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*The Rotary Club of Marietta
Welcomes
Today's Speaker:
Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D.
President,
Atlanta Metropolitan State College*



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BE THE INSPIRATION



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Dr. Gary McGaha graduated from Easom High School in Corinth, Mississippi. He received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi Valley State University, the Master of Arts Degree from Bowling Green State University and the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Political Science from the University of Mississippi. He was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Mississippi.

Dr. McGaha worked as a senior level administrator at Kentucky State University (KSU), Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), Atlanta Metropolitan College and the Dunwoody Campus and the Alpharetta Site of Georgia Perimeter College.

He returned to Atlanta Metropolitan in Mid-August of 2006 to become the Vice President for Academic Affairs and was appointed Interim President January 1, 2007 and appointed as the permanent President November 13, 2007. Dr. McGaha has extensive teaching experience, has climbed the professorial ladder and is President and Professor of Political

Science. The college was granted baccalaureate degree status by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents May 10, 2011 and the name of the institution was changed to Atlanta Metropolitan State College May 9, 2012.

Dr. McGaha was selected as the 2017 Educator of the Year by the Georgia Minority Business Awards and he is a graduate of the 2017 Leadership Atlanta Class. President McGaha is active in his church and in the community. He is a Deacon at Greenforest Community Baptist Church; a member of the Board of Advisors for the Metro Atlanta Chamber; a member of the Board of Directors of the ATL Airport Chamber, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency (Metro RESA).

He is married to Juliette Wilkinson McGaha and he has two daughters and two sons.

MEET MARIETTA ROTARY'S NEWEST MEMBER PHILLIP KNIGHT

Phillip Knight met his beautiful wife, Sarah, at UGA and talked her into marrying him 15 years ago. They live in East Cobb where they are raising Anderson (9) and Thomas (8). Sarah works in Marketing for Intercontinental Hotel Group and Phillip is a VP, Wealth Manager/Client Advisor with Fidelity Bank. Phillip enjoys coaching lacrosse for Anderson and doing Scouts with Thomas. The family belongs to Mt Bethel United Methodist Church, loves outdoors, has fostered dogs for 10+ years and recently adopted one of the foster dogs, providing its forever home. Phillip has completed several Ironman triathlons and is currently training for a 50 mile trail run in 2019. Phillip and Sarah love to travel and just returned home from the boys' first trip to Europe and they're ready to go again. 🌈

Phillip welcome to the Marietta Rotary Club!

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WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the February 13 Meeting

President **Jesse Evans** opened our meeting noting that he had just arrived from teaching a class to police recruits and joking that they stood at attention as he entered the room, unlike when he was in the office or presiding at Rotary. The Rev. Dr. **Mark Barbour** delivered the invocation.



PRESIDENT JESSE EVANS

We were pleased to induct (or indict – I get those two confused sometimes) into our club new member Phillip Knight son of member **Ralph Knight**. Phil was joined by his wife, mother, and father for this special occasion. The club is showing excellent judgment in selecting new members because not only is Phil a graduate of the nation's oldest chartered public university located in the classic city of Athens, Georgia, but he is also a graduate of Chattanooga's McCallie School, home of the Blue Tornados.

We were also glad to hear of **Neera Bahl's** sunshine. First, her son will finish his interventional radiology fellowship at Mount Sinai in New York at the end of June and will begin his "real first job" as a physician August 1st in Brooklyn. Second, Neera was selected by Governor Kemp to serve on the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission. Congratulations Neera!

Our speaker today was none other than former Marietta Rotary member Tom Wilson, and he was introduced by past president Judge **Adele Grubbs**. Tom is now retired from his position with the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, but newer members who may not have known Tom before would recognize his work by examining their parking



SPEAKER TOM WILSON

passes for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA), as his photographs are almost always printed there. Tom is a very accomplished nature photographer, and his works have appeared in numerous publications, including Atlanta Magazine, National Geographic Maps, The Nature Conservancy Magazine, and more. His work has been displayed at many locations, including the Shepard Center, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and the CRNRA park headquarters. His work even wrapped an entire MARTA bus some years ago.

Tom's presentation was one of the most interesting we have had in years. It consisted primarily of displays of his work capturing Georgia's natural environment, with a particular focus on wildflowers, birds, and waterfalls. He even provided a list of locations to observe wildflowers and included the optimal dates for such observations based upon his personal experience. Time did not permit him to complete his entire list, but he started in Northwest Georgia with the Pocket Loop Trailhead and worked his way across the state. Highlights included the Mountain Cove area, Cloudland Canyon, Sosebee Cove, Brasstown Bald, Blackrock Mountain, and, of course, the CRNRA. Tom's presentation sparked this retired scoutmaster to plan at least a couple of hikes this spring in our beautiful state.

President Jesse presented a book on behalf of our speaker. **Jim Peeler** and **Buck Northcutt** handled the opportunity drawing, but there was no winner this week. Judge **Amber Patterson** concluded the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance and the four-way test, and President Jesse gavelled the meeting to a close. 🌈

~ Joe Atkins, Scribe
~ Dale Covington, Photos

Valentine's Day Luncheon at Must Ministry February 14, 2019

Sponsored by Marietta Rotary

by Marlys Williams



On February 14, 2019 approximately 90 diners at the Elizabeth Inn MUST Ministries celebrated a Valentine luncheon prepared and served by the Marietta Rotary team of **Doug Haynie, Harold Hobbs, Adam Hobbs, John Knox, Lewis Lipsius, Jim Trapnell, and Marlys Williams**. Chef Harold Hobbs created a Smoked Sausage Pasta Casserole with Alfredo Sauce. This month's creation included 16 pounds of smoked sausage, 12 pounds of elbow macaroni, 18 quarts of Alfredo Sauce, 16 cans of LeSeur Early Peas, and 4 1/2 pounds of grated parmesan. In addition to this entrée, tossed salad with ranch dressing, mandarin oranges, and assorted breads were served. There was a line for seconds and many takeaways, including a request to fill a ½ gallon baggie with Smoked Sausage Casserole, which of course was cheerfully complied with.

Several other Marietta charities prepared gift bags containing Valentine treats, and personal hygiene items that were available to all diners as well. Publix kindly donated frosted valentine cupcakes and cookies as dessert. Please note that Publix donates all of the fresh bread items served at each Marietta Rotary/MUST luncheon. No one left hungry or empty handed. This author observed many guests walking on the sides of US 41 enjoying their Valentine cupcakes in the very spring like weather. Rotary Club of Marietta and the entire Marietta community should be very proud of their continued efforts and contributions to MUST Ministries. Please see Harold Hobbs if you would be interested in donating an hour or two of your time on the second Thursday of every month. Cooking skills helpful but not required.

WHY DID YOU JOIN ROTARY?

"I had a desire to give back to my community and the world. My father was a Rotarian, so I knew a lot about it. That was about nine years ago. I think what keeps me there is the friendships, not only with people in my local club but with Rotarians I've met from around the world."

Elizabeth Cohoe

Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston, Ontario, Canada

"I joined to make a difference in my community. I've stayed because I am."

Heather R. Klein

Rotary Club of Alleghany County, North Carolina, USA

"I joined Rotary after having been involved in a post-tsunami project in Sri Lanka in 2005. This was the first contact I had had with a Rotary club, and I was so impressed by the dedication of its members in their efforts to help others that I immediately applied to join my club in Stockholm when I arrived back in Sweden."

Nicholas Thompson

Rotary Club of Stockholm International, Sweden

Honestly? I joined for business. But I stayed for the fellowship and causes."

Craig Howie

Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise, Ontario, Canada

The more I give back, the more I continue to get. Rotary moments, personal development, great friends, the joy of service — Rotary is the gift that keeps on giving!"

Raewyn Kirkman

Rotary Club of Waikato SunriseHamilton, New Zealand

"I joined Rotary to render service to the downtrodden; I stayed because I found fun and friendship."

Nze Anizor

Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Rivers State, Nigeria

"I sat down and figured out how much time I was donating, and how much more effective it would be as part of a club instead of doing it all myself. I joined for the service and stay for all the friends I've made. It's nice to travel and instantly have friends wherever I go."

Aur Beck

Rotary Club of Carbondale Breakfast, Illinois, USA

CHARTER NIGHT – OCTOBER 23, 1919



100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET – OCTOBER 19, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Thursday, March 14, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, March 27, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, April 3, 2019		NO MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Jere Morehead, President, University of Georgia
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Thursday - Sunday, April 26 – 28, 2019		District Conference – Sand Destin, Florida

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