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Ross Cavitt
"CHANGES IN MEDIA
SPANNING 40 YEARS"



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CONNECTS
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Ross Cavitt spent more than three decades in local television news, the majority of his career at WSB-TV in Atlanta. Prior to Atlanta, he covered crime and courts in Orlando, Florida and spent more than three years covering the space program at the Kennedy Space Center. During this time he went to the Middle East twice, the first in the days following Operation Desert Storm. He became known for covering hurricanes across the southeast, an assignment he continued at WSB.

In Atlanta, Cavitt was a reporter and occasional meteorologist winning multiple regional Emmy awards and Associated Press awards for live reporting, weather coverage and breaking news stories. He won a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for the coverage of the 2013 tornado that ravaged Adairsville, Georgia. Cavitt was heavily involved in crime and courts reporting, covering a dozen death penalty trials and dozens of other high-profile cases.

In 2017, Cavitt became Cobb County's Communications Director where he leads a small team that deals with media inquiries, provides coverage of county meetings and events, and helps plan and promote multiple large events in the county.



PICTURES NEXT WEEK

At next week's meeting we will have a professional photographer here to take headshots of all members. Please come early. The pictures will be used in the directory, Rotalight, and online.



FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING: MARY ANSLEY SOUTHERLAND, DR. PATTERSON, PRESIDENT CHRIS

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the January 22 Meeting

President **Chris Bethel** opened our third lunch meeting of 2020. **Teresa Jones** delivered the invocation. **Will Allen** introduced numerous visitors and guests, including several associated with the Marietta City Schools.



JULIE O'MEARA

President Chris bestowed the blue badge upon **Julie O'Meara**. He also announced that District Conference will be April 30-May 3rd at Jekyll Island. It will be held at the Westin, and he encouraged all to attend.

President Chris also reminded us of the joint Kiwanis Valentine party for February 11th. Additionally, it appears that the Smyrna, North Cobb, and Marietta-Metro clubs will participate.



JIM TRAPNELL

There were several notable Rotary connections in the news recently—all generating positive stories. Marietta Police Chief **Dan Flynn** and his department were very favorably profiled in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for the high morale in the department and the fact that all positions are full. This is a rarity for metro-area departments. Chief Flynn commented on the need to change management styles to fit new generations of officers, and he certainly seems to have successfully done that. Congratulations Chief Flynn! Additionally, in the Smyrna Vinings Lifestyle publication, there was an article referencing Marietta Rotary's 100th Anniversary Literacy Project, and this also received favorable mention by Dr. Mary Chapman in her MLK day speech and was cited as a good example of service.

Abbott Hall handled numerous sunshine announcements. Thankfully, there were many. A notable one was **Jim Trapnell** informing us his granddaughter placed first runner up in the recent Miss University of Georgia Pageant held



GUEST SPEAKER: DR. PATRICIA PATTERSON

at the Fine Arts Building. Other than her immediate family, no one even knew she had entered. Thereafter, the entire family made the short trip up the hill to the UGA Chapel on North Campus. There, they found her future husband playing a grand piano on the stage. He stopped playing, took a knee, and proposed. She accepted. All of this was witnessed by the family. What a weekend, and what a memory!

Mary Ansley Southerland introduced our speaker, Dr. Patricia Patterson. Mary Ansley first heard about Dr. Patterson when a friend described Dr. Patterson as “making him just as tired as you [Mary Ansley] do.” And Dr. Patterson's resume fits the description of a person of action. She holds numerous degrees, including undergraduate degrees from Ohio State and Otterbein College. Her master's degree is in Education Leadership from KSU, and she also earned an Education Doctorate from the University of Alabama. Dr. Patterson is currently the principal of the Marietta Center for Advanced Academics. A strong emphasis at the Center is STE(A)M, and the Center also emphasizes the soft skills which seem to be disappearing today. For example, not only are students learning STEM, they are also working in groups and communicating their ideas, rather than just spending all of their time looking at the screens of their devices. They utilize the Voyage System which includes eight anchors of character education concepts. They are used throughout the school and prepare each student to transition to the Sixth Grade Academy.

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

~ Joe Atkins, Scribe
~ Dale Covington, Photos

The Kiwanis Club of Marietta & The Rotary Club of Marietta

Cordially Invite You to a Special

Spreading More Love

Valentine Dinner

SUPPORTING THE CFR
PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH
@ 7 PM

Join your Kiwanis + Rotary Friends

Tuesday, February 11th @ 7 pm

@ The Marietta Educational Garden Center

505 Kennesaw Avenue Marietta, Georgia 30060

- ♥ Lovely Dinner Buffet, Perfectly Paired Wines, + Exquisite Desserts from Kiwanis' Own Adriane's Delectables
- ♥ Love Will Be in the Air and You Can Dance the Night Away with LIVE MUSIC performed by Melanie Dobbins and The Jazz Jones Legacy
- ♥ Bring Your Valentine and/or Your Friends or Just Meet Us There
\$50 per person

RSVP by February 7th to mariettarotaryrsvp@gmail.com

OR online @ mariettarotary.org



**Donations Will be Accepted for CFR's Peanut Butter Drive
to Help our Local Families During the Upcoming School Break**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 5, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – "Our Greatness From Within" Speakers: Neera Bahl, Chris Mitchell, Mark Wright
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 - Dr. Pamela Whitten, President of Kennesaw State University
Wednesday, March 4, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - TBA

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