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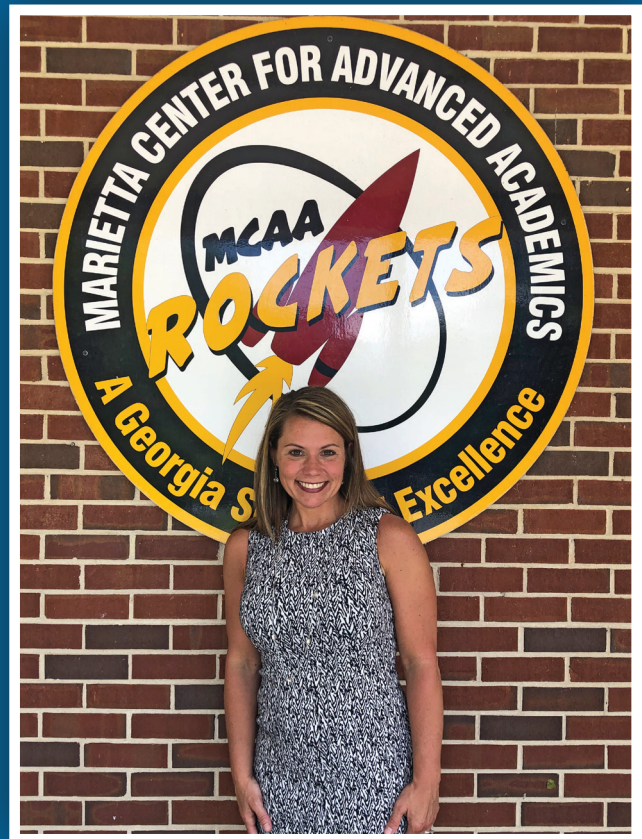
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TODAY'S SPEAKER:

Dr. Patricia Patterson

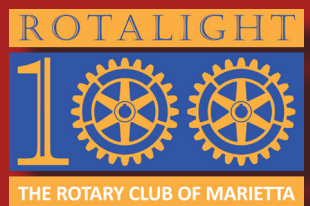
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Today's Guest Speaker Dr. Tricia Patterson

Dr. Patterson will be speaking to us about the program we/RCoM funded at her school *The Voyage – A Character Education Adventure*

Dr. Tricia Patterson earned her Ed.D. in Education Policy and Leadership at The University of Alabama. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Communication from The Ohio State University, a Bachelor of Arts in teaching (K-8) from Otterbein College, a Masters in Education Leadership from Kennesaw State University, and a Specialist in Education Leadership from Berry College. Dr. Patterson is currently a Principal for Marietta City Schools at the Marietta Center for Advanced Academics (MCAA). She has been in education for twenty-one years as a teacher, Intervention Specialist, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Her expertise lies in creating an innovative vision, sustaining a positive school culture, and building community and school relationships. Dr. Patterson has presented on STE(A)M implementation and innovation at numerous conferences, including the Georgia STE(A)M Forum. Dr. Patterson has a passion for being on the forefront of STE(A)M education and enjoys learning from others as she serves as a Lead Reviewer for Cognia (International Education Certification Organization, formally AdvancEd) and has participated as a Lead Reviewer in seven schools located in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and Maryland. She resides in Marietta, Georgia with her husband, two children (Ella – 14, Cooper - 11), and two rescue Labs (Knox and Faith).



Save the Date



*"Spreading More Love"
Valentine Sweetheart Dinner
with our Fellow Kiwanis
Friends*

*Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Marietta Educational Garden Center*

*A Romantic Dinner with
beautiful Love Songs*

*Proceeds will benefit Center for
Family Resources Peanut Butter Drive
for Winter Break*

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the January 15 Meeting

President **Chris Bethel** opened our second lunch meeting of 2020. **Mark Barbour** delivered the invocation with customary professional excellence. **Marlys Williams** introduced numerous visitors and guests.

Today was the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. President Chris read one of Dr. King's famous prayers: "Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself."

President Chris bestowed several important awards. **Mark Wright** received his blue badge. **Lance Burchett** received his perfect attendance award (twenty-seven years!) as did past-president **Jesse Evans**. Also, Jesse won the college bowl competition, taking home the coveted Chick Fil A gift card.



LANCE BURCHETT

President Chris also reminded us of the joint Kiwanis Valentine's party on February 11th.



JIM PEELER

Jim Peeler announced the annual golf tournament would occur on May 18, 2020. He encouraged members to email him regarding entrance into the ball drop and other contests. He reminded us this is our major (and only) fund-raiser. This year, the club has retained a service which will assist in managing the event, which, it is hoped, will help us raise even more money for our worthy causes.

District Conference will be April 30-May 3rd at Jekyll Island. **Abbott Hall** handled sunshine, of which there were many.

Joyette Holmes (herself a UGA graduate) introduced our speaker, Hamilton E. Holmes, Jr. Mr. Holmes was born in Detroit and spent his early childhood in Nuremberg before moving back to Atlanta, where he grew up. He attended Northside High School and earned a BBA from the University of Georgia and an MBA from Mercer. He worked with such corporate giants as AT&T and Lockheed Martin. He is presently the business development director with Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects. He is the son of the late Hamilton Holmes, M.D., who, along with Charlayne Hunter, integrated the University of Georgia in 1961.

Unfortunately, the integration of the University of Georgia, while significantly smoother than the process at some other large southern land-grant universities, was not without its



PRESIDENT CHRIS, HAMILTON HOLMES, JR, JOYETTE HOLMES

difficulties. And so, 174 years after Georgia's flagship public university and the birthplace of public higher education in America was chartered, Hamilton Holmes applied for admission. That admission proved elusive, so he sued in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. Thereafter, Judge Bootle effectively ordered the Registrar at the University to admit both Holmes and Hunter. *Holmes and Hunter v. Danner*, 134 F.Supp. 394 (M.D. Ga. 1961). After ugly campus gatherings of many UGA students, Dean William Tate and the Georgia State Patrol were finally able to escort Holmes and Hunter to class, and, eventually, they both graduated.

A poignant statement from our speaker was that many fellow students privately expressed support for Holmes and Hunter but were afraid to publicly stand with them in their endeavor.

Mr. Holmes' speech was very warmly received by Marietta Rotary, including the many University of Georgia alumni who are members. There was a standing ovation.

The opportunity drawing was administered by **Teresa Jones** and Abbott Hall, but there was no winner this time. **Dan Kirk** led the pledge and the four-way test, and then the meeting was adjourned.

~ Joe Atkins, Scribe
~ Richard Cope, Photos

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wednesday, January 29, 2020 | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – Ross Cavitt - "Changes in Media" |
| Wednesday, February 5, 2020 | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting – TBA |
| Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Valentine Party with Marietta Kiwanis |
| Wednesday, February 12, 2020 | | NO MEETING (due to Valentine Party) |
| Thursday, February 13, 2020 | 10:30 AM | MUST Cook and Serve |
| Wednesday, February 19, 2020 | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting - Mary Waters, Deputy Commissioner, International Trade State of Georgia |
| Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | 12:15 PM | Luncheon Meeting - Peter Heintzelman, President and CEO Cobb EMC |

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