

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

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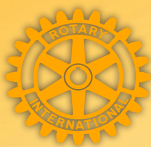
*Past President  
Judge Adele Grubbs  
Honored*



**The Rotary Club of Marietta  
Welcomes  
Today's Speaker:  
Van Pearlberg**  
*Local Attorney and  
Cobb Historian*



**Rotary**  
Club of Marietta



BE THE INSPIRATION



## Today's Guest Speaker Van Pearlberg

Mr. Pearlberg has been the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at the Attorney General's office since March 2013. His unit has recovered in excess of \$225 Million on behalf of the State.

Previous to working at the Attorney General's office, Mr. Pearlberg worked in the office of the District Attorney, Cobb Judicial Circuit for 25 years and left as the Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Pearlberg was also elected as the Ward 4 City Councilman for the city of Marietta. He served from 2006-2012.

Mr. Pearlberg graduated from Long Island University in 1973. He received his law degree from John Marshall Cum Laude in 1976.

# Happy Birthday

Kelly Maxwell - February 5

Bebe Adams - February 7

Lee Foster - February 7

Bill Smith, Sr. - February 9

Mark Barbour - February 22

**Rotary International - February 23**

Joe DeSantis - February 25

REPRINT FROM DISTRICT  
6900 NEWSLETTER

## District 6900 Changes Lives of Mobility-Impaired Ugandans

by Dale W. Covington

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, led by Pres. Scott McEvoy, and the RC of Marietta, led by Pres. **Jesse Evans**, recently teamed to provide mobility equipment for physically disabled Ugandans via Dave Tolbert's Crutches 4 Africa—a humanitarian relief organization that has helped residents of 16 countries in Africa and 10 other countries worldwide.

Stone Mountain Rotarians collected over 3000 pieces of mobility gear including more than 1500 crutches, 1000 braces/pads, 360 walkers and 120 wheelchairs. These were temporarily stored in a local warehouse for Marietta Rotarian **Richard Cope**, Pres. of USA Cargo Services Co., to pack and ship to Uganda. **Ben Worley**, Dr. **John Knox**, **Chuck Core**, **Dan Kirk**, **Walt Walker**, and Past-Presidents **Fred Beloin**, The Honorable **Reuben Green** and **Jim Kellogg**, all from the RC of Marietta, worked in the warehouse for several weeks wrapping and securely packing everything into an ocean container that loads out for shipping on February 1st. Rotarians in Uganda conclude this life-changing Rotary outreach by unloading the container and handling the field distribution of its contents to citizens who at best crawl in the dust or depend upon being carried by others. ☀



# Marietta Rotary Past President Judge Adele Grubbs Honored

by Mark Barbour



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## *“A Picture of All That Rotary Is”*

She came to America when she was only twenty-two years old. That was in April of 1967. She was born in the East End of London on December 4th, 1944. That’s London, England not London, Kentucky. Somewhere along the way after becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1972, this dear lady yielded to good ‘judgment’ and attended a Rotary Club of Marietta meeting. She would then be inducted into the Rotary Club of Marietta on March 15th, 1991.

Her induction into our Club surely ensured that this individual would ‘rise and shine’ and accomplish much in our local community and state. Indeed, her “check list’ of accomplishments are many: Lawyer...check! First female Prosecutor/Assistant District Attorney...check! American Heart Association Board Member...check! Cobb Children’s Center Board Member...check! Cobb Christmas Board Member...check! Boys and Girls Club Board Member...check! Marietta School Foundation Board Member...check! Cobb Landmarks Board member...check! Compassionate Friends Volunteer...check! Deacon... Touchdown Club Member...check, check, and check! Far too many professional attainments to list herein, but the most notable, sensational, celebrational, meteorical, and fantastical accomplishment bestowed upon this outstanding personage is, of course, her noteworthy induction/membership in our local group of the largest international service organization in the world. Yes, she has done good and as the MDJ noted recently... “[she] has been the recipient of several professional recognitions and honors”; but let’s be really serious here... to be inducted into one of the oldest civic clubs in the state of Georgia and then be elected President of said Club in 2008; President of the most viable, vigorous, vigilant, vivacious, vital, visionary Clubs

EVER in District 6900! Well...! And add to that achievement being named Rotary International District 6900’s Club President of the Year and receive the coveted Sheffield Award in 2009?! Well, well... howdy! We have on our hands here a wonderful opportunity to laud and applaud the one and only, the bold and the beautiful Adele Grubbs! Many will think that the placing of her portrait in the Cobb County Courthouse the other day is solely and uniquely associated with her long and distinguished legal career... to be sure Judge Kell has said... “Adele has the iron will and determination of a Margaret Thatcher, a demeanor that strikes fear in the hearts of her enemies like a Winston Churchill, and the elegance and beauty of a true Lady.” AMEN! Well said Judge Kell! But the true lovely “picture” of this exceptional lady is the picture of a REAL Rotarian. She is well known to us and is forever etched in all of our minds and hearts.

Because we all know Past President Adele to be a Rotarian’s Rotarian... a true, commendable picture of Service Above Self... honorable, truthful, diligent, and compassionate... her life journey is a resplendent portrait of living-breathing ideals and virtues that make us all who we are as Rotarians... “is it the TRUTH...is it FAIR to ALL CONCERNED... will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? I was unable to attend her well-deserved “hanging” ceremony the other day, but her picture is, and will always be, with me... because it was Past President Adele Grubbs who summoned me to attend Rotary and then inducted me... I mean inducted me into our extraordinary Club. The Honorable Rotarian Past President Adele Grubbs... a picture indeed of all that Rotary is and will ever be! A beautiful portrait of a beautiful Rotarian! 🌟



# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the January 23 Meeting

The dreariness of January wintertime doldrums and impending saturation of cold evening rain could not dampen the exuberance of our mid-week Wednesday Rotary Club of Marietta Meeting! Our customary meeting place, the Hilton Conference Center Ballroom, was filled with chatty-happy Rotarians as legal-eagle President **Jesse Evans** rendered forth a gavelled frump upon our Club brass bell that called all Rotarians and Guests to order at 12:22 in the afternoon.



PRESIDENT JESSE

The highly regarded and regal (millennial) Rotarian **Jess Loper** was then called upon to invoke. She did so inspirationally by using the familiar "Prayer of Peace" attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi. Rotarian Jess noted that Rotary International objectives and the prayerful dutiful objectives of Saint Francis complement each other

very well (this scribe also recalls that a modified segment of the prayer was recited in one of the early trailers for the Sylvester Stallone 2008 film Rambo...which is indeed a sure providential indication of the prayer's benevolent and divine powerful significance). After the call to "sow love where there is hatred, pardon where there is injury, hope where there is despair..." the lovely, lively Rotarian **Jennifer Nelson** of Chattahoochee Tech fame came to the podium to welcome our visiting Rotarians and Guests.

President Jesse then made timely personal reflective remarks related to the recent Martin Luther King Holiday celebrated on Monday, January 21st. He noted that he and his girls together viewed the "I have a Dream" speech in its entirety. President Jesse then made remarks about our award winning *ROTALIGHT* citing the "Why Join Rotary" article included in this week's outstanding edition.



BLAINE CLOTFELTER

He encouraged all Rotary Club of Marietta members to share this article as a recruiting tool to encourage membership in the best and largest civic organization in the world(!). Announcements then followed including a sad observation made relating to Country Music Artist John Berry, a good friend of our Club who annually performs a highly entertaining and well attended Christmas Concert at the Marietta High School Performing Art Center, being diagnosed with throat cancer. Prayers requested! Prayers UP!

Then the blitheful boisterous Bard of Whitlock Avenue, Rotarian **Blaine Clotfelter**, representing our Club's Social Committee stood to promote attendance [and teetotalism] at our Club's



AMBER PATTERSON

upcoming social at the Marietta Wine Market on Saturday, February 23rd, at 6:30 PM. Rotarians **Lee Foster**, **Theresa Jones** (just where is T.J. today?), and **Amber Patterson** serve with Blaine on said Social Committee and all should be much-admired and highly-praised for their exceptional encouragement of happy socialism. Judge Amber Patterson (aforementioned member of our Social Committee) did then rise to call our attention to the "Social Committee Survey" found on each table in the room.

This survey will help the committee gage interest in how we shall go forth and meaningfully socialize...please do your part and complete your survey! President Jesse then recognized Marietta Rotarians populating the "BEST of COBB" nominees list as electronically transmitted to all Club members...it certainly should be our earnest duty to make sure that we vote and



TIM BROWN

vote often for all our Rotary Club of Marietta members on the B of C list ensuring their selections to receive this noteworthy MDJ citation. Recognitions then were made *vis-à-vis*: Rotarian Dr. **Tim Brown** being recruited to serve with the Georgia Department of Education's College/ Career Pathways Division. Rotarian Tim will be sorely missed in the City of Marietta School System as he begins his new employment opportunity the first week of April; Past President

**Mark Barbour** noted the celebration of a new "birth" for our Club... we will soon welcome and charter yet another Rotary Club child, "The Brazil Atlanta Rotary Club"! All Rotary International criterion has recently been fulfilled for this group of entrepreneurial Brazilians to become a bonafide, certified, dignified, rectified Rotary Club of District 6900 as sponsored by The Club of Marietta (practically all of the Rotary Clubs in our area are our Club's 'babies'); Gratitude was then expressed by our President related to the outstanding participation in our Center for Family Resources Peanut Butter Collection Service Project. Gift cards and our collected jars of P'nut Butter were distributed to 756 families representing over 2,819 people with 1,770 of these folks being children! Well done Rotarians! Last but not least, President Jesse noted that Tranquility Hospice was the recipient of \$10,000 dollars given to come to aide of Veterans in respite care. This is in correlation with the "Because of the Brave" benevolence efforts as supported by Rotary Club President Elect Nominee **Mary Ansley Southerland** and community advocate Mark Maloney (is M.M. a Kiwanian?).



RANDOLPH RUSSELL

The Honorable Rotarian Amber Patterson was then called upon to introduce our Guest Speaker for the day. Judge Patterson noted that her serendipitous obligation to introduce our speaker of the day was related to 'she and he' both being graduates of the University of Florida. So with her admitted anemic affiliative association with Randolph Russell declared, she made a brief introduction and then stepped aside and American History Advocate, Author, widely traveled Saxophonist, former Financial Management Consultant, Investment Planner, and Rotarian **Joe Atkins** look-alike, Randolph G. Russell, came forth to proficiently pontificate about the disparaging disregard for and disconnection to our Nation's extraordinary history. In his opening remarks Mr. Russell noted that after the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia between May 27, 1787 – Sep 17, 1787, a woman came up to Benjamin Franklin and directed a terse question to him, "well Sir, do we have a Monarchy or a Republic?" To which Franklin replied, "a Republic if we can keep it". "The point being", according to Mr. Russell, "that we as a people are vastly uninformed about the process of how our government, our Republic, came into being; how it operates, and how do we ensure its perpetuity to operate with a population that is becoming more and more disengaged with the principles that brought our government into being...". Mr. Russell noted humorously (but sadly) that many America have very little interest or insight into American History. He made mention about 'on-the-street interviews' with citizens and some of the remarks made related to America History: Question - "Name the ships that Columbus sailed to American on..." - Answer - "the Ninja, the Pinacolata, and the Santa Anna Maria...". Likewise, only one out of one-thousand adults surveyed could name any of the freedoms guaranteed in U. S. Constitution, the Amendments to the Constitution, or the U.S. Bill of Rights. Our speaker did an excellent job of bringing to our attention that increasing disrespect and disdain for our heritage and the meaningful moments that made our Nation great is rampant... "there are amazing stories that give us a sense of divine intervention and destiny as a Nation..."; "stories we all should know and remember and celebrate to



RANDOLPH'S BEST CUSTOMER - JOE DeSANTIS

sustain our Republic." Our speaker made several other remarks about monumental occurrences in our history and concluded his presentation with the words, "freedom is a choice...as we are losing our connection to our history we are losing our connection to a way of life and a way of government". Mr Russell's solution to the lack of respect for our history is found (and duly touted) in a book that he has authored, "American History in No Time"... "a Quick and Easy Read for the Basics of American History." This 121 page book, according to our speaker, "presents the foundational events of our American History in an easy-to-read and understandable format". Mr. Russell indeed passionately and persuasively preached the value of making U.S. History more enjoyable for and digestible by the upcoming generation... a noteworthy calling to be sure. After stirring-up the hearts and minds of attendees with the notion of "looking back gives us a better perspective of our world, how valuable past contributions have made us who we are and will help us become better citizens..."; Mr. Randolph Russell incited more emotive response by playing "America the Beautiful" on his saxophone... his jazz version of this patriotic song commanded a standing ovation from our Club members and guests upon conclusion.

Customary questions and commentary followed from those present and then Rotarians **Jeff Cooper** and Jess Loper, attempting to live down the incriminatingly insinuatingly corruptive memories of "(NO) Red Marble (in the bag) Gate" conducted our Opportunity Drawing 'as normally' as to be expected. Our Guest Speaker called out the ticket numbers and YES, both tickets drawn were held by longtime Rotarian and nonagenarian **Jim Trapnell**. But alas the red marble (*if there is really one in the bag...LOL*) could not be fingered!

Our customary Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed by our weekly recitation of the "Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, and Do" was well led by the debonair chair-director of our "Club Fun Committee", **Morgan McNeel**, and we were once again pronounced adjourned after a very commendable 'educational' Rotary Club of Marietta Wednesday mid-week meeting... and a good time was had by all. 🌟

~ Humbly Scribed by Scribbler Mark Barbour  
~ Photos by Dale Covington



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 1, 2019

Crutches 4 Africa Packing. Contact Richard Cope

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

12:15 PM

Luncheon Meeting – Accountability Courts in Cobb County

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

12:15 PM

Luncheon Meeting – Tom Wilson

Thursday, February 14, 2019

10:30 AM

**MUST Ministries Cook and Serve**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

No Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

12:15 PM

Luncheon Meeting – TBA

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

12:15 PM

Luncheon Meeting – The Extension, **OFFSITE MEETING**, 1507 Church Street Ext NE, Marietta, GA 30060

Wednesday, March 13,, 2019

12:15 PM

Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Hank Klibanoff; Georgia Civil Rights Cold Cases Project at Emory University

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