

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

Celebrating 100 Years of "Service Above Self"

December 4, 2019 • Volume 83, Number 18

TODAY'S SPEAKER:
Lt. Jose Valentin
"Today's Salvation Army"



Rotary
Club of Marietta



ROTARY
CONNECTS
THE WORLD





TODAY'S SPEAKER: Lt. Jose Valentin

Lieutenant Jose Valentin was born and raised in Puerto Rico.

He is a retired Police Officer with 17½ years on the force. The last 12 years he was on a SWAT Team with a rank of Lieutenant.

After he retired from the police department he started his own business of Security and Sounds.

2009 Lt. Valentin and his wife (Lt. Yamira Valentin) enrolled in The Salvation Army Property Department in the Florida Division.

2013 they moved to The Salvation Army Georgia Division and were commissioned as Lieutenants in 2015. Their first appointment was with the International Corps in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2017 they were assigned to the Cobb and Douglas Corps. They have been with The Salvation Army for the last 10 years.

Lieutenant Jose Valentin married Lieutenant Yamira Valentin in 1990 and they have been married for 29 years. They have 4 children and 2 grandchildren:

Jose Jr 28, Accounting, with a Master Degree in International Business

Yaileene 27, Teacher, working for the YMCA

Joseph 23, Business Degree, working for the Salvation Army.

Josseirys 18, Freshmen Pre-Med at Georgia State College.

The Salvation Army Mission Statement

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by a love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army Metro Atlanta Area Command encompasses the 13 counties that comprise Greater Atlanta. The three areas that the Command focuses on include Sheltering and Housing, Youth Recreational and Character Building and Anti-Trafficking Efforts. In our Fiscal Year 2018 we provided over 147,000 nights of shelter, more than 161,000 meals and assisted more than 45,185 individuals.

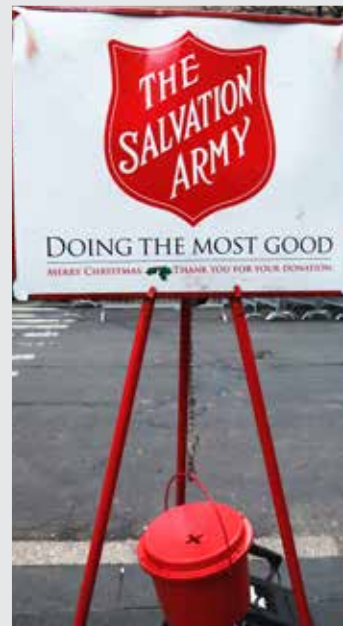
Red Kettle History

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome -- funding the project.

Where would the money come from, he wondered. He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking, praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. As he pondered the issue, his thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Six years later, the kettle idea spread from the west coast to the Boston area. That year, the combined effort nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods.



Captain McFee's kettle idea launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but all across the world. Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, Chile and many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten.

MARIETTA ROTARY SUPPORTS SALVATION ARMY'S RED KETTLE KICKOFF



Attending the event, Rotary members: Chris Bethel, Joyette Holmes, Marlys Williams, Abbott Hall, Deborah Marshall, and Michelle Miller.



Rotarian Michelle Miller is a major sponsor of the event. She is also on the Salvation Army Cobb Douglas Corps Advisory Council.

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the November 20 Meeting

T'was the week before Giving Thanks and wafting all through the room, aromas of turkey and 'chicken dressing' up our nostrils did zoom. With Rotarians a-plenty sitting in place, **President Chris** wacked our bell and set the good pace of a wonderful gathering of Rotary believers...the BEST in Marietta, all high achievers!



First the introduction of Preacherman **Speed**, who unto the Almighty our hopes he did plead by referencing a hymn known to most who can recall, "For the Beauty of God's Earth"...all creatures great and small. Whilst our invocator invoked masterfully well, not a Rotarian was stirring for we all could tell through Dr. Jim Speed God would be compelled to continue to bless us oh so well, as we do and give and be our best trying to live by our "Four Way Test!" After such a remarkable invocation,



Retiree **Debra Day** came forth to extend salutation to our Guests and Visitors alike in our meeting, Charlie Oliver, Scott Yates, Benjamin Burns, and Floridian-visiting Rotarian 'Patrick' received heartfelt greetings. Moving on, announcements were made, reminding Rotarians not to be afraid of assisting to ring the "Red Kettle Bell" hoping the coffers of "The Army" would swell. The challenge to help with our Christmas project came from **Kelly Maxwell** with heartfelt logic that if all Rotarians would help lend a hand, the shopping, prep, and event would be all the more grand! Therefore and thereafter, other announcements were made but before those are mentioned, I now end this charade and commend one and commend to all that "when we meet with "obstacles" while mounting the "community service sky" with our Rotary effort "like hurricanes we should fly," and leave all excuses tucked on the shelf and simply live honorable by putting "Service Above Self."

Seriously, if we as Rotarians would sincerely, truly put 'Service Above Self' and make plans now to join in the support service projects for our annual "Holidays Around the World" event, namely: 'Family Shopping Day' at the 'Walmarts', 12/8, 1 pm until 3 pm, the 'Toiletry Bag Assembly' happiness, 12/10, 5:30 pm 877 Franklin Gateway – Suite 300, and YES(!), be present on Friday, December 12th, 2019, at 877 Franklin Gateway, Suite 700, at 5:30 pm, we would be "all the more better" for doing so! Likewise, as mentioned previously, bell ringers are needed for the "Red Kettle" Salvation Army service project this coming Saturday, December the 7th, at the Sam's Club, 150 Cobb Parkway. Please see **Deborah Marshall** to sign-up! After our announcements, President Chris extended celebratory recognitions to the following Rotarians for attaining and maintaining perfect attendance: himself - 1 year, **Jim**



A PHOTO OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY-KIWANIS PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS DONATED BY MEMBERS. CONGRATULATIONS TO TYLER STEPHENS FOR HEADING THIS PROJECT.

Trapnell – 15 years (prayers for Jim during this time, please!), **Marlys Williams** – 2 years, **Jeff Cooper** – 3 years, Kelly Maxwell – 4 years, **Don Barbour** – 5 years, Scribbler **Mark Barbour** – 7 years, **Fred Beloin** – 25 years(!), **Lance Burchett** – 27 years(!), **Lewis Lispius** – 40 years (WOW!), **Guy “Buck” Northcutt** – 26 years(!), **John Knox** – 47 years (Double WOW!), and **Jim Fausett** – 47 years (Ditto Double WOW!). Well-deserving rambunctious applause accompanied each recognition! President Chris then gave felicitous acknowledgment to our “Rotarian of the Month” befitting this individual’s avid commitment to supporting our good Club through arranging, managing, promoting, and supporting our community service projects. Rotarian Director of Club Service, **Tyler Stephens**, was called forth to receive a noteworthy beautiful plaque commemorating his exceptional efforts! Solar Emanation then ensued from the Honorable Rotarian Judge **Adele Grubbs** who Sunshined the recently held “Fireside Chat” convened at President Chris’ home. Attendance was commendable, the meeting exceptional and the verdict pronounced that such chats should be held more often! Our President then called on Past President Fred Beloin to introduce our speaker. Prior to his introduction, Fred noted that in attendance, as previously welcomed by Debra Day, were several friends who were “early risers” at the gym on Winy Hill (unlike President Chris who arrives at said gym ‘later’ at 8-8:30). He then made humble apology for calling them friends and proceeded to provide a pensive, impressive introduction of our esteemed architectural guest, William de St. Aubin – AIA, LEED AP.

Mr. William de St. Aubin was hindered at the outset of his remarkable program by a technological AV computerized glitch. However, Rotarian **Teresa Hunter** sprang forth to the rescue! She indeed will henceforth from this time forward forever be known as the “Techno-Glitch-Resolutionist” for our Club! As noted herein above, Mr. de St. Aubin’s presentation was simply captivatingly remarkable! Mr. de St. Aubin, CEO of Sizemore Group, guides the firm’s strategies by providing expertise on “healthy town planning,” engineering, and “architectural design innovations” to the “Urban Development Industry.” His insight regarding the reclamation of abandoned malls, “progression of urban land development economic impact,” and local area “connection-live-work-walk-bike environmental experiences” was/is simply fascinating. His comments certainly sparked a keen interest from all in attendance as he skillfully noted that he and his firm thrive on innovation, collaboration, intense debate related to quality of life in urban areas like Cobb County. His excellent comments about the issues that affect the quality of our environment, social/cultural life, and the vibrancy of urban community living were, again, simply fascinating. Mr. de St. Aubin stated that “I believe in delivering environmental value to our communities...”; he then made “case study comments” and “project references” through his remarks related to the Braves-Cumberland Economic Development District, Kennesaw Town Center, Perimeter Center, Downtown Milton, Franklin Gateway, Tyler Perry Studios, Stonecrest Mall, Smyrna Towne Center, Cobb Transit Center and adjacent shopping area,

and several other localities that are now developed or will be developed to create “a connected global experience and immersion in walkable, livable, ‘experience oriented’ quality living environments. His vision, insight, and expertise fascinated us all!

Exceptional inquiries emanated from our mid-week gathering attendees during our routine time of questions from the floor. Suffice it to say here that our pre-Thanksgiving program was one of the best thus far this year!

President Chris then noted that a book would be presented to a Marietta Elementary School in our guest speaker’s honor. Rotarian **Ben Worley** and **Norm Aiken** were our Club’s ‘Opportunity Drawing’ ambassadors and alas the red oblong-like marble was once again elusively evasive for **Lee Pence** and President Elect Nominee **Will Allen**...Lady Luck grabbed a turkey leg and wobbled away in gobbling glee!

Our accustomed practice of rowdy recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag then took place followed by our weekly equally enthusiastic recitation of the “Four Way Test” of the “Things We Think, Say, and Do” was well led by our beloved longtime stellar feller **Jack Corn**. And we were all once again bid adjourned after yet another commendable Rotary Club of Marietta Wednesday mid-week meeting during our 100th year of making an exceptional difference in our community, district, and world... “It’s a great day to be a Rotarian!”

~ Humbly Scribed by Scribbler Mark Barbour

December Birthdays

Adele Grubbs - December 4
Jim Trapnell - December 5
Mark Adams - December 6
Dan Oliver - December 6
Jim Speed - December 7
Bert Reeves - December 9
Tom Maloy - December 10
Caitlyn Cooper - December 13
Terry Pendley - December 19
John Knox - December 26
Marla Blackstone - December 31

MARIETTA ROTARY BOARD 2020-2021



MARY ANSLEY SOUTHERLAND
President

ADMINISTRATION



BROOKE COHEN
President Elect



MARLA BLACKSTONE
Secretary



JEFF COOPER
Executive Secretary



BRAD LESKOVEN
Treasurer

DIRECTORS



WILL ALLEN
Administration



NEERA BAHL
Public Relations



KELLY MAXWELL
Membership



JENNIFER NELSON
Foundation



THOMAS SHERRER
Club Service



Rotary Club of Marietta

13th Annual 'Holidays Around the World' Children's Party

Franklin Rd. Marietta Police Athletic League: 200-250 Kids

DATE: Friday, December 13, 2019 from 6-8pm

LOCATION:

Location Christ Harvesters Global Outreach Ministries, 877 Franklin Rd.(now Franklin Gateway) Suite #200 , Marietta, GA, 30067

Dear Rotarians:

Every year we ask each member of our club to participate in some way for our annual Children's Christmas Party. This year, similar to last year, we will be working with the Franklin Road Community Association, the Marietta City Police Department Police Athletic League (PAL) & a variety of other local organizations & businesses. We will be purchasing 2 - \$10 children's gifts for over 200 underprivileged children of all ages. We are providing toys/gifts, pizza & drinks, toiletry bags, and a craft table. *Below are all the many ways you and your family can help, as many hearts & hands are needed to accomplish this community event.*

1. The easiest thing for you to do is to please consider donating a check or cash for up to \$75. Your donation must be collected during Rotary meetings no later than the December 4th Rotary Meeting. We will collect these at the meetings each week.

- Please make your check out to: **MRFF** or you can pay cash.

We **CAN NOT** add it to your bill. Please indicate on the check: **Christmas Party**

2. Sign up to help assemble the toiletry bags on Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30pm at the above party location.

3. Please attend the evening event & help with the Rotary craft or refreshment tables, handing out gifts/toiletry bags/pizza or be a Santa's helper. We'll find the perfect thing for you to do.

4. Attend the Rotary Family Shopping Day by being an elf & help with the shopping event on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 1-3pm at Walmart on Cobb Parkway.

Deliver the gifts to location Monday, Dec. 9th by 9:30am. If you do this you will need to come to the shopping day to fill your car up with the toys that are purchased. (see Holly for more details)

Questions contact: Holly Walquist at 404-518-4664 or via email: holly@hollyenterprises.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 11, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Santa Secrets: Fun and Spirited Christmas and End of the Year Celebration
Thursday, December 12, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Christmas Lunch
Wednesday, December 18, 2019		No Meeting – Due to joint meeting w/ Kiwanis
Thursday, December 19, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Joint Meeting Kiwanis "Annual Christmas Meeting"
Wednesday, December 25, 2019		No Meeting - Merry Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2020		No Meeting - Happy New Year
Wednesday, January 8, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Spencer Gelernter, Licensed Psychologist
Wednesday, January 15, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – Hamilton E. Holmes, Jr., "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"
Wednesday, January 22, 2020		Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Patricia Patterson, Marietta Center for Advanced Academics

MARIETTA ROTARY CLUB

CLUB OFFICERS 2019-20 Christopher Bethel, *President*

Mary Ansley Southerland, *President Elect*
Marla Blackstone, *Co-Secretary*
marla@skeltonblackstone.com

Jeff Cooper, *Co-Secretary*
Brad Leskoven, *Treasurer*
Reuben Green, *Presidential Advisor*

DIRECTORS

Joseph Atkins, *Administration*
Tyler Stephens, *Service*
Kelly Maxwell, *Membership*
Thomas Sherrer, *Public Relations*
Brooke Cohen, *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

Jim Squire, *District Governor*
Mark Barbour, *Assistant District Governor*
mmlbarbour@bellsouth.net

www.rotary6900.org

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Mark Daniel Maloney
President

www.rotary.org