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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Scott Jerald

**Hollywood's \$1.5 billion
Hard Rock Guitar!**

Rotary
Club of Marietta



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CONNECTS
THE WORLD**



Scott Jerald

Division Manager



EDUCATION

B.S. in Engineering Management & Civil Engineering, United States Military Academy

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

OSHA 30-Hour Certified

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Total Years of Experience: 22 years

Professional Experience

Executive responsibility for the operations and management of the division. The Division Manager is focused on client and industry partner relationships, and ensuring that the Yates team has the necessary resources committed to deliver a quality project. He is intimately involved in every project phase, from preconstruction, to construction, and through the warranty phase. This executive oversight gives our clients the reassurance that all factors of the project - goals, budget, buy out, production schedule, safety and quality - are reviewed, monitored and measured at the executive level.

Relevant Experience

[The Mark at Atlanta](#)

Yates Construction is providing subcontractor services for The Mark at Atlanta project in Atlanta, Georgia. Yates will be completing the core concrete work for the project to include the 28-story, 644,909 SF mixed-use student housing development building. The project will also include a 10-story, 564 space parking structure.

[Loews Hotel & Office Center](#)

19-story building totaling 574,000 SF with 4-story parking structure, 266 hotel rooms, 16,000 SF meeting space, 8,000 SF ballroom, 3,000 SF junior ballroom and 90,000 SF of retail space.

[The Burgess Hotel Renovation](#)

This project is a five-story, 13,319 SF renovation of the Burgess Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia to be completed August of 2019.

[The Miami Beach EDITION Hotel](#)

This \$100M+ luxury hotel in Miami Beach is situated on a 3.5-acre site offering premier ocean-view accommodations. The hotel offers 294 guest rooms and suites, each individually designed, including 28 private, one and two-story bungalows, and a rooftop penthouse. The hotel features restaurants with chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's Matador Room, a luxury spa, entertainment venues, event spaces, and a private members' club for locals.

[Acqualina Resort & Spa on the Beach](#)

This \$100M+ resort is situated between Fort Lauderdale and Miami and is South Florida's only five-star hotel of its kind to be built completely open to the ocean. Located on 4.5 beachfront acres, the resort is free of barriers between the 51-story tower and its 400 feet of shoreline. The Mediterranean style hotel focuses on a leisure lifestyle with 54 luxurious hotel rooms and 44 hotel suites with classic furnishings and private terraces.

[Trump National Doral](#)

This \$250M project is located in South Florida and is situated on an 800-acre site. The property features 643 deluxe rooms, event spaces, premier dining, a newly designed clubhouse, and four championship golf courses. Also included are luxurious recreational amenities featuring a spa with suites, Royal Palm Pool with 18 cabanas, poolside games, and a children's camp.

[Acqualina Ocean Residences & Resort Condominiums](#)

This new \$100M+ residential luxury condominium complex has 188 residences that offer up to 5 bedrooms and floor plans that are up to 6,419 SF. The facility design is modern with sustainable features that provides comfortable green-living amenities.

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the August 14 Meeting

President **Chris Bethel** called the meeting to order and opened with several announcements. President Chris began by thanking **Fred Beloin** for arranging for the previous week's speaker. Evan Mercer, a highly innovative, inspirational speaker talked about "Crushing Your Challenges." Evan Mercer was born deaf, overcame disabilities and many, many challenges, and is currently in medical school soon to become an MD. Upon completion of his talk, the entire Marietta Rotary club acknowledged his achievements with a standing ovation, an occurrence seldom seen at Marietta Rotary meetings. Chris then recognized **Neera Bahl** for her outstanding invocation from the previous week and cautioned highly-regarded Reverend Dr. **Mark Barbour** to be beware of talented competition. President Chris also expressed thanks to the team of **Morgan Robertson, Harold Hobbs, and Buck Northcutt** for their work on the first of a series of works on the history of the Marietta Rotary Club which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in October 2019.

Chris Mitchell then offered the invocation. **Julie O'Meara** announced guests and visitors. First, accompanying today's speaker, was Rotarian Yanin Farhat from the Emory Rotary Club. Mr. Farhat is also the Polio Chairman. Additionally two visitors were present from Haiti. Georgia Southerland, the daughter of **Mary Ansley Southerland**, was visiting today as she begins her nursing career at Mercer University.

- September 14 Marietta Reads will kick off at 8:00 am on the square. Further details to follow, and there will be sign-up sheets on the tables at the next few meetings. Please volunteer to assist in setting up.

- Sunday, September 22 at Suntrust Park the Atlanta Braves and the Giants will play at 1:20 pm for the Rotary "End Polio Now" event. For every ticket sold through the link below, a portion (\$13 on the \$33 ticket and \$5 on the \$12 ticket) will go back to Rotary Polio Plus campaign. The Gates Foundation will then match 2:1 on monies raised. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Funderburk at kfunderburk@central.com or Bob Hagan bhagan@sterlinghealth.com or 770-330-9852. Purchase your tickets today at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Endpolio5>. This will be a family social as well.

- Thursday, November 14 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm is "Bring the Heat Cook off, Red White and Boots" at the Jim R. Miller Pavilion with music, cook off, and celebrity guests. Hosted by The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, The Rotary Clubs of Cobb County, and Mending Heroes. Some of the cook off teams will be comprised of GA Dept. of Defense Air, Army, State Defense

Force, Cobb Sheriff's Office, Solicitor's Office, Marietta Police, Marietta Fire, Kennesaw Police and Metro Atlanta Ambulance. Recipients include the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Cobb County Public Safety Foundation, The Veterans Court of Cobb County Bravo, and Mending Heroes. Tickets will be \$50 for meal, music and cook off and \$100 for meal, music, cook off, meet and greet with special guests. For additional details contact Mark Barbour at mmlbarbour@bellsouth.net or 770-656-371, or www.bringtheheatcharitycookoff.org.

All Sunshine dollars are donated to the End Polio Now campaign. **Ralph Knight** kicked off the first Sunshine by pronouncing that since his son, **Phil**, announced Ralph's 70th birthday to the universe including a picture in the Marietta Daily Journal; in return, Ralph wished to recognize Phil's 42nd birthday. Morgan Robertson then regaled Phil Knight with a resounding Happy Birthday tune sung in Dutch. Mary Ansley Southerland declared her daughter, Georgia, is starting nursing school at Mercer University. President Chris then mentioned that the **Brad Leskhovens** are expecting Child #2 shortly.

Dan Kirk introduced the speaker, Bob Hagan. Dan has known Bob for forty years and recognized his achievement of building a business (owning and managing 32 thirty-two nursing and assisted living homes) employing over 2,500, then selling that business. Bob is recognized as a Rotary Rock Star. He has served Rotary District 6900 for many years, including the Paul Harris Society Chair, and was District Governor 6900 in 2015-2016. Bob was raised in the Atlanta area and has lived in Roswell since 1973. He is now serving as the Zone 34 End Polio Now Coordinator in 2017-2020 for Rotary International and has recently received the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation for his efforts in promoting polio eradication. Bob is the proud father of two adult married children who are also Rotarians. He has one granddaughter and enjoys traveling, walking, and is an avid tennis player.

Accompanying Bob today is Yanin Farhat from the Emory Clifton Rotary Club, the only e-club. Yanin is the co-chair of District 6900 End Polio Now. Rotary is close to eradicating polio. This global eradication will be Rotary's legacy. Bob continued to provide an overview on the status of polio. Polio is an intestinal virus spread from person to person when hygiene is poor. The polio virus usually enters the environment in the feces of someone who is infected. In areas with poor sanitation, the virus easily spreads from feces into the water supply, or, by touch, into food. In addition, because polio is so contagious, direct contact



PHOTO BY JIM KELLOGG

with a person infected with the virus can cause polio. There is no cure, but there is a vaccine. Polio affects primarily children under the age of 5.

The Bill Gates Foundation is partnering with Rotary to eradicate polio, and will donate \$450 million over the next few years. Rotary must raise \$50 million dollars. Every dollar raised by Rotary will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation.

In 1988 there were 350,000 polio cases worldwide. Today polio cases are found in only three countries: Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria.

Rotary International raised \$1.8 billion to fight the disease. In 2014 India became polio-free even though they have population density and sanitation issues. If the virus is not stopped, infections will occur. In 2018 there were 60 cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Nigeria has been polio-free for three years. In January Rotary will be able to make the announcement that Nigeria is now polio-free. To date, 56 cases have been reported worldwide. The eradication program is a huge success. There are over 150,000 polio workers around the world. "End Polio Now" is in countdown to history.

Bob discusses how the dollars are being spent: to raise awareness, communications via social media, newsletters, magazines, news media, and celebrity ambassadors.

The number 1 initiative of Rotary International is polio eradication.

How can we help? Spread the word, make history today. The goal is \$1,500/club which will be matched. Every child MUST be vaccinated. Please participate in the "End Polio Now" event at Suntrust Stadium on Sunday, September 22, 2019 with game starting at 1:20 pm. For every ticket sold through this link <https://groupmatics.events/event/Endpolio5> a portion will go back to Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign. The Gates Foundation will then match 2:1 on money raised. Purchase your tickets today! For Marietta Rotary it is a Family Day as well.

President Chris presented the speaker a book to be donated to a Marietta elementary school library as a thank you entitled "Pete the Cats Got Class."

Next **Will Allen** and **Norm Aiken** facilitated the Opportunity Drawing. This week's prize would have been \$297. Ralph Knight held the first ticket number but was not successful in drawing the red ball. **Lee Foster** held the second ticket, but was unsuccessful as well. Next week's pot will contain only 8 marbles.

Dan Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. President Chris brought the meeting to an end and dismissed all until next week.

~Scribe, Marlys Williams

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by Chris Bethel



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President Chris with Cobb County Juvenile Court Judge, Kareem West



Pam Ritchie the organizer of this great event.



END POLIO NOW AT SUNTRUST PARK



San Francisco Giants

Atlanta Braves

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

GAME TIME 1:20 PM

\$33 HOME RUN PORCH | \$12 GENERAL ADMISSION

Join fellow Rotarians at SunTrust Park for End Polio Now game on Sunday, September 22. For every ticket sold through the link below, a portion (\$13 on the \$33 ticket and \$5 on the \$12 ticket) will go back to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. The Gates Foundation will then match 2:1 on money raised. If you have any questions please contact Keith Funderburk, President Rotary Club of Marietta Metro, kfunderburk@central.com or 770-373-2406 or Bob Hagan, End Polio Now Coordinator Zone 34, bhagan@sterling-health.com or at 770-330-9852.

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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- family- friendly entertainment
- MCS student performances
- fun games & activities
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- sold at the square



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 28, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Scott Hilton, Executive Director for the Georgians First Commission
Wednesday, September 4, 2019		NO MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Thursday, September 12, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries - Cook & Serve
Saturday September 14, 2019	8:00 AM	Marietta READS! Kickoff (Marietta Square)
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – District Governor, Jim Squire
Wednesday, September 25, 2019	12:15 PM	NO MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Brad Hawkins, Director of the Aviation History and Technology Center

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