

The MarRotagram



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Scholarship Winners

July 2, 2020

WELCOME TO THE 100TH YEAR OF THE MARIETTA ROTARY CLUB!

Thank you to our Red Badge Rotarians for manning most of the duties on the roster today!

Invocation: Deana Clark

Announcements: Alice Chapman has 3 compression fractures in her back and is scheduled for an MRI on the 13th. She appreciates the prayers and the meals that were provided in the month of June. She would appreciate meals through the month of July as well. If you are able to serve in this way please send an email to Daneka Hedges at dhedges@mhsystem.org or Laura Miller at Ltaylor1960@gmail.com. Alice has a limited bland diet. She lives in Lowell.

Good News / Bad News:

- Gary O♦Brien shared that the Great Race is being postponed to 2021 which will allow Wally to take part again. The next race ends in the hometown of one of Wally♦s kids, so quite the blessing.
- Peter Keim shared that he and Charlotte have moved into their new house on 3.6 acres on the Ohio River. The house is still being remodeled, but they♦re glad to finally be in.
- Adam Schwendeman celebrated the first birthday of his third child.
- Jennifer Sturgill shared that she is finally going to try to take a little time away from Green Acres; The Cutest Little Shop in all the Land, by hiring a part time employee who is willing to work weekends. Let Jennifer know if you have anyone in mind.
- Bob Kirkbride paid a dollar to see if Peter Keim would share who his real estate agent was.

Program:

President Daneka shared, in one slide with approximately 73 ♦ pictures, who she is in a nutshell, including; competitive dog trainer, family, fiance Tyler, community groups and opportunities afforded to her through MHS,

President Daneka then presented the club goals for the year (an exercise each President must submit to the District), and an overview of the 100th year plan for the club including:

1. The 100 Year Celebration.

Tentatively Jan. 30, 2020. Roaring 20♦s theme. Please contact Daneka if you would like to participate in the team that will help plan and execute the evening of our semi-formal gala.

2. Club Directory.

Years ago we started taking photographs and a small amount of info to create a new directory but it never got off the ground. This year we want to create a directory to celebrate our 100th year with photos, extended bios and club history. We need a team who will help gather and input information, take photos, work on design and help bring this project to fruition in our 100th year. Many hands make light work. Contact Daneka today to help with this project.

3. Centennial Moment.

In frequent meetings over the course the year a Rotarian will present a brief moment of interesting history about our club, an an occasional Rotary International Moment.

Charlotte Keim presented today♦s first Centennial Moment appropriately talking about Paul Harris and Rotary International♦s beginnings. Moving on to the Ed Follet and Reno Hoag who were instrumental in beginning the Marietta Rotary Club despite the Chamber of Commerce employee Mr. Chamberlain who strongly (and successfully for a season) opposed bringing a civic club into town because he thought it would be competition with the Chamber of Commerce. With lots of determination and with the help of members of the Zanesville Club, the Marietta Rotary Club was chartered on March 1, 1921. However, it didn♦t really make the news because there were many other more compelling stories to cover, like the high school debate between Athens and Cambridge, or the fact that Marietta College just announced it was raising it♦s tuition from \$50 to \$100 a year.

If you are interested in presenting a Centennial Moment, or have a story you♦d like to share, please contact President Daneka, or a Sgt. At Arms- Laura, Eric, Wally or Mr. Kirkbride. These Centennial moments can be a quick 15 second fact, or a memory you have of the Club.

4. Rotary International.

For our 100th year it would be optimal to partner on an International Project, as well as do a local project. Dave Vandenberg had suggested perhaps working with Nathan Thomas (featured in the latest Rotarian magazine), a native Ohioan raised in Findlay and graduate of University of Cincinnati, who is partnering with Rotarians in Uganda on a solar power project. More to come on this. please stay tuned for details.

5. Local Club Project.

Over the course of the last year 3 projects have been submitted to the Board of Directors. President Daneka believes that we can achieve all 3 if club members will all participate. They are as follows:

* Early Childhood Reading Project presented by Tom Fenton and Heather Allender.

This project aligns with our club's focus on literacy and focuses on the goal of increasing parental reading time with their children, primarily 18 months to 5 years old. It would be a partnering project with the Dolly Parton Imagination Program and the Washington County Library. Tom and Heather are looking for a team to have a feasibility meeting in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Please contact Heather or Tom if you are interested.

* Marietta Hall of Fame- presented by Bob Kirkbride. This project, a brain child of Artex Oil's Jerry James, will honor people both living, and posthumously, who lived in Marietta for a season (or all) of their lives and have achieved great success, such as; U.S. Vice President Charles Dawes; Ed Harness, Chairman of Procter and Gamble; John McCoy, Chairman of Bank One; Dewey Bartlett, Governor and United States Senator of Oklahoma; Alf Landon, Governor of Kansas and 1936 Candidate for President of the United States, etc. The honorees would be selected by Rotarians and potentially awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner (or another such event), with the goal recognizing those individuals and their families, which could result in donations, revenue and notoriety for Marietta.

* The Becky Thatcher Boat Area and Park. - presented by Mayor Josh Schlicher.

Mayor Schlicher has begun several city improvement projects, including cleaning up the silt and sludge that has hidden several historical sites in our city, such as the Becky Thatcher Boat dock right off of the Armory parking lot and next to the Harmar walking bridge. The city is committed to cleaning up and expanding the ramp, making it useful once again, and creating a park with access to the Armory and walking/biking trail. This is a project where our club can be actively involved in volunteer labor, donations, and historical preservation.

6. Club Meetings In March

March is the Rotary Club of Marietta's charter month so each club meeting will have a special presentation featuring the history of Rotary and the Club and establishing some new traditions to support those of the last 100 years.

President Daneka noted that the year ahead will be memorable and there are numerous ways that every member of our club can be involved. The 100 Year Celebration in January, the Anniversary Club Meeting in March (which will be attended by our DG, and potentially our RI President Holger Knaack), the Golf Outing in May, and Safety Town in June will be highlights of the year for certain.

President Daneka closed her first meeting with a quote from President Holger Knaack: "Rotary is not just a club you join, it is an invitation to endless opportunities. Let us go forth and have a memorable Centennial year."

Next week's program will be Jason Nulton, Vienna Indoor Aquaculture.

Split the Pot winner is Mark Kerenyi who won the daily pot of \$48, but missed the jackpot of \$1,059. With 15 cards left, the game goes on.

