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OFF-SITE MEETING THIS WEEK

MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL

1171 Whitlock Ave NW, Marietta, GA 30064

Today's Guest Speaker:

Rich Morgan

Head Football Coach

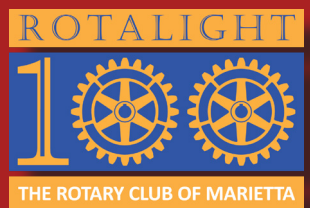
Marietta High School



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Rich Morgan

Head Football Coach Marietta High School

Rich Morgan has just completed his 4th year at the helm of Marietta High School's Football team. As Head Coach he led the 2019 Blue Devils to their first State Championship since 1967 with a resounding victory over perennial champions Lowndes County and a final national ranking of #7 by Maxpreps. Marietta was invited and played in the GEICO State Champions Bowl Series in Las Vegas beating nationally ranked Eastside Catholic out of Washington State by an impressive 53 to 14 score. The 2019 MHS Season will be one for the records as Coach Morgan's team had 11 Division 1 signees and many other players sign on and go on to play at an array of colleges and universities.

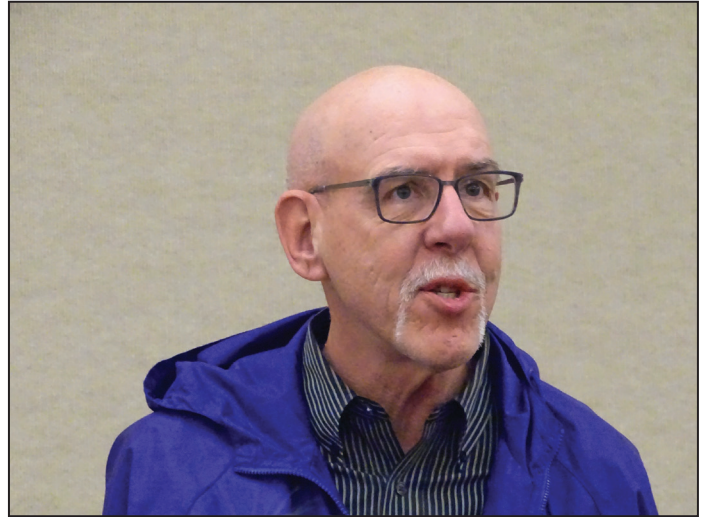
Prior to coming to Marietta, Rich spent 14 years as head coach of the Oscar Smith Tigers in Chesapeake, Virginia. He became the winningest 6-A coach and program in Virginia with a record of 164 wins and only 20 losses. Rich has been named District, Region and State Coach of the Year on numerous occasions and has been selected as an Under Armor All American Game Coach on 3 different seasons.

Rich has been married over 17 years and has 4 children.

Coach Morgan's mission at Marietta is to develop men of character and integrity within a culture of greatness.

Pictures from Last Meeting

by Dale Covington



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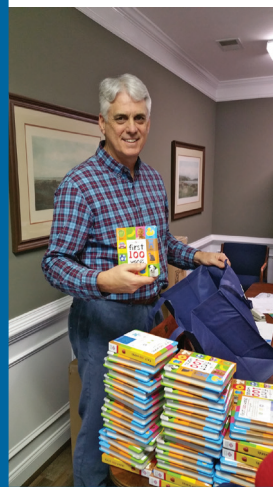
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REMINDER! *Legacy of Love* PACKING DAY

WHEN:
TUESDAY, MARCH 10

WHERE:
W.D. LITTE MORTGAGE
707 WHITLOCK AVE
BUILDING A-37
MARIETTA, GA

TIME:
3 PM



WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the March 4 Meeting

President **Chris Bethel** approached the podium and rang the bell to begin our first meeting in March. He immediately pointed out Past President **Jesse Evans**, who was in the room sporting a sweatshirt instead of his usual business suit and tie. President Chris said he must now relinquish his title of GQ1 and take on the title of Hawaii 5-0! He also reminded us to think and pray for those in Nashville who were affected by tornadoes that hit the area. He also announced that Susan Schmidt, the Widow of long-time member Fred Schmidt had passed away. President Chris asked **Phillip Knight** to approach the podium to give the invocation.

Dan Kirk was charged with introducing our guests and visiting Rotarians. Guests included Bethany and Jordan Chisely, daughter and son-in-law of **Mark Barbour**, Rosser Southerland, guest of PE **Mary Ansley Southerland**, Dan Zachman, guest of **Bill Dunaway**, Nancy Couch, guest of **Teresa Jones**, Justin Carswell, (who has applied for membership), guest of **Tom Downs**, and two guests of the Club who are applying for membership – Andrew Hairetis, and Brett Edwards. Our March membership drive is starting with a bang! There were no visiting Rotarians.

Mark Barbour announced that he and President Chris will be headed to District Assembly and all are welcome to join them. **Don Barbour** is still looking for volunteer readers for Marietta Reads which begins the week of March 30. Teresa Jones announced the Marietta High School Football Banquet and we were reminded that the March 11 meeting will be held off-site. **Tyler Stephens** talked about the Adapted Games and **Will Allen** gave us an update on the golf tournament. Last but not least MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MONTH! We are circulating the information of four individuals who have applied for membership. If you have a lead on a new member, please see **Kelly Maxwell**.



DON BARBOUR



WILL ALLEN

President Chris gave a big shout out to **Marla Blackstone** for working on our Club Directory – the Directory will be available at the badge table, please check your information for accuracy.

In the News – Dan Kirk penned an article called “Integrity – What we do when no one is looking” which appeared in the MDJ on 2/28/20.



MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS M. CARDEN, JR.

Sunshine was administered by **Louis Lipsius**. First up was Mark Barbour who announced his new grandbaby. **Lee Pence** was in Nashville the night before the tornadoes hit. He asked the members to pray for the people of Nashville. **Ralph Knight** challenged his son Phillip to attempt a 50 K trail run and he completed it! **Richard Cope** asked us to go see his daughter in the play called Pipeline, which will be showing at Theatre in the Square for the month of March.

Bill Dunaway stepped to the podium to announce this week’s speaker, Major General Thomas M. Carden, Jr. who was appointed by Governor Brian Kemp in January as the 43rd Adjutant General of the Georgia Department of Defense. Bill made sure the audience understood that Major General Carden EARNED this position. Major General Carden opened by listing all the people in the room whom he considers his heroes. He started with Judge and Past President **Reuben Green** for creating and presiding over the Accountability Courts in Cobb County. He next turned to Chief **Dan Flynn**, whom he considers to be a great leader. Next up were Nancy Couch and Teresa Jones for their tireless volunteerism to do good. He mentioned Bill Dunaway as an exceptional servant leader and then he asked every person in the room who was or is in any branch of our military to stand up, which resulted in a hearty round of applause.

Major General Carden identified the two roles the National Guard plays. First, the National Guard provides forces for Combatant Commanders in hot spots around the world. The Guard’s second role is to provide homeland

defense. During domestic events the National Guard can enhance and augment police and first responders' activities in times of natural disasters and man made ones. The Georgia National Guard is comprised of 11,400 soldiers and has a major presence in Cobb County. Major General Carden states that for every \$1 in taxes paid \$47 of services comes back. All 159 counties in Georgia are touched by the Air National Guard.

Major General Carden stated that The National Guard engages with other countries around the world to avoid aggressions, commenting that we don't fight with those we partner with. This activity, happening around the world, keeps America safe. He went on to say that the National Guard is stronger than it's ever been.

He next turned to the subject of the Corona Virus. Major General Carden said he has been practicing managing flu and virus pandemics over his entire career. He gave us very practical tips on how to stay healthy. Stay home if you feel sick. Get a flu shot. But most importantly WASH YOUR HANDS!

He gave us tips on how we can help the Guard. Hire a Guardsman. Support the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation. Lee Pence mentioned the Georgia Military Scholarships. Bethany and her husband Jordan both received scholarship from this program.

President Chris told our speaker that we would be donating a book in his honor to our 100th Anniversary Year Literacy program.

Ralph Knight and Dr. **John Knox** administered the Opportunity Drawing. Unfortunately, neither Tom Downs nor Phillip Knight were able to find the elusive red marble.

President Chris reminded us of the MUST Ministries Cook and Serve on Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 AM, and that we are meeting next week at Marietta High School.

Dan Kirk led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test and then we adjourned.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 12, 2020	10:30 AM	MUST Cook and Serve
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Tracy Rathbone Styf and Jennifer Hogan; Town Center Community Improvement District and Alliance
Saturday, March 21, 2020	8:00 AM	District Training, Columbus, GA
Wednesday, March 25, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Dr. Roger Tutterow, Professor of Economics, Kennesaw State University
Wednesday, April 1, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Peter Heintzelman, President and CEO of Cobb EMC
Thursday, April 2, 2020		Marietta First Adapted Games
Wednesday, April 8, 2020		No Meeting
Sunday, April 12, 2020	6:30 AM	Community Sunrise Service, Kennesaw Mountain National Park

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