

# The MarRotagram



## Club Leaders



Daneka Hedges  
President



Terry Edward Rataiczak  
President-Elect  
Treasurer  
Club TRF Chair



Danielle Bruni  
President - Nominee



Nikita Chidester  
Secretary



Bill White  
Membership Chair



Shawn Taylor  
iPast President



Larry F. Arnold  
Asst Governor

## Speakers

**July 30, 2020**

Daneka Hedges  
Scholarship Winners

**August 06, 2020**

Davis Powers  
Project Life Saver

**August 13, 2020**

Heather Warner  
Go Packs

**August 20, 2020**

Pat Peoples, Linda Steelman,  
Laura Miller & Bill White  
Jim Starner Memorial /  
Membership Committee Report

**Date:** July 23, 2020

**Invocation:** Peter Keim

**Visiting Rotarians:** David Haas and his wife, Leslie, Marietta Morning Club

**Guests of Honor:**

- Jade Thompson, wife of Andy Thompson
- Laura Dauber Thompson, sister of Andy Thompson
- Khadine Ritter, friend of Andy Thompson

**Guests:**

- David Miller, guest of Gary O Brien
- Trina Rataiczak, guest of Terry Rataiczak
- Mason Beuhring, guest of Heather Allender
- Shannon Howell, guest of Aleece Dye
- Chuck Watt, guest of Bill White

**Red Badge Ceremony:**

The club welcomed into membership today Trina Rataiczak, under the classification of personal services/salon, and proposed by Terry Rataiczak. We also welcomed David Miller, under the classification of Safety Professional, and proposed by Gary O Brien.

**Paul Harris Fellow Award:**

Treasurer and President Elect Terry Rataiczak awarded Jim Peebles a Paul Harris Fellow +3.

**Announcements:**

- President Daneka Hedges shared that last week, immediately following the club meeting, Lisa, a regular server for the Rotary Club at the Lafayette, experienced her water breaking. She went into labor and little Avianna was born the next day.



- There is a Gala Committee meeting today at The Galley at 3:30. The next meeting will be August 13, 3:30 at the Galley. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Daneka at [dhedges@mhsystem.org](mailto:dhedges@mhsystem.org)

- President Daneka thanked the Past Presidents for an excellent Breakfast last week, noting she was especially appreciative of all of their sound advise and wise counsel.

-Thursday, July 30, 5:00 PM Park Clean-up! Meet at the Putnam Street Bridge parking lot adjacent to the Rotary Centennial Park. Kevin Witucky will have all of the gardening tools, and thirst-quenching supplies. Currently there are 7 Rotarians scheduled to attend. We need 3 more. Please contact Daneka if you can make it. Many hands make light work! *(and Red Badge Members, this helps you fulfill your Blue Badge requirements!)*

#### **Centennial Moment:**

Charlotte Keim shared how **Service** has been a foundational value of Rotary since the very first project when the original club put public toilets in Chicago. She went on to reflect on our Club's earliest projects focused on students and children; helping crippled children with financial aid, running a camp called Rotary Pals for truant adolescent boys, scholarships, and actively supporting the Boy Scouts even into the 1990s. Charlotte mentioned numerous and more recent projects and closed by reminding everyone that service is a tenant of core values and must be kept at the forefront of our club.

#### **Good News/Bad News:**

-Colleen Cook gave a special thank you to **Chef** David Bricker for all of the culinary delights at the Past President Breakfast and said (tongue in cheek) that the breakfast alone was a good reason enough reason to become Club President.

#### **Program:**

Remembering Andy Thompson as a Rotarian. Officiated by Pat Peoples and Linda Steelman

Pat Peoples began by reminding the Club of the Objectives of Rotary, including encouraging and fostering service, and providing opportunities for acquaintance that also foster service. She stressed that Andy Thompson lived his life by those values.

Andy became a Rotarian on March 24, 2005. He was proposed by Eric Erb, under the classification **Publisher**, and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Numerous Rotarians shared their Rotary memories of Andy with respect, humor, and deep gratitude for a man who lived with great integrity and consistency when it came to treating others fairly and with kindness.

Dave Haas recited the 4-Way Test, guidelines for behavior, and emphasized that it was how Andy lived his entire life, having learned it from his parents, Bill and Elsa. Elsa was in Morning Rotary with David, and David, having missed the opportunity to present Elsa with an honorary Paul Harris Fellow, and having missed the opportunity to present Andy with

Elsa's PHF, asked Jade Thompson and Laura Dauber Thompson to the stage where he presented them with a Paul Harris Fellow for Elsa Thompson.

Linda Steelman led us in a moment of silence and closed the remembrance in prayer.

Clearly, Andy Thompson is, and will continue to be, missed in the Marietta Rotary Club.



**THIS WEEKS PROGRAM 7/30/20:**

Scholarship Meeting. We are expecting up to 30 extra guests. Please be aware of the Governor's mandate concerning wearing masks. It can be found here:

<https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/media/news-and-media/covid19-update-07222020>

**Split the Pot:** David Brown won the weekly prize of \$ 48 and missed the jackpot of \$ 1,197. The game goes on!

