

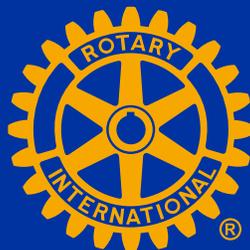
# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA ROTALIGHT

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## Rotary Pool Party



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*Today's Speaker:*  
**Roger Tutterow**

*Professor of Economics  
Kennesaw State University*

Roger Tutterow is Professor of Economics at Kennesaw State University. He also serves as Director of the Econometric Center, an applied research center affiliated with KSU's Coles College of Business.

His analysis of the economic, business and political environments have been featured in a variety of media including Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, USA Today, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Arizona Republic, Florida Times-Union, Kansas City Star, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Orlando Sentinel, Palm Beach Post, Wichita Eagle and on CNN, CNBC, NBC, Bloomberg Television, NPR's "Marketplace" and "All Things Considered," CNN-Radio as well as by regional electronic and print media.

In addition to his work in academia, Dr. Tutterow has served as a consultant on financial economics and statistical modeling for corporate clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to closely held businesses. He also serves as Chief Economic Advisor for the Henssler Financial Group, an Atlanta-based financial services firm. He has provided expert testimony on economic, financial and statistical matters in state and federal court, before the Georgia General Assembly and before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Dr. Tutterow has given several hundred speeches to professional groups in 23 states on variety of topics in the economic, business and political arenas.



He was selected by Georgia Trend as a "notable Georgian" and by James Magazine as one of "Georgia's Most Influential". In 2003, Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Dr. Tutterow to serve on the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, a capacity that he continues to serve in for current Georgia Governor Nathan Deal. In 2010, he was named to the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians. In addition, Dr. Tutterow has served on the Georgia Child Support Commission, on the Board of Trustees of Berry College, the Board of Directors of Vinings Bank, the Southern Region Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Blood Services and the Board of Directors for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Atlanta.

A Georgia native, Dr. Tutterow holds a B.S. in Decision Science from Berry College and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Georgia State University. Prior to joining Kennesaw State, Dr. Tutterow held faculty and administrative appointments at West Virginia University, Georgia State University and Mercer University. He has also served as a visiting professor at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and at the Institute for Industrial Policy Studies in Seoul, South Korea.

**Next Week's Program**



**Mike Boyce**  
*Cobb County Chairman Elect*

**On the cover:** Patrick Hart and his wonderful family enjoy a great time at the pool party. Pictured from left to right: Sophia, Alvita, Zoey, Patrick, and Samuel.

**Happy  
Birthday**

**Sam Matthews - October 3**

**Debra Day - October 7**

**Jack Corn - October 8**

**Jim Gantt - October 10**

**Bret Tyler - October 10**

**Bill Smith, Jr. - October 24**

# Rotary Pool Party

Although the thermometer said 91-degrees, a slight breeze and deep shade around part of the pool and much of the backyard at Morgan and Peggy McNeel's home made our Rotary Club's fall social feel delightfully comfortable and pleasant. Circular tables topped with red and white gingham cloths and buckets of sprightly miniature daisies promoted such relaxed conversations.

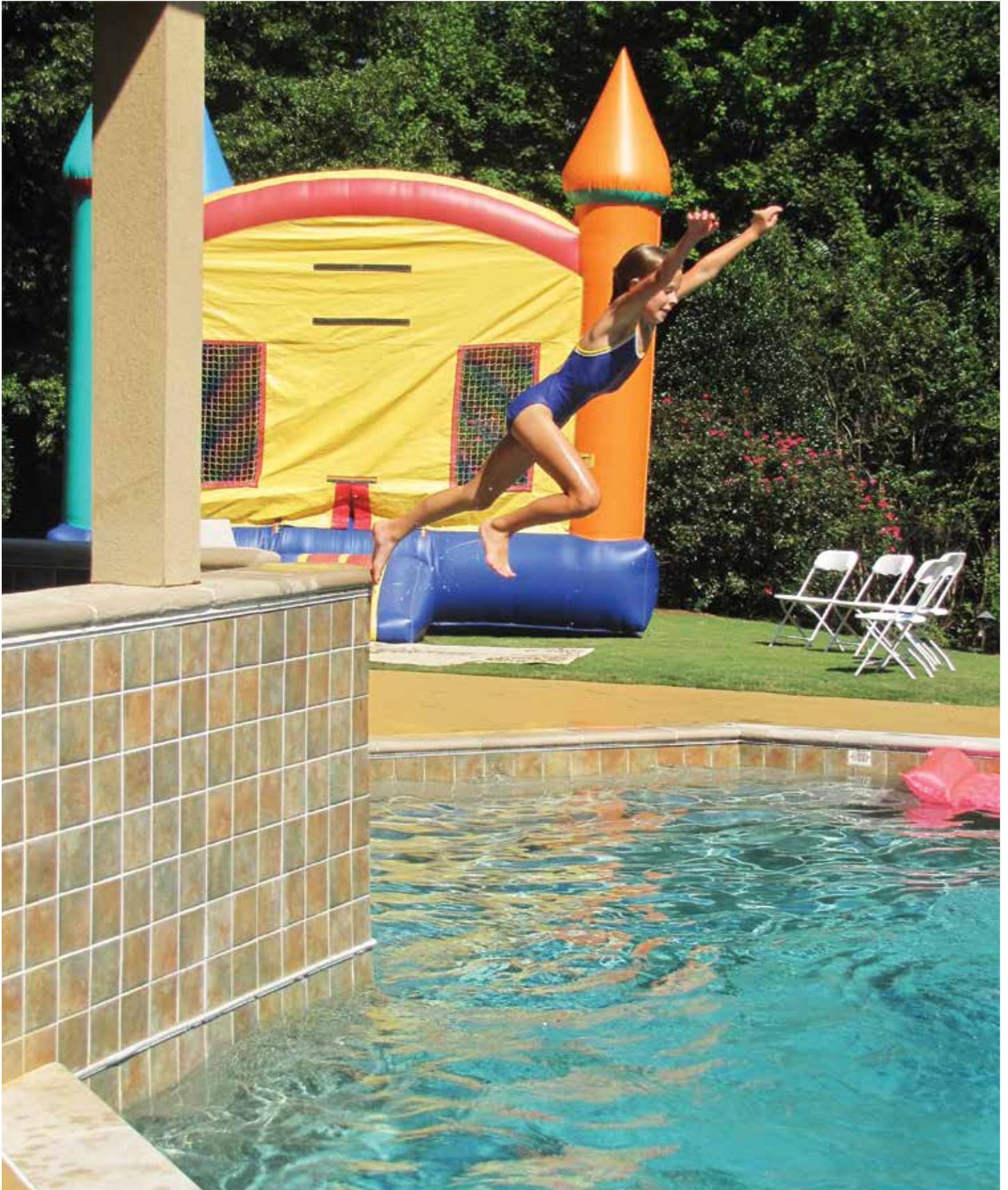
Two large tubs contained iced-down drinks. This year, one of Happy Belly's, bright green curbside kitchens provided a succulent array of short rib-brisket, grilled chicken and pulled-pork sandwiches. On the side were hand-cut fries and roasted Brussels Sprouts that were a special rave. In addition Dan and other cooks created tempting salads topped with grilled chicken or salmon for particularly healthy dining.

Approximately 50 people were present including members and their spouses, children and other guests. In addition to planning the social, Mike Straus was shooting videos with the help of photographers Pete Bember and Dale Covington. Megan McNeel, a vivacious sophomore in Management at KSU, and a fellow KSU student Bradley made sure that GRSP students Sara Jaeger from Sweden and Cathy from north of Edinburgh enjoyed meeting everyone. All afternoon, Art Collantes caught adult ears with his sound tracks of memorable music. Art also engaged the children with games, swimming and diving competitions and a colorful jumpy house shaped like a castle. What a fun social it was for all!

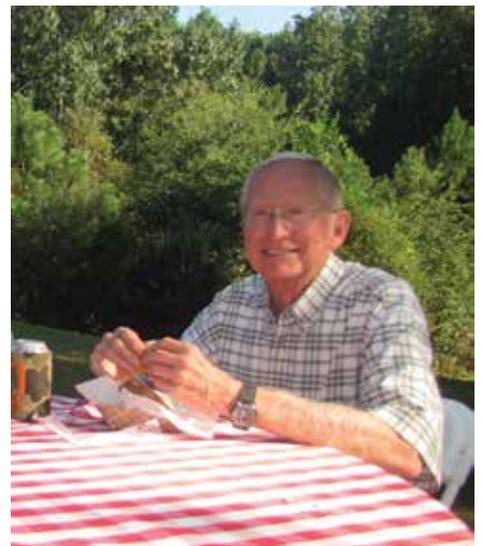
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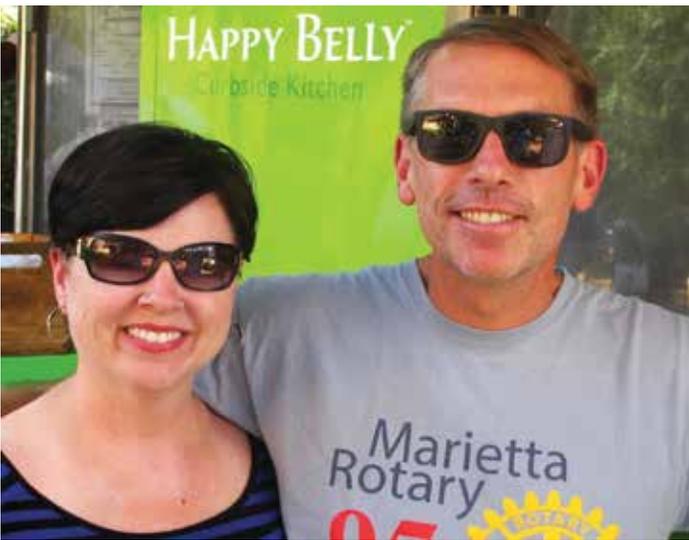
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# Fun



# Tailgate Party



Kick Off: 1 pm



Saturday, November 5

**Kennesaw State vs. Clark Atlanta**

Enjoy a fun afternoon of tailgating & college football in the heart of Kennesaw. For just \$35 per person, enjoy reserved parking, a BBQ lunch from Zeiglers's BBQ and a ticket to the game in beautiful Fifth Third Stadium in Kennesaw.

We have a limited number of seats available , reserve yours now by emailing the number of tickets want by Monday, October 31.

We'll meet at 11am for the tailgate party in a parking lot by the stadium. We will supply everything but the adult beverages. All tickets must be paid for by Oct.31.



**To order your tickets just email how many you want to;  
[MARIETAROTARYRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:MARIETAROTARYRSVP@gmail.com)**

**For any questions just email,  
Mike Straus at the above address.**

# Let's Really Get Acquainted

**Editor's Note:** This is an editorial from the *Rotalight*, July 7, 1950

It With Herman's lease on the Governor's mansion renewed and Charlie Clotfelter at the helm of Rotary in Marietta, we face the second half of the first year of the second half of the 20th century with everything under control.

"Write an editorial of about 500 words, typewritten, double-spaced and not later than June 30," reads a polite, but firm letter from R. James Hancock, one of those past presidents whom the Clotfelter administration is not going to let rust.

Those orders are very specific – 500 words, typewritten, double-spaced and all that. But I'll take them from "Jigger" because I know he's taking orders from Bob Lyons, Rotalight's new editor, and Bob gets his from President Charlie.

As someone said, "You just can't turn old Charlie down." And you can't either. Every man jack in the club took the assignment that Charlie gave him, they tell me.

Rotary in Marietta has just finished a great year under the leadership of a conscientious, hard-working president. Bill Dunaway has put a lot into serving the club and I'm sure he feels well paid in the satisfaction of a job well done and in the fun he has had.

Everyone takes it for granted that the club will have another great year with Charlie at the wheel. But he'll have a relapse of those ulcers for sure if his members let him down. So don't do it.

A census official explains that rural areas got noses counted faster and more nearly accurate because in the country "folks know who their neighbors are, their exact names, how many children in the family, and often the exact ages. But in the cities it's different. Often folks don't even know the last names of their next-door neighbors.

Rotary helps to make up for that difference.

An Atlanta Rotarian told me the other day, 'Rotary means just two things to me – a chance to make friends and through friendship to serve my neighbor and my community.'

Do you really know your fellow members in the Marietta Rotary club or do you just think you do?

A mighty good objective for this Rotary year would be to make those Rotary friendships more intimate and useful.

There is an old Arabic legend that says, "In the distance I saw what I thought was an animal. When it came closer, I saw that it was a man. When it came very close, it was my brother."

**Leo Aikman**  
*Rotalight Editor 1943-44*  
*President 1944-45*



# Meet Patrick Hart

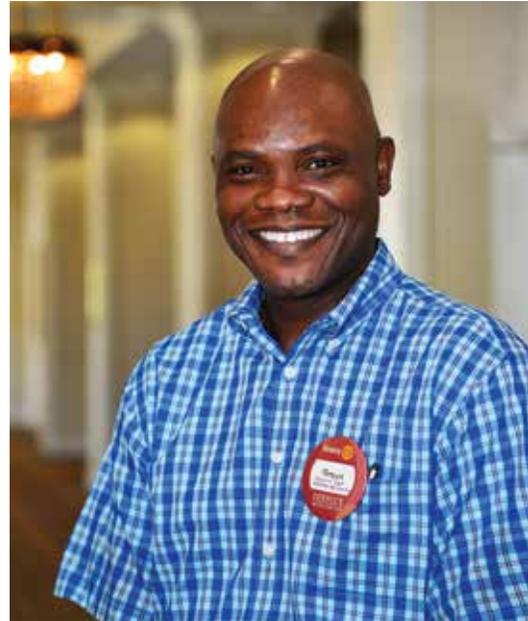
## A New Member of Marietta Rotary

Abbott Hall and Joe Atkins met Patrick Hart recently for lunch at Chicken and the Egg on Whitlock Avenue. Patrick is the owner of Bethel Signs and Graphics, Inc. Bethel provides signage ranging from small interior signs to exterior large billboard type signs and everything in between. It also offers L.E.D. and ADA signage, banners, and car and wall graphics. As owner of the business, Patrick manages employees and also spends time introducing its services to customers. Patrick's experiences in engineering and business consulting are ideally married in the sign business.

Born in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Patrick hails from the island of Bonny on the Atlantic. Patrick has traveled and lived all over the world. He graduated from high school in Port Harcourt and then completed his petrochemical engineering studies at the University of Science and Technology also in Port Harcourt. Then Patrick moved to England and obtained an additional degree manufacturing engineering and management from Middlesex University, London. A graduate diploma in mechatronics at Lancaster University, UK followed this. Patrick would later complete his M.B.A. at Kennesaw State University.

While in England, Patrick worked as a project engineer for Rolls-Royce Aerospace. He was particularly involved with the turbine blades manufacture of the famous Rolls Royce Trent 700 jet engine. In fact, Patrick recounted an interesting encounter with an executive of Pratt and Whitney (another jet engine manufacturer) where the two men were seated next to each other on a flight. The Pratt executive asked Patrick what he did for a living, and Patrick simply pointed out the window to the Rolls-Royce Trent 700 engine mounted on the wing.

In addition to Rolls Royce, Patrick served as a European project manager for a company with extensive travel across Europe including France and Italy where he lived for a while. In 1999, he moved to the US. Patrick



Patrick Hart

arrived in time for the millennium celebration. He then worked in management consulting with a number of consulting firms including the Highland Group and traveled extensively across North and South America, Europe, and Asia. He also worked with La-Z-Boy Furniture Company as a continuous improvement manager and helped the organization convert from traditional manufacturing to cellular manufacturing.

Along the way, Patrick married his wife Alvita, who is also originally from Nigeria. She is a physician who is currently working on the arduous process of obtaining her license to practice in the United States. This process involves taking exams here and completing even more training. And she stays quite busy raising the family's three children - daughters Sophia (6) and Zoey (4), as well as a son Samuel (1.5) - all of whom were a big hit at the recent pool party.

Patrick is an active member of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He is about to be inducted into the Knights of Columbus. Patrick has a passion for community service. He has particularly enjoyed serving at M.U.S.T. and looks forward to participating in Marietta Reads. He enjoys the outdoors, jogging, swimming, and reading.

Welcome Patrick.



# Meet Chris Hynek

## A New Member of Marietta Rotary

Abbott Hall and Joe Atkins met Chris Hynek recently for lunch at Stockyard Burgers and Bones off of the Marietta Square. Chris is a financial advisor for Edwards Jones, and his office is located at 999 Whitlock Avenue. Edward Jones is a financial services firm headquartered in St. Louis with more than seven million clients and over \$900 billion under management. It has over 12,000 locations, but Chris' branch opened around 1992 as the 300th branch. Chris assists his clients in planning for retirement, saving for college for children or grandchildren, and other investing and financial management issues.

Chris has extensive experience in the financial sector. He has worked for Norwest Funding, SunTrust, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, and Wachovia, as well as Edward Jones. Most of his time has been spent in the Atlanta area, but he did complete a tour of duty in Minneapolis. He was glad to return to Marietta – it is much warmer.

A Marietta native, Chris crossed paths with many families and institutions associated with Marietta Rotary. He grew up across the street from his grandmother in Victory Heights near Roswell Street Baptist Church. He attended his neighborhood school, Park Street Elementary, as well as Marietta Junior High School. Chris then graduated from Marietta High School in 1987. As a child, Chris walked to Dunaway Drugs and Big Star. His mother now lives in Hickory Hills.

Chris was a talented baseball player in high school and played short stop for the Blue Devils. He then went on to play catcher his freshman year at Kennesaw State University where he earned his bachelor's degree. He also worked during high school and college. Many young students might have done this by delivering pizzas, mowing grass, or working retail. Chris, however, did something near and dear to Abbott Hall's heart, he operated a printing press for the Cobb County School District. All of this work taught Chris the value of the dollar and serves him well when advising his clients.



Chris Hynek

While attending sixth grade in Marietta, Chris met his future wife Kelly. She is a vice president of operations at First Data, and they will soon celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary. Chris and Kelly have four children—three boys and one daughter. The oldest son is a freshman at the University of West Georgia. Their sixteen year old son is a junior at Paulding County High School. Then their thirteen year old son and eleven year old daughter both attend Herschel Jones Middle School.

Chris' grandfather was a professional wrestler who was close friends with world famous heavy weight boxing champion, Jack Dempsey. The family treasures a photograph of Mr. Dempsey tying the shoes of Chris's mother when she was a little girl.

The Hyneks live on twenty-two acres in Paulding County where they keep six horses and a donkey. They are a multi-college fan family. Favorite teams include Notre Dame, the University of Tennessee, the University of Georgia, and the University of Florida—his wife's alma mater.

Chris is passionate about youth. He is active in coaching at East Cobb Baseball. He has also traveled to Cooperstown and Disney World in association with youth baseball.

Welcome Chris



# WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the September 28 Meeting

President Elect **Caitlyn Cooper** opened the meeting in place of the vacationing President **Reuben Green**. Right from the start she proved unflappable by maneuvering around a malfunctioning microphone and launching right into the meeting. **Sam Matthews** provided the invocation and **Joyette Holmes** welcomed our visitors and guests.

Caitlyn reminded the group to check the calendar for meeting information and upcoming events. **Clem Doxey** is in the hospital but no other information was available. Past President **Russ Wood** announced upcoming nominations for the next board. If you have suggestions or would like to serve, please notify Russ, **Dawn McEachern**, or **James Eubanks**.



**Jennifer Nelson**

**Jennifer Nelson** presented a short vocational update on technical education in Georgia. Chattahoochee Technical College ("CTC") is the largest in Georgia with ten thousand students across north Georgia. The primary missions of CTC are workforce development (certifications, associate degrees), adult education (GED and testing), and business and industry training (continuing education for the already employed). CTC also coordinates with other providers. They offer dual enrollment with high school students and currently have twenty-seven courses approved to transfer to Kennesaw State University ("KSU") or any school in the Georgia Regents system. The most recent endeavors include a Veterans Support Center at the Marietta campus and the launch of a new marketing campaign: The Essentials.

**Gayle Jones** introduced KSU Interim President Houston Davis, Ph.D. Dr. Davis announced he is not here to make news or confirm or deny rumors (that Sam Olens will become next university president). Dr. Davis thanked the club and recognized Sara Jaeger, our GRSP student who is attending KSU.

Community support has played a crucial role in KSU's rapid growth. KSU has experienced in fifty years what other schools achieve in 100 years. The university is now an R3 class research



**Houston Davis**

university. If estimates prove true, enrollment for fall 2016 will be 34,900, a growth of 1600, which is what many schools achieve in a decade. Engineering enrollment at the Marietta campus is up 25% over last year; computer science enrollment is up 13-14%; and architecture enrollment is up over 10%. Dr. Davis says KSU is like chocolate and peanut butter coming together for something great. The partnership with Georgia Highlands College increases total enrollment to 50,000, and it should get to 75,000 in the future. There are one million people in Georgia with some college experience but no degree, and these people are prime clients for this partnership.

Lots of institutions offer degrees, but KSU has a very special network to the community, for things like internships, co-ops, etc. As a result, transfers are up 15% from last year. KSU has new initiatives and degrees in cyber security and entrepreneurship, the first in the state, one of the first in the nation. A new master's of science in engineering management and a bachelor of arts in digital animation are coming soon. As the Georgia film industry grows, KSU is working to provide education programs for those skills.

Unfortunately, Georgia is in the same situation as every state, where rising costs and constrained state budgets put pressure on families trying to get to college. KSU has a task force to review every fee and attempt to justify it. There is a textbook affordability project, part of a statewide project to have faculty select reduced or free/open resources instead. KSU expects to save \$800,000 for students this year from the program. Importantly, the university has made a commitment not to drop students if they owe small balances.

Lastly, Dr. Davis wants to welcome the community to the campus. He views athletics as the "front porch." Other avenues to

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attract the community include arts and music, alumni boards, advisory councils, and philanthropy.

Going forward, there will be even more growth and changes. Dr. Davis is looking forward to handing off the gavel whenever he is asked, and he appreciates the opportunity to be interim leader.

The opportunity drawing was conducted by Sara Jaeger and **Marla Blackstone**. **Mike Straus** missed, but Sara was the second participant and she pulled the red marble for a winner!

Joyette Holmes led our pledge and four way test, and President Elect Caitlyn closed the meeting.

*~ Text by Russ Wood  
~ Photos by Tom Wilson*

**Sara Jaeger is the Winner!**

## SAFE HARBORS

by Joseph Atkins



On Thursday, September 29, 2016, I drove to Jekyll Island to deliver a speech to a group of county commissioners from across Georgia. I decided to spend the night at Little Talbot Island State Park, just across the state line in Florida. Little Talbot abuts the north jetty of the Saint John's River. While I was there, I drove up to Fernandina and was standing on the dock at the marina when a sailboat making its way up the Intercoastal Waterway stopped for provisions. I overheard the captain tell the attendant he was planning to ride out the coming hurricane by mooring his vessel up the Saint John's near Jacksonville. At

the time, I had no idea Hurricane Matthew was bearing down upon the Caribbean and would within the week churn right through where my flimsy tent had provided shelter.

It got me to thinking about the work Rotary performs all over the world. Whether it is the eradication of polio in Kenya, the feeding of the needy at MUST, or the reading of favorite stories to children at Park Street Elementary School in Marietta. Rotary provides safe harbors for those in need.

I am proud to be a Rotarian.

# Marietta Rotary prepares and serves Lunch at MUST Ministries



As I sat down this evening to write this article, I reflected on how much I have enjoyed serving lunch at MUST Ministries Loaves and Fishes Kitchen. I have been a part of the Rotary Club of Marietta's team that prepares and serves lunch to about 75-100 men and woman in the MUST kitchen on the first Thursday of every month. we serve between 1,000-1,200 people each year.

What always amazes me is how grateful and polite these people, who are so needy, are for a hot lunch. Each month, we repeatedly hear thank you and how good lunch was. It really makes me feel so grateful that I am as fortunate as I am.



September 9, was a beautiful fall day, and the crowd numbered about 75 men and woman. It was probably smaller than usual because the weather was so nice. Rotary chefs Bill Brumby and Harold Hobbs with the assistance of Lewis Lepsius prepared a new dish that got rave reviews. It was a chicken and sausage casserole with a mushroom sauce over penne pasta. This was served along with cole slaw, fruit cocktail and Italian bread.

Lunch was served by our regular MUST team of Doug Haynie, Jim Trapnell, John Knox and Mike Straus. New member, Patrick Hart joined us to help serve. Dale Covington, who normally helps serve and takes pictures was absent for he was in Louisiana serving in a disaster relief kitchen to workers helping digging out and cleaning up after their recent hurricane.

If you have never helped out at MUST consider joining us on the first Thursday of the month. If you want to help cook, you should be there by 10:30 a.m. and if you want to help serve you should be there by 11:30 -11:45 a.m. For more information contact Bill Brumby at [bill@brumbylaw.com](mailto:bill@brumbylaw.com).

~ Mike Straus

# Rotary and MHS Host Supper at the Men's Extension

by Dale Covington



(L-R) Jim Trapnell, Chef Ginger Pratt, Mike Straus and Paul Stewart.

Last week, Dr. Ginger Pratt and her culinary students at Marietta High School continued a cooperative tradition between MHS and the Rotary Club of Marietta that has been going strong for three years running; namely, preparing the suppers that Rotarians serve at the Men's Extension during the school year. It was then President Dawn McEachern who started this project for the club. The students made spaghetti pie, a dish that Chef Pratt's mother enjoys cooking, accompanied with sautéed green beans and caramelized onions, fresh caesar salad and warm rolls. Since Chef Pratt was also on the serving line, many of the returning diners expressed their appreciation directly to her for this good meal.

Jim Trapnell and Dale Covington transported the supper from MHS to the Extension. About forty minutes before supper was served, Dawn unloaded the cars and with assistance from Paul Stewart carefully set the tables. Mike Straus transferred trays of the casserole from the warming ovens to the serving area where plates were filled for thirty-five dinners.



## Learn About The Extension®

The Extension, previously the Marietta-Cobb Winter Shelter, is celebrating 25 years of service in Cobb County.

Of the approximately 21,000 people homeless in Georgia on a single night in January in 2009, 500 persons were counted in Cobb County, according to Tina Jones, Director of Development of The Extension, a long-term residential homelessness and substance abuse program in Marietta.

"We are the largest organization of our kind in North Georgia," Jones said.

The program offers services for homeless men and women with addictions, including addiction counseling, family counseling, case management, medical services, sub-clinical mental health services, conflict resolution/anger management therapy, GED, job-placement and a life skills program.

"The success of the program is based on the concept of long-term residential treatment adding a 'real life' component of practicing newly acquired productive, responsible behaviors in the 'real world,'" John Bremner, Director of Recovery Services, states on TheExtension.org.

On average, Extension helps 250 individuals a year in Cobb County. However, the women's facility did not open until 2009.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 13	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Lunch Service
Monday, October 17	6:30 PM	Serve Dinner at the Extension
Wednesday, October 19	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Mike Boyce Chairman Elect of Cobb County
Wednesday, October 26	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Marietta High
Saturday, Nov. 5	11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Tailgate Party & KSU Football game
Wednesday, November 9	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Veterans Day Program
Thursday, November 10	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Lunch Service
Wednesday, November 16	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Richard Woods State Superintendent of Schools
Wednesday, November 23	12:15 PM	No Meeting - Enjoy Thanksgiving!

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