

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

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Today's Program:  
**Roger Tutterow**  
*Professor of Economics*  
*Kennesaw State University*



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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 a 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.



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**Important Upcoming Events**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB**  
**MONDAY, MAY 20**

**PRESIDENTS' NIGHT**  
**MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the May 1 Meeting

In the absence of President **Jesse Evans**, President-elect **Chris Bethel** called the meeting to order and made several announcements to the gathering. There were a record number of attendees at the Easter Sunrise Service at Kennesaw Mountain on Easter morning. Approximately 1,076 were in attendance. Dr. **Mark Barbour** and President Jesse Evans welcomed and greeted all. Rotarians assisting with flashlights in hand were President-Elect Chris Bethel, **Fred Beloin**, Dr. **John Knox**, Chief **Dan Flynn**, and **Dale Covington**.

Mark Barbour, in his customary ministerial style, delivered a brief and thoughtful invocation. **Phil Knight** then welcomed visitors and guests. This week's guests and potential members were Chris Mitchell of Transworld Business Advisors, Julie O'Meara of Marietta High School College and Career Academy. Julie is replacing long-time member, Dr. Tim Brown. Also visiting was Allie Shule from About Your Family Medicine. Judge Mary Staley joined Chris Bethel on the podium. There were no visiting Rotarians this week.

Additional volunteers are needed for the MUST Ministry Lunch Service on Thursday, May 9. Chef **Harold Hobbs** is taking a well-deserved vacation, and if you are able to participate either in cooking or serving please advise Chef Harold or **Marlys Williams**. There is an urgent need for cooking support.

New member, **Lance Burchett**, opened the floor for Sunshine. Chris Bethel led, recognizing the effort and award-winning accomplishments of ADG Dr. Mark Barbour at the 62nd Annual Rotary International District 6900 Conference which took place April 25 – 28, 2019 in San Destin, Florida. One of Marietta Rotary's very own members, Dr. **Kamal Fatehi**, received an "Outstanding Book Award" from Kennesaw State University. Judge **Adele Grubbs** announced it was the birthday of Chief Dan Flynn. The club then regaled him with a very loud rendition of "Happy Birthday" led by Mark Barbour. **Jim Peeler** spoke briefly regarding summer boating and swimming safety. As a resident of Lake Allatoona, Jim is lifeguard certified and cautioned everyone to wear a life jacket while boating and leave ALL alcohol on the dock. Additionally Jim offered to teach a one-hour swimming lesson to anyone without that life-saving skill. **Richard Cope** announced a call for volunteers later during the summer for assistance in packing up and shipping wheelchairs and crutches to Africa. Richard to provide details at a later date.

Mark Barbour requested volunteers to sponsor a deployed soldier for the 5th Annual Veterans Memorial 5K and Military Appreciation Day to be held Saturday, May 25, from 7:30 am – 1:00 pm sponsored by American Legion Post 29. The Georgia Army National Guard will be simulcasting deployed soldiers running the Veterans Memorial 5k from Afghanistan at the same time as the race in Marietta. Please sponsor a soldier for \$20 each. See Mark for complete details. Link to sponsor online is <https://post29marietta.org/5krace/registration>. Scroll down to entry type, and there is an entry for \$20 to sponsor a

Guardman. You may also stop by Post 29 or contact Harriet Morgan, Program Manager, ([harriet.h.morgan.vol@mail.mil](mailto:harriet.h.morgan.vol@mail.mil) or call 678-569-5704) to sponsor a soldier. This will be live feed and available for viewing on screens set up in the park. For more information about the race, contact [www.post29marietta.org/5krace](http://www.post29marietta.org/5krace). Please note this event is self-funded and not by any government entities. **Thomas Sherrer** provided an update for the upcoming S. A. White Annual Golf Tournament taking place on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Marietta Country Club. There is a need to raise more funds. The goal is \$35k. Approximately \$15k has been raised. Sponsors are also needed. Tom has Ball Drop tickets which sell for \$10 each. See him after the meeting for further details. Additionally, many volunteers are needed for the day of the event. As particulars evolve, communications will be forthcoming. Please contact Tom if you can volunteer on May 20. This is Marietta Rotary's largest money-making effort for the year, so please dust off your checkbooks and update your calendars.

Today's speaker is Jennifer Dobbs, Executive Director of the Arts Bridge Foundation at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. Dobbs has expanded their outreach and encourages businesses, organizations, foundations and individuals to become invested partners. She received the 2019 liveSAFE Resources Tribute to Achievement, and was named to the organization's Academy of Women Leaders.

The goal of the Arts Bridge Foundation is to raise more money to serve more kids and to reach 50,000 kids. The foundation is pursuing many endeavors. They sponsor field trips for the Cobb Energy Center and provide kids with snacks in partnership with Action Ministry. They also partner with Kennesaw State University and sponsor a program called Synergy. All programs are free. Professional development is also offered. The target is largely low income students who



don't have the resources to participate in the arts. They offer an intensive 3-day musical theatre and college audition workshop. Working with Cobb Energy Center, free tickets are provided to deserving children for productions including providing transportation to events. The focus is extra outreach to rural areas. For high school students the Foundation sponsors the Shuler Hensley Awards which is similar to the Tony's but for high school age kids. Students can receive scholarships. They also partner with the Georgia Lottery in a jingle contest. Prizes range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 for college. The Foundation serves over 30,000 every year, and their goal is to increase that to 50,000. Principally, Title 1 schools are served. Financial aid is provided and an "Adopt a School" program is available.

Jennifer's team is comprised of four people. Funding is provided primarily from the Cobb Marietta Authority. The Cobb Energy Center gives the Foundation \$1 of each ticket sold. Individual contributors are also welcomed. When Cobb Energy Center has unsold tickets, the foundation is provided with free tickets so that students may attend and gain exposure to the arts.

President-elect Chris Bethel presented Jennifer Dobbs with a book to be donated to a Marietta elementary school library in her name. Chris then reminded the audience that Dr. Roger Tutterow, Economist from KSU, will speak on May 8.

**Paul Stewart** coordinated the Opportunity Drawing. Judge Adele Grubbs possessed the first ticket but was unsuccessful in drawing the red marble. Rev. Dr. **Jim Speed** held the 2nd ticket, and to the shock of the entire audience



**DR. JIM SPEED HAS THE RIGHT STUFF AND FINDS RED!**

drew the red marble from a bag of twelve marbles (it was suggested there might be a bit of divine intervention involved here).

**Ralph Knight** led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test.

President-elect Chris Bethel gonged the bell and adjourned the meeting. 🌐

*Marlys Williams, Scribe  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 9, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Meris Lutz, Atlanta Journal Constitution: Journalism & Foreign Correspondence
Monday, May 20, 2019	12:15 PM	S. A. White Annual Golf Tournament
Wednesday, May 22, 2019	12:15 PM	NO MEETING due to Golf Tournament
Wednesday, May 29, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Kevin Scott, Principles of Leadership
Thursday, June 13, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, June 19, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Thursday, June 27, 2019	5:00 PM	Presidents' Night – Marietta Country Club

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