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Scott Hilton serves as Executive Director for the Georgians First Commission under the Office of the Governor. The Georgians First Commission is laser focused on streamlining government to make Georgia the most attractive state for small business.

Prior to this role, Scott spent a career in commercial banking at a regional financial institution, providing small businesses with the valuable capital needed to fund growth. Scott also served as a State Representative in the Georgia General Assembly. During his tenure as representative, Scott was appointed to a leadership role as deputy whip and was recognized as "Legislator of the Year" by numerous organizations, including the Georgia Charter School Association and Council of Municipal Court Judges.

Scott graduated with honors from Georgetown University, with a double major in finance and international business and a minor in psychology. Scott graduated from Emory University's one-year accelerated MBA program with a concentration in capital markets.

Scott is active in his community, having served in a variety of roles including President of the Peachtree Corners Civic Association (UPCCA), President of the Amberfield Homeowner's Association, and Fundraising Chair for the Fowler Family YMCA. Scott is a graduate of Leadership Georgia, Conservative Policy Leadership Institute (CPLI), and LEAD Atlanta. He has served as Chairman of the Gwinnett County SPLOST Citizens Project Selection Committee and Treasurer of the Atlanta Down Syndrome Association.

Scott also enjoys running, having completed four marathons. Scott met his wife, Meredith, at Georgetown. Meredith is a local attorney specializing in estate planning and special needs law. Scott and Meredith are active members of Perimeter Church in Johns Creek, Georgia. Scott and Meredith have three children. The family enjoys hiking, golf, tennis, traveling and pickleball.



The **ROTARY CLUB**
of **MARIETTA**

Celebrating
100 YEARS
of **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

*Enjoy an evening with us as we launch the
100th year of the Rotary Club of Marietta*

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019
FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW



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WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the August 21 Meeting

President **Chris Bethel** opened our meeting. **Neera Bahl** delivered the invocation, and **Chris Mitchell** introduced visitors and guests. There were several announcements regarding upcoming events and other items of interest. Among these are the following:

- Family Social Night (afternoon) at SunTrust Park in conjunction with the San Francisco Giants game against the Braves on September 22, 2019 at 1:20 p.m.
- Past President **Mark Barbour** announced the “Bring the Heat Cook Off” November 14th at Jim R. Miller Pavilion of which our club is a sponsor. This event raises money for the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, the Cobb County Public Safety Foundation, and the Veterans Court of Cobb County Bravo/Victor Fund.

In honor of the club’s 100th birthday, **Morgan Robertson**, assisted by **Buck Northcutt** and **Harold Hobbs**, delivered the second presentation on the history of the Rotary Club of Marietta. Today’s presentation covered the many homes of Marietta Rotary and was accompanied by a slide show depicting photographs of many of the club’s meeting locations, as well as those of members at those locations. For years, the primary meeting places were the Marietta Golf Club (now the site of the present location for our meetings) and the YWCA. The first regular meeting location was the Kennesaw Hotel, but special events were frequently held at the Marietta Golf Club. Additional locations for regular club meetings over the years were the Sheraton Hotel at I-75 and South Marietta Parkway and the Holiday Inn on Delk Road. When the club moved to the current location at the Hilton, regular meeting days were moved from Friday to Wednesday.

Fred Beloin introduced our speaker, Scott Jerald, Division Manager of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company. Scott received his engineering management and civil engineering degree from West Point, and he has worked on such major projects as the Loews Hotel, the Mark at Atlanta, the Trump National Doral, and the Aqualina Resort and Spa on the Beach.

Currently, Scott is the division manager assigned to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino project under construction in Hollywood, Florida. This job is considered a “mega project” because the cost exceeds \$1 billion. The center piece is a

twenty-eight-story hotel shaped like a guitar. No two floors are the same, which presented numerous construction challenges. However, the most challenging aspect of this project is actually a smaller, lower adjacent building in which there are no corners, everything is curved. Also necessary was the temporary removal and re-establishment of a lake. Surprisingly, Scott told us this was not a particularly difficult part of the project.

A job of this scope presented numerous managerial issues. The company had never worked on a project of this size, so it decided to break the project into fourteen sub-parts. The site has over 2300 workers daily, so such things as where they eat lunch is an issue. The company created a plaza on site for the workers to eat and provides food trucks with various specialties on certain days. The company also bans the use of cell phones in the dining area, in order to allow the employees time away from the stress of work emails and communications. Despite the intense pressure associated with a project of this size, employee morale is high.

The unique features of this project are too numerous to catalog, but a few are:

- An oculus which projects images of live performances on a thin curtain of water.
- Curved concrete side walls at the corners of the hotel building.
- Fourteen cabanas in the replaced lake similar to those in Bora Bora.
- L.E.D. glass on the exterior of the hotel which will simultaneously project images of live performances in the on-site Hard Rock Live concert hall.

With construction slated to be completed by October 24, 2019, this facility will be the hotel headquarters for the 2020 Super Bowl. The complex is owned and operated by the Seminole Tribe.

The opportunity drawing was administered by **Norm Aiken** and **Will Allen**. The red marble remained in the bag this week. **Glenn Owens** led the pledge and the four-way test, and then the meeting was adjourned.

~ Scribe, Joe Atkins

PHOTOS FROM AUGUST 21st MEETING

by Jim Kellogg



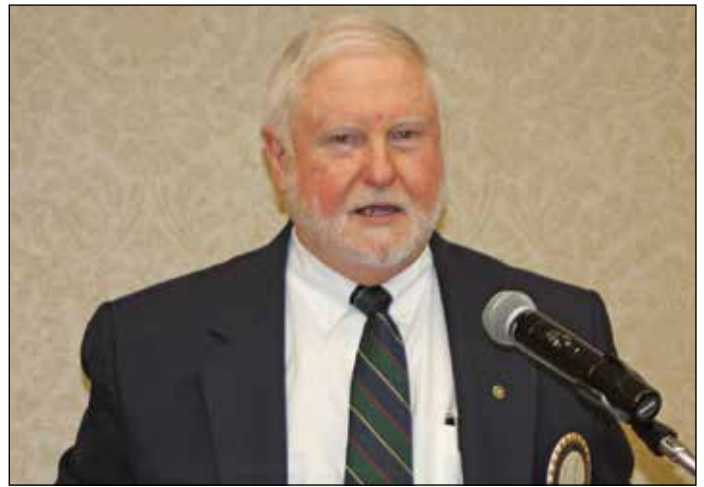
NEERA BAHL DELIVERS THE INVOCATION



CHRIS MITCHELL WELCOME VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



RENEE McCORMICK FROM THE EXTENSION MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT PROMOTING "BLUES & BASH" FUNDRAISER



MORGAN ROBERTSON DELIVERS THE SECOND IN A SERIES ON OUR CLUB'S HISTORY



PRESIDENT CHRIS PRESENTS THE BOOK "EVERYTHING GOES" TO OUR SPEAKER



FRED BELOIN, NEERA BAHL, SPEAKER SCOTT JERALD, PRESIDENT CHRIS

Let's call it the "Rotalight"

Editor's Note: This is an editorial from the inaugural Rotalight, August 25, 1937, eighty-two years ago this week.

It is with some trepidation that we start out on this new undertaking. But when President Bill says "scat" he means "scat" and when Bill says, says he, "We are going to have a Club Publication and you are to edit it." – Well, a good Rotarian is supposed to act when called upon – so here is Volume I, Number I of the "Rotalight".

But why "Rotalight"? D. G. "T" told us at Albany that "the sun never sets on Rotary". This gave us the idea that we were stealing the slogan of the British Empire; so we changed it a little and made it to read "The sun ever shines on Rotary", the other is our own "Let's spread the light of Rotary". The "Rotalight" is created for that purpose. In it we hope to inform you of what the club is doing, what others have done, and what Rotary can do. It aims to give information that will make each Rotarian realize what Rotary actually means and what it can do for him, to make him know that it is a vital force in the lives of others, that its force may be felt from the hearts of individuals to the ends of the earth. We would make each member realize that he is a cog in his own club as his club is in Rotary International and that every cog is necessary. We would "Spread the light of Rotary". Ignorance is darkness – knowledge is light. When speaking of this club's publication don't call it the Bulletin; there is always too much accent on the first syllable – *Let's call it the "Rotalight"*.

~ Rev. Charles E. Wood, Editor
William M. Stephens, President
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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!

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Endpolio5>



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MARIETTA SQUARE

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- family- friendly entertainment
- MCS student performances
- fun games & activities
- at \$0.50 per ticket or all-inclusive
- wristbands at \$5.00 (\$10 per family)
- 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, 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
Sunday, September 22, 2019	1:20 PM	Braves Game at SunTrust Park
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
Wednesday, October 9, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Offsite TBA
Thursday, October 10, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries - Cook & Serve

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