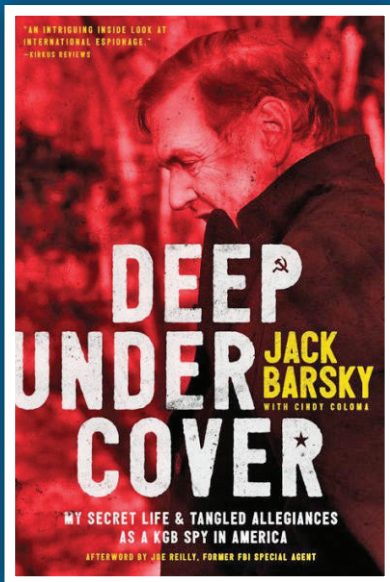


THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

Putting "Service Above Self" in Marietta Since 1919
May 15, 2019 • Volume 82, Number 37

Today's Guest Speaker

Jack Barsky
Former KGB Spy
and Author



Rotary
Club of Marietta



BE THE INSPIRATION

Today's Speaker: Jack Barsky

Jack Barsky's life marks him as one of a kind. He was born in Germany, became a chemistry professor, was recruited by the KGB, spent 10 years in the United States spying for the Russians, and ended up a United States citizen and information technology executive.

Jack's story was featured in May of 2015 on CBS 60 Minutes. His memoir "Deep Undercover" was released in March of 2017. The book has been translated into German, Swedish and Polish. Jack has appeared frequently on US cable stations such as CNN, FOX and MSNBC as well as on foreign TV including such countries as Germany, Poland, Japan, Turkey and France. In his 6th career as a public speaker Jack has had appearances across the United States as well as in Germany, Ireland and Poland. His book has been optioned to produce a TV series under the working title "An American Citizen". Jack lives with his wife Shawna and daughter Trinity in Atlanta Georgia.



The Rotary Club members extend sincerest condolences to Buck Northcutt and family upon the passing of his wife, Marvina Wallingford Northcutt. Married 48 years Buck and Marvina count as their blessings sons Marvin and George and a lifetime of friends in Marietta and throughout the world.



**For your Ball Drop Tickets
contact
Thomas Sherrer
jtsherrer@gmail.com
404.317.0303**

May is Rotary International Youth Service Month

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Important Upcoming Events **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT
MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB
THIS MONDAY**

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

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the May 8 Meeting

President **Jesse Evans** is working the second week of a murder trial; therefore, President-Elect **Chris Bethel** opened the meeting and led with several announcements.



DEBORAH MARSHALL EDITOR ACCEPTS DISTRICT 6900 BEST BULLETIN AWARD

At the District 6900 Conference last week, Marietta Rotary won two awards. The Rotalight Weekly Publication won for the best bulletin in District 6900. Thanks to **Tyler Stephens** and PE Chris for pushing through all the paperwork and their persistent follow up in making this happen. Special thanks to all members of the Rotalight staff, but especially to **Abbott Hall**, who devotes hours and does the “heavy lifting” plus the printing for the publication, and also to **Deborah Marshall** who serves as Editor. Special thanks to the hard working behind-the-scenes staff, photographers, and content writers: **Joe Atkins, Mark Barbour, Chuck Boring, Dale Covington, Warren Gordon, Jim Kellogg, Jim Peeler, and Marlys Williams**. The second award was the Best Foundation and Giving Award, and Chuck Boring, Marietta Rotary Foundation Director, accepted the award.

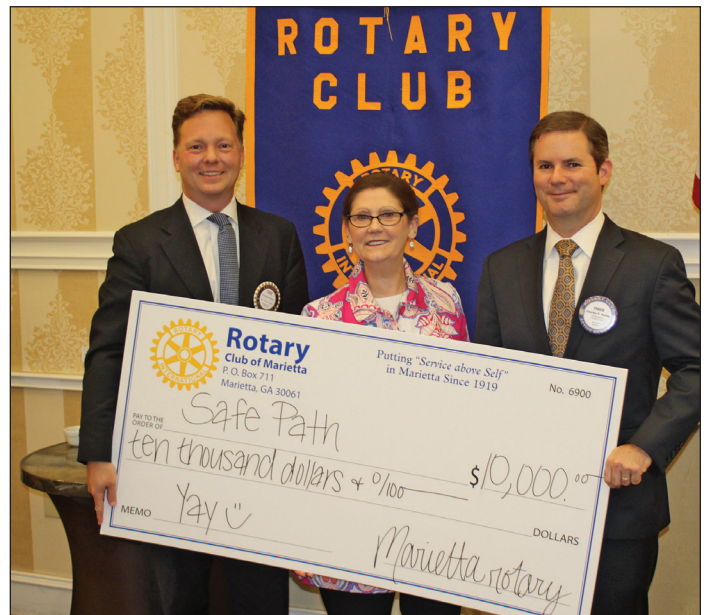


CHUCK BORING ACCEPTS DISTRICT 6900 BEST FOUNDATION GIVING AWARD

PE Chris also said that Marvina Northcutt (wife of long-time member **Buck Northcutt**) passed away at age 95. Please convey your condolences and sympathy to Buck and his family during this difficult period.

Mark Barbour effortlessly delivered the invocation and noted that his deployed son-in-law is home from Afghanistan. He also welcomed the presence of his daughter, Bethany and friend, Kayla at today’s meeting. Additionally, Mark mentioned that the son of Joseph Atkins (Joe Atkins) has been commissioned and is a recent graduate of the University of Georgia. He mentioned another long-time Marietta Rotary member passed, Dr. Barbara Shaw.

Lance Burchette introduced today’s visitors and a visiting Rotarian. As guests of Mark Barbour were his daughter Bethany Barbour Chisley and Kayla Atkins, both members of the U.S. Army. Also visiting as a guest of Tyler Stephens was Patrick Ridley of Farmer’s, and Alicia Alexander as a guest of **Tom Downs**. Jinger Robins from Safepath visited as a guest of the club. Our visiting Rotarian was Rob Blakety from the San Ramon, CA Rotary Club.



Marietta Rotary’s winnings from last year’s S. A. White golf tournament enabled the club to donate differing amounts to several local charities. Jinger Robins from Safepath, Children’s Advocacy Center, accepted a check from Chris Bethel for \$10,000 from the club.

Thomas Sherrer, bar chart in hand, provided an update on the S. A. White Oil Golf Tournament to take place at Marietta Country Club on May 20. More sponsors have been added. Over \$20,000 has now been collected. Tom has ball drop



tickets for sale for \$10 each. Please email Tom if you need an application for sponsorship or to play at jtsherrer@gmail.com. He can email you a pdf information sheet and application, or there are also entry form brochures at the check-in desk. If you would like to volunteer, please advise Tom. There is a need for more sponsors, players, and volunteers.

Mark Barbour needs volunteers for Memorial Day and asked all to sponsor a deployed soldier if they have not already done so. If you have an interest in running the 5K race, there is an application on each table. The Veterans Memorial 5K run is Saturday, May 25, 2019, on the Marietta Square, 1 Cherokee St., Marietta, GA at 7:30 am. All funds raised assist local veterans and military families as well as supporting the SHARE initiative at Shepherd's Center in Atlanta and the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation. Contact Tom Bell at 770-331-5580 or post29marietta.org/5krace or Mark if you are able to volunteer. Immediately following the race at Glover Park there will be a Military Appreciation Celebration.

Bert Reeves facilitated Sunshine. **Jess Loper** announced her engagement to the gathering. She plans a wedding for November 16 to her best friend, Patrick. Congratulations, Jess.



P.E. CHRIS BETHEL, SPEAKER DR. ROGER TUTTEROW AND BERT REEVES

Judge **Adele Grubbs** introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Roger Tutterow, Professor of Economics from Kennesaw State University. Dr. Tutterow also serves as Director of the Econometric Center, an applied research center affiliated with KSU's Cole's College of Business. Dr. Tutterow holds a B.S. in Decision Science from Berry College, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Georgia State University. He also serves as a consultant on financial economics and statistical modeling for many Fortune 500 companies.

Dr. Tutterow opened with an optimistic explanation of where we are nationally. Despite naysayers, the American economy is still growing and will grow the remainder of the year he predicts. The economy has been growing for 119 consecutive months. That is the good news. However, this long expansion causes people to say we are due for a recession. What does that mean? He does not believe in a classic business cycle. We don't have to have recessions. They are due

to poor decision making. The economy currently has a lot of momentum. GDP growth is 3.2% as of last week. Since GDP measures what we produce not what we sell that declaration needs to be taken with a grain of salt. Manufacturing is a hot bed in Cobb County and is very important to the local economy. Manufacturing is very energy intensive. Affordable energy brings back production. Manufacturing jobs are coming back to Cobb and to the U.S. Dr. Tutterow is a pro free trade economist. He predicts that if a 10% tariff is put in place, it will offset the rise in interest rates. Consumer confidence is good. The naysayers are wrong. In April the economy was still adding jobs. He further advises to never look at one month's data and extrapolate over ten years. One month's data does not make a trend. We are adding 100,000 jobs per month. The State of Georgia is doing particularly well. Georgia is adding jobs faster than the rest of the U.S. There is preliminary evidence that millennials are leaving the basement and getting jobs. This is great news for the labor force. As millennials go to work, the labor shortage will be eliminated.

Despite interest rate complaints, we are currently in a low interest rate environment. Bankers are still looking for good customers. It is an excellent time to obtain long-term financing. The housing market is doing well especially in Cobb County. On the tax side, potential taxes and spending by the Democratic House does not bode well. As a nation we run a trade deficit. Sen. Purdue is trying to get relief for farmers. Dr. Tutterow professes not to understand the President on occasion, but the good results cannot be ignored. He closed by answering questions from the audience.



KAYLA ATKINS, MARK BARBOUR AND BETHANY BARBOUR CHISLEY

Becky Sawyer then coordinated the Opportunity Drawing. Judge Adele Grubbs produced the first ticket number but was unsuccessful in drawing the red marble. Toms Down's guest, Alicia Alexander, held the second ticket number, drew the elusive red marble, thus winning the drawing for this week.

Lance Burchette led the Pledge of Allegiance and 4Way Test. President-Elect, Chris Bethel adjourned the meeting.

*Marlys Williams, Scribe
Jim Kellogg, Photos*

MUST Ministry Luncheon, May 9, 2019

Sponsored By Marietta Rotary



This month's Rotary / MUST serving team was composed of the skeleton crew of Dr. **John Knox**, Dr. **Lewis Lipsius**, **Jim Trapnell**, and **Marlys Williams**. With 3-4 of the Rotary / MUST service team in absentia this week, all four cheerfully leaned in, overextended their capabilities, prepared the food, and served 100 diners. For the first time, the dining room was full to capacity.

The dish formulated today was Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Topping, a long-time favorite recipe provided by Chef **Harold Hobbs** before departing for a long-overdue beach vacation. The ingredients involved were nine ½ gallon cans of cooked chicken breasts, 98 oz. of frozen mixed vegetables, 6 quarts of chicken broth seasoned with minced onions, thyme, garlic powder, and a gravy created with flour and milk. The six trays were then topped with 98 biscuits, and all baked in the ovens. Complementing the entrée was mixed salad with ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, and assorted bread and rolls.



At the end of the service, there were no leftovers except for a couple of bites of fruit cocktail. Every morsel was consumed. There was nothing left for those who were queued up for seconds.

~ Marlys Williams



The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro
and
The Rotary Club of Marietta
PRESENT

The 31st Annual

SA [★]WHITE
OIL COMPANY, INC.

Golf Tournament

**BENEFITING THE CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY
THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA METRO AND
THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA**

THIS MONDAY
TO SPONSOR, PLAY OR VOLUNTEER
contact Thomas Sherrer
jtsherrer@gmail.com
404.317.0303

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Wednesday, June 26, 2019		NO Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2019	5:00 PM	Presidents' Night – Marietta Country Club

MARIETTA ROTARY CLUB

CLUB OFFICERS 2018-19 Jesse Evans, *President*

Chris Bethel, *President Elect*
Marla Blackstone, *Co-Secretary*
marla@skeltonblackstone.com

Jeff Cooper, *Co-Secretary*
Brad Leskoven, *Treasurer*
Fred Beloin, *Presidential Advisor*

DIRECTORS

Brooke Cohen, *Administration*
Lee Alison Rable, *Service*
Kelly Maxwell, *Membership*
Thomas Sherrer, *Public Relations*
Chuck Boring, *Foundation*

Meeting makeups may be emailed to:

jeff.cooper@wellstar.org

www.mariettarotary.org



THE ROTALIGHT FOUNDED AUGUST 25, 1937

Published Weekly by

The Rotary Club of Marietta
Post Office Box 711, Marietta, Georgia 30061

ROTALIGHT STAFF

Deborah Marshall, *Editor*

Joseph Atkins
Mark Barbour
Marla Blackstone
Chuck Boring
Dale Covington

Warren Gordon
Abbott Hall
Jim Peeler
Marlys Williams

We welcome and encourage all contributions.

Send articles, photographs and editorials to:

Deborah.Marshall@uss.salvationarmy.org

DISTRICT 6900

Court Dowis, *District Governor*

Mark Barbour, *Assistant District Governor*

mmlbarbour@bellsouth.net

www.rotary6900.org

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Barry Rassin

President

www.rotary.org