobb County Board of Commissioners and charged with the purpose of developing and promoting for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County.

In the time ranging 2005-2018 approximately \$2.5 billion dollars in investment and 13 thousand new jobs have come to Cobb County. Competitive business tools and incentives ranging from small one-time grants to bonds and tax abatement savings are used to attract business. Recent high profile business commitments include Thyssen Krupp Elevator corporate offices, Empire Beverage corporate offices and Georgia Tech's \$65 million dollar investment to buy a portion of the property owned by the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Tax abatement savings offer corporations the ability to ramp up to full tax payments over 10 years. To protect value, in certain instances the County will take a collateralized position in the property occupied by the incentivized business. Risk analysis is accomplished through independent fiscal impact studies contracted through the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Opportunity Drawing was managed by **Warren Gordon** and **Jim Gantt**. Even the awesome duo of Mary Ansley Southerland and **Dawn McEachern** could not coax the red marble out. The Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary 4 Way Test were led by Lee Pence. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

~ Jim Peeler, Scribe
~ Dale Covington, Photographer



JIM GANTT AND KELLY MAXWELL



CHIEF DAN FLYNN AND IRV SMITH



BERT REEVES AND CHARLES KILGORE

Inspiration from John McCain

by Dan Kirk



PRESIDENT JESSE WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER CLARK HUNGERFORD



DAN KIRK, DR. SPENCER BELOIN AND DALE COVINGTON



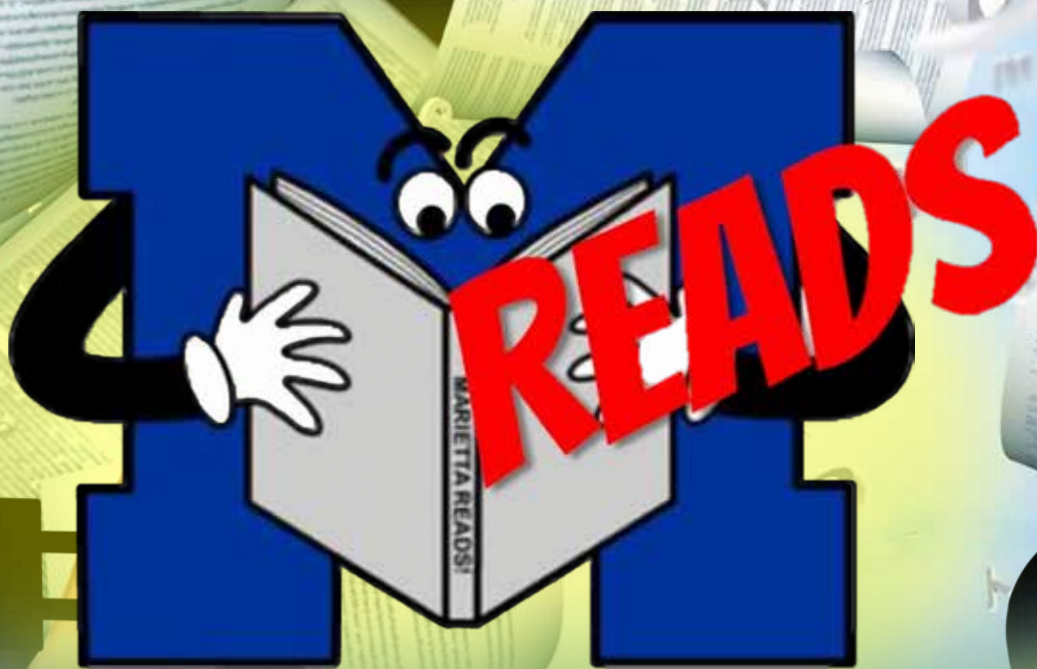
MARK BARBOUR AND DAWN MCEACHERN

The Naval Academy is where John McCain began his military career, and it is where he will be buried. He has inspired me for years. I went through Marine Officer training with Marines of the 1973 Naval Academy Class. I took inspiration from knowing John graduated near the bottom of his class, yet he did so much with his life. John's Dad was a Navy officer. My Dad was a Navy Officer. My Dad took me on the aircraft carrier Forrester when I was about age 11. That was the aircraft carrier where later in 1967, John McCain was strapped into his plane when a rocket accidentally fired from another plane, hit his fuel tank, causing a fire resulting in 134 deaths. In 1998, I went to the lake in Hanoi where John parachuted after being shot down, and to the Hanoi Hilton, where he was imprisoned for over five years. I shook John's hand in Cobb County when he ran for President. I have read two of his books.

His life reminds me of Teddy Roosevelt's, "Man in the Arena speech" (excerpted): "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

John's life inspires me, and he should inspire us to strive to do great things, and to be the best Americans we can be.





PLUG-IN TO READING

16TH ANNUAL

Kick-off Fundraiser

October 27, 2018

10am-2pm

Marietta Square

JOIN US FOR...

book give-aways

family- friendly entertainment

MCS student performances

fun games & activities

at \$0.50 per ticket

tickets sold at the square



Marietta Reads! is a city-wide effort to foster reading and literacy in our community.

Follow us



Be Part of the "Best Project of the Year"

MARIETTA READS! SIGN UP TODAY



MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 THROUGH OCTOBER 26

*Happy
Birthday*

Ben Worley - August 1
Bill Allred - August 2
Joyette Holmes - August 5
Ralph Knight - August 8
Chuck Boring - August 10
Irving Staley - August 13
Morgan McNeel - August 25
Dale Covington - September 2
Irv Smith - September 7
David Strother - September 7
Chris Phillips - September 8
Neva Lent - September 13
Tom Downs - September 19
Terry DeWitt - September 20
Bill Brumby - September 27
Mark Knautz - September 27

Rotary International Snapshot



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults, ages 14-30, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLAs often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 3-10 days in length, organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multidistrict level.

Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses. For these young adults, this recognition offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

RYLA gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their own communities and beyond. Rotarians serve as resources for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. In turn, RYLA can bring new energy to a Rotary district, inspire ideas for service, increase support of community service projects, and develop future Rotarians.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 13, 2018	10:30 AM	MUST Lunch - Cook and Serve
Wednesday, September 19, 2018	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Scott Hollister, Georgia Tech; Advancements in 3D Printing of Personalized Implants
Wednesday, September 26, 2018		NO MEETING
Wednesday, October 3, 2018	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBD
Wednesday, October 10, 2018	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – State Representative Bert Reeves, Legislative Update
Thursday, October 11, 2018	10:30 AM	MUST Lunch - Cook and Serve
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBD
October 22 through October 26		Marietta Reads! Project
Wednesday, October 24, 2018	12:15 PM	Dick Yarbrough, Marietta Daily Journal
Saturday, October 27, 2018	8:00 AM	Setup on Marietta Square for Marietta READS!
Wednesday, November 7, 2018	12:15 PM	Court Dowis, District Governor

MARIETTA ROTARY CLUB

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