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Today's Program: **Jeff Cooper**
Marietta Rotary Club President 2023 - 24



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WHEN WE LAST MET

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 28 MEETING

On the last Wednesday of June, namely, June the 28th, 2023, the Rotary Club of Marietta's Mid-week Meeting got underway at twenty minutes past the noon hour as our much loved and lauded President **Jennifer Nelson** willfully whacked our treasured Club Bell for her last official day-of-duty as President of our one-hundred and three year old Club. Then with effective, affable accommodating acquiescence, President Jennifer gave-way in affirming assent to duly sworn "soon-to-be-Wednesday next Club Meeting Officiant" President **Jeff Cooper**.

Incoming President Jeff then dandily, delightfully, dicaciously, and dutifully danced with Dameish Lady "Apologia" with dulciloquent charm and with polemical Presidential "tongue-in-cheekiness" in reference to "two-stepping past" and NOT "appropriately gifting" our beloved President Jennifer for her outstanding year of Club Service as President. Of course, in years past and previous, such honorable recognition takes place during our Club's "President's Night" Festivities!

With no intended cautelous, chintzy, crassness everso intended, all was made good and gracious with the presentation of well-deserving Club mementoes at today's month-end gathering: henceforth and therewith, a beautiful, fabulous crystal vase with inscribed, appreciable, loving sentiments to our esteemed President was presented; then the traditional President's Keepsake Gavel was also given with fond declarations of gratitude and remembrance; likewise was offered



PP JENNIFER NELSON

a commendable Gift Card; and last, but not least, a lovely, fashionable red "Kate Spade" Designer Handbag was offered from our dear incoming President on behalf of our Club in admiration and veneration of a wonderful year of quality, TOP NOTCH commitment and dedication! A standing "O" ensued and euphoric endearment filled the room honoring and rightfully revering our good President Jennifer Sewell Nelson!

President Jennifer then called on Rotarian extraordinaire **Jim Fausett** to invoke the Almighty on our behalf, and boy-howdy, Brother Jim invoked inspirationally and with elevational eloquence and effusive expressiveness! AMEN! Thereafter, Club "Sunshine" saturated the room with the one-and-only **Lee Pence** making proclamation that he is now and henceforth known at "Head-Hot Dog Honcho" of (The Hot Dog Club) "Christians Here Eating Frankfurters" [CHEF]. And offered, said he, free Varsity Hotdogs for all traditionally banned-forbidden-women to group-up at the "Secret Place" [The Varsity] at the next "CHEF Meeting." Where is Arthur Godfrey when you really need him?

Nonetheless, without delay our President Jennifer in her waning moments of Presidentiality, called on our much admired, commendable current City of Marietta Chief of



DAN FLYNN, JENNIFER NELSON AND MARTY FERRELL

Police Rotarian **Marty Ferrell** to introduce today's Guest Speaker, the highly regarded and respected and renowned Rotarian of twenty-three years, former Chief of Police for the City of Marietta, Retired Police Chief **Dan Flynn**. Chief Marty asked the question as he introduced the Chief, "Raise your hand if you can read?" We all thusly positively responded. "So, since I can see that all of you can read," said he, "please read Chief Flynn's Bio in our ROTALIGHT." Then Chief Ferrell shared an amusing narrative about standing between then active duty incoming new Chief of Police Dan Flynn and then Mayor Rotarian Past President **Bill Dunaway** on MLK Day at the MLK Day parade. Suffice it to say, the camaraderie, comradeship, and confraternal connection between Chief Ferrell and Chief Flynn was noted by all as deeply abiding and profound!

Chief Flynn then made his way to the podium and presented a most phenomenal, resoundingly remarkable, unparalleled, unprecedented career-life story to our gathered group of Citizen-Civic-Community Leaders! Beginning with a happenchance trip from cold, dreary, dismal Long Island, New York to sun-saturated South Florida to "split expenses" and "ride along with a buddy who had just returned from Vietnam to take a two-hour 'Civil Service Test' (the buddy failed, the Chief didn't)." To a most incredible, incomparable, impressive, improbable serendipitous career path this Scribbler has ever had the privilege to hear...from "Rookie Policeman in the Central District writing up twenty incident reports a day" to Miami P D Detective to Desk Sargent (at 23 years old!) to a Police Lieutenant (at 25 years old) to "Detective Commander" to then be assigned to the "Major Crimes Unit" to then being promoted to "Internal Affairs

Pictures from our Last Meeting

by Mark Barbour

Captain” and then, because the Chief had “made so many ‘Crime Bosses’ mad in the syndicate...” being transferred to “Commander of the Tactical Narcotics Team”; and thereafter being promoted to “Major” in change of “Operations/Special Events” (such as “The World Series” and Managing Security for the Miami Dolphins, overseeing the “Nautical Marine Squad”; the “Canine Unit”, etcetera, etcetera... and, YES, after retirement becoming Chief of Police in Savannah, Georgia, and then FORTUNATELY, GRATEFULLY, and THANKFULLY, after 33 years of active astounding Civil Service in various challenging places, ultimately becoming Marietta’s Chief of Police for 15 years! What a flabbergastingly fascinating career-life path! There is certainly not enough space herein nor Scribbler acuity to put into adequate words the total PROFUNDITY felt by all who experienced today’s EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM!

In closing, Chief Flynn made reference to interviewing and then hiring a young man late in the year in 2021, for a position with the Marietta Police Department. In the course of the interview, this young man mentioned that his Grandfather had served as an Officer in Miami-Dade County, Florida, and was sadly killed in the line of duty. Coincidentally, Chief Flynn was the very one who made the arrest of the murderer in the case years ago. The young man was awestruck and dumbfounded and did not seem to believe the Chief. Chief found an old discolored worn newspaper clipping verifying the fateful, random validation of that past horrific incident... a full-circle-life experience to be sure! That young officer is serving as a Marietta Policeman today.

Needless to say, our Guest Speaker today provided such a truly unforgettable, exceptional life glimpse into his storied vocational journey. Absolutely a spell-binding and soul-snatching-attention-getting-remarkable career! As this Scribbler has noted previously, what a high honor and deep privilege to rub shoulders and enjoy easy-friendships and fellowship with some the most impressive, honorable, noteworthy, praiseworthy people on the planet! A very high honor indeed! Thank you Chief Flynn for your fifteen years of devoted service to us here in the City of Marietta! What a rare jewel of a guy having served in the Gem City!

Accustomed after-Speaker questions then took place along with Opportunist Lady Luck finally wincing at certain “HIGH ROLLERS”, subsequently snapping President-Elect **Don Barbour**’s winning streak! Yes for sure, Lady Luck bamboozled all marble drawing participants once again today.

Our Club gathering concluded with our Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation’s Flag and our end-of-meeting recitation of our “Four Way Test of The Things We Think, Say, and Do” led by ROTALIGHT Editor, our darling **Deborah Marshall** and yet another very well-done Wednesday Mid-week Rotary Club Meeting today was announced adjourned!

Fond farewell Kate Spade tote dear Lady! A great year! A great job! Happy Trails!!

“It’s A Great Day To Be A Rotarian!”

Humbly Scribed by Scribbler Mark Barbour



DAN FLYNN AND HOLL WALQUIST



MORGAN ROBERTSON, RALPH KNIGHT AND TOM DOWNS



DON BARBOUR, WILL ALLEN, JOE ATKINS AND ABBOTT HALL

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JEFF COOPER



My fellow Rotarians:

Let me begin by saying that I am honored and humbled to have been selected by you to serve as your president for the 2023-24 Rotary year. With over 100 years of distinguished service to the community, the Rotary Club of Marietta is an important asset with an impressive legacy, and I pledge to do my best to preserve and respect our traditions while preparing our club for future generations and the next 100 years!

Having already served as President of another Rotary club, I am often asked why I agreed to serve in this capacity again. My answer – how can I not? I’m a Rotarian! When I left Henry County to move to Marietta, it was hard to leave my Rotary family I became so close with, and I knew I wanted Rotary to continue to be part of my life. I’ve always felt it was important to give back to the community and to others, and Rotary provides that opportunity worldwide. I quickly found a new Rotary family in the Marietta Rotary Club and a group of dedicated individuals with whom I love to be around. And when I was asked to step up to lead, how could I say no? I’m a Rotarian! I continue to be inspired by the selfless service to our community of so many of our members and their commitment to Rotary and I consider it a privilege to have been chosen to lead such a group of dedicated servants.

In my year as President, I will integrate the goals and objectives of our International President and District Governor into our local priorities and initiatives. There are some projects and activities that we will **continue** to be involved in because they are traditional and strong, some that we will **cultivate** and expand upon, and other areas where we will **create** new opportunities to advance our club’s objectives. The blended priorities for our club will be:

1. Member Engagement – involvement, participation, and growth
2. Family of Rotary – extended families, future generations, and new generations
3. Service – serving, supporting, and giving
4. Education – what we do, who we are, and mental health (an International and District priority)

As a third-generation Rotarian, I am passionate about the impact Rotary can have on us as individuals and those we serve. Our Rotary Club has been blessed with strong and faithful leadership. Immediate past president Jennifer Nelson built upon the strengths of those before her, and she has left big shoes for me to fill. My goal is for you to want to come to our Rotary meetings, for you to want to participate in our service projects, and for you to feel like a *Rotarian*. We don’t need everyone to do everything, but if everyone does a little, we will be a stronger club. Rotary is a team sport. Find your passion. Know your “why.” My “why” is on the cover of this Rotalight. Everything I do is for my family – they are my biggest source of pride, and I believe strongly in leading by example. I want them to experience the value of serving others and the importance of Servant Leadership so that they become the next generation of Rotarians. That’s why I am a Rotarian and proud to serve as the president of this club. What’s your “why”?

Yours in Service,

Jeff Cooper

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT 2023

by Mark Barbour

With an unexpected, extended “Black Berry Winter” smothering the summer sunshine recently, and with unseasonably cool, damp, dank, drizzly, dreary nippiness for days-on-end, Presidents’ Night Twenty-Twenty-Three found a much missed brilliant solar infusion of warm welcoming radiance freely falling from a long absent blue sky accompanying all of our Rotary Club of Marietta Club Members and Guests as we made our way to “Mac’s Chop House” on the Marietta Square. Indeed, commendable Community-Servant-Leaders were eagerly ambulating across the sunlit Square to join in acclamational, cheerful, celebrational camaraderie in well-deserved convivial commendation honoring our dear, diligent, and dutiful Club President **Jennifer Nelson**’s stellar Rotary Year.

It should be noted herein that the upstairs room accommodating such President’s Night Club conviviality this evening is in fact the former locality of the Marietta YWCA. In this very spacious, splendiferous setting with a wonderful birds-eye view of the historic Square, the Rotary Club of Marietta held lunchtime meetings for many, many years! Serendipitous to be sure! Gathering here where the longest serving Civic Club in Cobb County once met, led by Marietta’s leading citizenry makes this Thursday, June the twenty-second occurrence, truly an occasion of greatest spectacularity!

Our happy cocktail hour reception, beginning at 5:30 pm, ended with our proficient, prosilient President Jennifer’s ‘Call To Order and Welcome’ at approximately fifteen minutes past the seven o’clock hour. A cordial welcome was extended to all Rotarians, spouses, friends, and guests followed by the evening’s invocation provided by this scribbling Past President. And then, “Bon Appetit”, dinner was served!

Thereafter, following our consumptual-culinary-cuisinial enjoyment, President Jennifer commenced our President’s Night formalities with the recognition of all Rotary Club of Marietta Past Presidents. All said previous Club Presidents were called to stand and thusly standing, received a rousing ovation of applause. Then President Jennifer straightway shared heartfelt remarks about her year of Presidential perseverance in service. Following her initial inspiring gratitudinal good remarks, she recognized and introduced and rightfully thanked her family, who, of course, were in attendance to enjoy the night’s festivities and show their love and support for their matriarch for her year of exceptional service as our Club President. Acclamation and appreciation were then offered to her 2022-2023 Officers and Board of Directors. Club Officers: **Jeff Cooper** – President Elect, **Will Allen** – President’s Advisor, **Mark Wright** – Treasurer, **Teresa Jones** – Ex-officio Assistant Treasurer; Club Board of Directors: **Michelle Miller**, Secretary, **Don Barbour** – Club

Administration and President Nominee, **Kelly Maxwell** – Club Service, **Darien Southerland** – Club Public Image/Relations, **Daniel White** – Grants/R.I. Foundation; and **Walt Walker** – Ex-officio/Rotary Club Foundation Treasurer.

Further insightful, intuitive, appreciative personal remarks were given by President Jennifer for the devotion and service of each Club Director and Board Officer during this past Club year. Following the aforementioned well-deserving commendations, each Officer and Director was called forward to receive a token of President Jennifer’s appreciation; a wine goblet inscribed with our Rotary International logo.

Club Awards were then presented by our engaging, ebullient President. Prior to the acknowledgement of each recipient of our Club Awards, the criteria for receiving such affirmational accolades related to each accomplishment/recognition were explained in specificity by our esteemed President. Our Club Awards portion of Presidents’ Night 2023, began with the “Service Above Self” Award Recipients: **Harold Hobbs**, **Marlys Williams** for their MUST Ministry Service Project dedication; **Holly Walquist** and **Kelly Maxwell**, for planning and implementing our annual “Holidays Around The World” Christmas Project; and **Don Barbour** for leading and managing our Club’s “Marietta Reads” Service Project. Two special Presidential “hand-crafted” –“Service Above Self” Awards were rightfully presented to Rotarians **John Knox** and **Doug Haynie** for their longtime commendable dedication to our monthly MUST Ministries Lunchtime Prep and serve Service Project.

Avenues of Service/President’s Choice Awards were then presented to: **Abbott Hall**, **Irv Smith**; **Teresa Jones** and **Holly Walquist**, praiseworthy Rotarians each and every one for always standing in the gap doing and giving their best! “Perfect Attendance” distinctions were then presented by Club Secretary Michelle Miller to: **Will Allen**, **Don Barbour**, **Mark Barbour**, **Jeff Cooper**, **Jim Fausett**, **Teresa Jones**, John Knox, Jennifer Nelson, and **Marlys Williams**. Then our traditional “Club Exemplary Awards”, named for “Rotary Club of Marietta Notables” who, throughout our Club’s 103 year history, were known as “Honorable, Noble, Reputable Marietta Citizens.” These Club Community Notables distinguished themselves in their careers through “Service Above Self” civically, ethically, proficiently, and professionally. The Norman Shipley Award: **Jenn Hogan**; The Jimmy T. Anderson Award: **Cliff Kelker**; The Henry Hill (Curmudgeon) Award: **Mark Barbour**; and, The Lamar Franklin Award: Past President and 2022-23, Presidential Advisor, **Will Allen**.

President Jennifer then proceeded to present our Club's most prestigious, prominent acknowledgement, "The Rotarian of The Year Award". With due diligence, and with poignant, pensive thoughtfulness, President Jennifer shared the outstanding devotion and consistent "behind the scenes" ever-present dutiful dedication of this Rotarian's efforts and great love for our Club and the "outspokenness" of said recipient that would perhaps one day lead to this Rotarian receiving the "Henry Hill Award." With noteworthy respect and genuine, highest regard, President Jennifer then made haste (and methinks with a glimmer of emotive tears in her eyes) and recognized a commendable, good, gracious, noble, servant-minded Rotarian as "Rotarian of The Year for 2022-2023"...the one and only rarest-bird of our Rotary Club flock...the marvelous **Marlys Williams!**

Well-done, well-deserved, well-regarded!

CONGRATULATIONS to a truly TOP NOTCH Southern, Christian Lady, Marlys Williams Rotarian of The Year!

After a rowdy, rambunctious standing ovation for our Sister Rotarian of The Year and presentation of her Award, President Jennifer then made further heart-warming remarks about our dearest Marlys! Perfect choice for "Rotarian of The Year" indeed!

Then our soon-to-be Past President Jennifer, made illuminating, introductory remarks commending our incoming President and his Officers and Board Members; referencing back to her President's Night Induction Ceremony a year ago.

Subsequently, President Jennifer called Past President **Dawn McEachern** to the podium along with incoming President Elect Jeff Cooper. Appropriately, with earnest, sincere solemnity, Past President Dawn inducted our incoming President, Jeff Cooper. Then, our NEW CLUB PRESIDENT Jeff Cooper, called forth his 2023-24 Officers and Board of Directors. The new slate of 2023-2024 Club Servant-Leaders are as follows: President Elect, Don Barbour, President's Advisor; Mark Barbour, Mark Wright – Treasurer; Teresa Jones – Assistant Treasurer; Marlys Williams - Executive Secretary, Michelle Miller – Club Secretary; **Joe Atkins** – Club Administration; Kelly Maxwell – Club Service; Jennifer Hogan – Club Membership; Darien Southerland – Club Public Image/Public Relations; and (now and henceforth) Past President Jennifer Nelson – Club Grants/R.I. Foundation. Will Allen - Club Fundraising Director (Annual Golf Tournament); Outgoing President Jennifer joined incoming President Jeff Cooper at the Podium for complimentary comments and then President Cooper "pinned" Past President Jennifer Nelson with the much coveted "survival award" cherished by all Rotary International Club Presidents... *the glorious* "Club President Center Diamond Pin".

Now duly sworn President Jeff, along with his incoming Officers and Board Members, graced the front of the Mac's Chop House's "Upper Room". A very fine cadre of



PASSING THE GAVEL

committed Rotarians ready to lead the way in 2023-2024, under the capable leadership of President Jeff!

President Jeff and Past President Jennifer then shared a few inspirational closing remarks. Exciting days ahead for *The Rotary Club of Marietta!*

A good summer June evening indeed, resplendent with much-missed fading-setting sunshine, rendering dulling luminosity on good people enjoying a good time inspired by good words looking forward to another good year led by good Rotarians challenging us each and every one to do the most good possible for our town, our county, our state, our nation, and our world!

Our customary recitation of our Rotary International "Four Way Test of The Things we Think, Say, And Do" along with recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of our Nation was well led by our 102nd President* Jeff Cooper's son-in-law, Rotarian **Josh Kopsie!**

Adjournment was then pronounced by our new Rotary Club of Marietta President Jeff Cooper! CONGRATULATIONS ROTARY BROTHER JEFF! Your second time serving as President of a superb Rotary Club is the charm!

"It's A Great Day To Be A Rotarian!"

Humbly Scribed by Scribbler Mark Barbour

*(remembering Past President Joe DeSantis' two-year Presidential Service)

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Norman Shipley Award

Given to the individual exemplifying the ideal of service above self in the workplace and the community.



As a ten year Rotarian, this individual is well know for her passion for the community development, her dedication to her profession and her expertise in her field. As a non-profit professional, she focuses on finding the financial resources to support her organizations mission. To that end, she had made lasting impact on families at Center for Family Resources and economic and community development initiatives at Town Center community Improvement District – you can thank her for the Aviation Park in Kennesaw.

**Awarded to
Jennifer Hogan**

Jimmy T. Anderson Award

Given to an outstanding Rotarian who has been in the club less than five years



This fairly new Rotarian wasted no time getting involved with the club. Though his work schedule is hectic and extremely demanding but he makes Rotary a priority - he rarely misses a meeting or an opportunity to participate in service projects. You will often see him selling Opportunity Drawing tickets, welcoming club members with his huge smile. You may also catch him sneaking out to get a cookie during the program! I am proud to present the Jimmy T Anderson Awards to this community leader and public servant.

**Awarded to
Cliff Kelker**

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Henry Hill Award

Given to the Rotary member who really steps in to save the day at the last minute.



The Rotarian to receive this award this year truly exemplifies Dr. Henry Hill which stems from the passion this he feels about not only Rotary in general but specifically to our club and the place we hold in history as Marietta's longest serving civic club. This Rotarian's commitment to our club is demonstrated in the many projects spearheaded as a president and continued despite the lack of the Club's continued support. Our Club's reputation in the community is paramount to this Rotary member.

**Awarded to
Mark Barbour**

The Lamar Franklin Award

To be awarded to past Club Presidents, Board members and/or Officers for their continued exemplary commitment and service



The Rotarian receiving this award stepped up (or jumped into) to a leadership role with very little notice or preparation following the pandemic and some interruption in leadership. Their commitment to Rotary ideals and doing the right thing – set the stage for the club's new energy and the commitment of others to take on leadership roles. Over the years, this Rotarian has pretty much single-handedly raised over a \$100,000 for our club's services projects – allowing our club to continue to give back to Marietta citizens in a meaningful way. This Rotarian works to recruit new members so we can continue growing our club.

**Awarded to
Will Allen**

Service Above Self Awards

For the Rotarian who goes above and beyond the call of duty



Don Barbour



Doug Haynie



Harold Hobbs



John Knox



Kelly Maxwell



Holly Walquist



Marlys Williams

Avenues of Service Awards

Member who exhibits helpful, supportive attitude and contributes to the overall positive energy and impact of Club Meetings and Club Community Service Projects and events



Abbott Hall



Teresa Jones



Holly Walquist



Irv Smith

Members with Perfect Attendance 2022 - 23

Will Allen..... 3 years

Teresa Jones 3 years

Don Barbour..... 9 years

John Knox51 years

Mark Barbour11 years

Jennifer Nelson 2 years

Lance Burchett.....31 years

Rosser Southerland 1 year

Jeff Cooper..... 7 years

Marlys Williams 6 years

Jim Fausett.....51 years

Mark Wright 1 year

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR 2023

Marlys Williams



Marlys' heart for service is immeasurable. Her commitment to doing things right, efficiently, and professionally makes us all look good as a club! She is at every meeting, service project, and behind-the-scenes activities. This Rotarian pays special attention to our members – staying in touch, knowing who's sick or on vacation, covering for others – helping our club and its activities run smoothly. See more about Marlys in the next issue of the Rotalight.



PRESIDENTS' NIGHT PICTURES



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Leadership Today and Tomorrow

by Chief Dan Flynn (ret.)

One of the more visible changes the Covid 19 pandemic has produced in our society is a negative mindset toward work among our newest generation of workers. Past generations tended to look to the workplace not only for stable income, but also as a source of opportunity through which they could compete and learn while advancing their careers and income. Conversely, new workers, now entering the workforce, tend to view work as a burden or necessary evil. Whereas many workers in previous generations enjoyed pride in their work, as well as financial security from eventual retirement benefits, many newer workers have a much different way of thinking about work.



Significant numbers of new generation workers are products of a failing education system, manipulative social engineering, and inflated promises concerning augmented intelligence. One thing, however, that never changes is human nature. Once young workers enter the workforce, what they experience when dealing with their supervisors has a profound impact on their attitudes about work, morale, loyalty, and long-term expectations.

Those who find themselves working under the supervision of someone who fits the stereotype of a “boss,” they are likely to tune-out and disengage early in their work life. They are quickly put off by traditional bosses who fail to relate to workers in ways likely to motivate them to achieve job satisfaction. “Bosses” tend to discourage young employees and make them want to frequently switch jobs, work from home, maximize their use of the Family Leave Act, or value time off more than an opportunity to build a career. Many bosses seem to make young people become more excited about watching others play video games than building a future and a family.

A stereotypical “boss” is generally self-absorbed, self-promoting, insecure, paranoid and more work-centered than people-centered. They rarely see themselves as others see them, and they tend to lack vision of a better tomorrow. They think of their employees or volunteers mainly as inferior subordinates. Relying primarily on the power and authority of their position rather than their personality, expertise, or ability, many bosses also have no problem taking credit for someone else’s ideas or accomplishments. Bosses tend to stifle individual growth and productivity rather than promote it.

The characteristics of a leader are much different than those of a “boss.” Leaders, at any level, are more employee-centered and they understand the long-term success of their team depends on individual employee job

satisfaction, morale, personal growth and maturity. Leaders also cultivate their inner vision, and develop interpersonal job skills like perceptiveness, oral and written communication skills, conflict resolution, and both decision-making and decisiveness. These are traits that appeal to the human nature of young employees.

Leaders understand that rather than following orders or mandates, employees respond best to leader behaviors that teach employees and, to the greatest extent possible, treat them with sympathetic understanding of personal problems and situations. Leaders are

also more likely to encourage workers by providing positive reinforcement for good work and help them feel “in on things” by keeping them in the loop.

Good leadership tends to get better as a leader evolves. Ultimately, the good leader can become a “servant leader;” accomplishing personal and organizational goals by serving the needs of their followers and associates. Servant leadership is satisfying because it is rooted in faith. In fact, the bible is replete with lessons in servant leadership and Jesus was the ultimate servant leader.

True leaders are tough in a quiet way. They are not generally nervous, impatient, vengeful, biased or mean-spirited, but they do not bend on matters of truth, values or integrity. They know that not everyone will always like or agree with them, but they can handle it. Their real audience is not the people in their workplace; it is their faith or higher power.

Leadership is demanding on both the time and emotional energy of the leader insofar as leadership is only accomplished through direct human interaction where the full range of verbal and non-verbal messages are exchanged. More to the point, leadership is not effective if it is applied over the telephone, through email or internet osmosis; it must be in person on a regular basis. Nonetheless, leadership has its own rewards when the leader realizes they have elevated and made true positive differences in the lives of others.

At the end of the day, the newest generation of workers are not much different than previous generations, although they may feel they are more enlightened than those who came before them. On some level, they may be, but many have also been raised by a failing manipulative mostly secular educational system. Thus, they often lack wisdom and productive life skills. For them to reach fulfilling productive and rewarding work lives in the future, they will need to seek and follow leaders, not bosses. Hopefully, there will be enough leaders to go around.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 13, 2023	9:30/11:30	MUST Lunch - Cook and Serve Pop-Up Social - Cobb Rotary Council Happy Hour; 5:30 - 7:30, Red Top Brewhouse. Acworth
Wednesday, July 19, 2023	12:00 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - John Pruitt, WSB TV
Wednesday, July 26, 2023	12:00 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - David Freedman, Sapelo Island and Other Georgia Wonders
Wednesday, August 2, 2023	12:00 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Offsite Meeting Chattahoochee Technical College
Wednesday, August 9, 2023	12:00 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - TBD
Thursday, August 10, 2023	9:30/11:30	MUST Luncheon - Cook and Serve
Wednesday, August 16, 2023	12:00 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Judge William Ray, U. S District Court for Northern District of Georgia
Wednesday, August 23, 2023	12:00 Noon	Luncheon Meeting - Daniel Abad, VP of Total Rewards and Chief Engagement Officer, Wellstar Health System
Wednesday, August 30, 2023	No Regular Meeting	5th Wednesday Social at Two Birds Taphouse, 5 to 7 PM

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