

Rotary



Club of South Forsyth County



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Meeting



Next Meeting.....Wednesday September 22, 2021, 12:15....@ Lanier Tech Live

This week we will order lunch from Marlows.

- Please click the link to order your food. [Marlows Order Cumming Location](#)
- Remember to select Pick Up, and under Order Type, choose edit.
- Then select **Wednesday 9/22 at 11:30**, or as close to that time as possible.
- Your food will be waiting for you at our meeting on Wednesday. Drinks will be provided.

A screenshot of the Marlow's Tavern online checkout page. The page shows the following information:

- Ordering From:** Marlow's Tavern Cumming, 410 Peachtree Parkway, Suite 162, Cumming, GA 30041. There is an "Edit" link next to it.
- Order Type:** Type: Pickup, When: ASAP (10 mins est.). There is an "Edit" link next to it.
- Payment:** Credit Card (selected).
- Terms and Conditions:** Submitting this order confirms that you accept all associated terms and conditions. Review address & order details for accuracy. Your order will be sent to [redacted]. There is a "Show More" link.

President's Corner

By Sonja Bullard on Tuesday, September 21, 2021

September 2021 Basic Education and Literacy Month

Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.

◆ Vera Nazarian

At the beginning of my career, I was a middle school Language Arts teacher in Topsham, Maine. I grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta, studied at UGA to become a teacher, and moved to the northeast to teach English at Mt. Ararat Middle School.

Growing up in Atlanta, my parents began reading to me when I was very little. (My mother still has my



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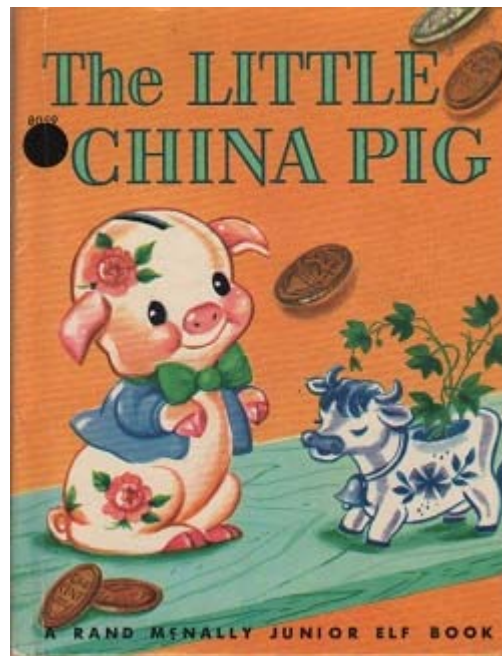
favorite book: "The Little China Pig"). I entered first grade reading independently. Mine was a common experience among my classmates. In my Maine classroom, I recognized the effects on children from a lack of reading in the home. I had a wide range of skill levels in each of my classes. Topsham's local economy was based on lobstering and fishing. The average education level of adults was eleventh grade. There were seventh graders whom I taught who couldn't write a basic sentence. My co-teacher, a native Mainer, did not assign homework due to the fact that most kids who didn't a home environment where homework was encouraged. One of my students took care of her five younger siblings after school while her parents worked to keep the family afloat. Sending work home would set these children up for certain failure. There would be no resource in the home to help them. School was the only environment for learning.

It was a shocking lesson to learn at the age of 23. Experience with books and reading at an early age provides children the opportunity to learn about the world at large. There are students who miss this stage to start life far behind their counterparts. Literacy provides a link to an outside world; opportunities that could not be imagined without it.

Leap Into Literacy is our district grant project this year. Our club is partnering with Forsyth County Schools and Library System to provide an interactive literacy experience for those in our community who are considered underserved. Many of the students come from homes where English is the second language, or English-speaking homes where books are not readily available. The focus of Leap Into Literacy is the whole family. We will host an event at four different elementary schools. The program concentrates on one book with separate workstations where families will interact with book in different ways. Our club will provide food and drinks, and Jeremy will dress up as the main character.

We expect this hands-on experience to impact hundreds of children and their families. And my hope is to have a majority of the club participate at any level they can to make these events successful. We are waiting to hear from the District on the amount of funds allocated to our projects. We will share this information as it becomes available. Please plan to be a part.

Thank you for your service,
Sonja



Shore Sweep

Thursday, September 16, 2021



Club Member Clay Copher (left) with John Barker, Lake Lanier Association.

On Wednesday, 9/15 John Baker of the Lake Lanier Association spoke at the South Forsyth County Rotary Luncheon about Lake Lanier and their "Shore Sweep" project. For additional information please go to [Shore Sweep 2021 | Lake Lanier Association](https://lakelanier.org/our-work/clean-lake/shore-sweep/).

ALSO..... Please consider joining us for Shore Sweep 2021 on September 25th. For more information, visit [https://lakelanier.org/our-work/clean-lake/shore-sweep/!](https://lakelanier.org/our-work/clean-lake/shore-sweep/) or to sign up <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lake-lanier-shore-sweep-2021-registration-165775536091?aff=LLA> and please enter South Forsyth Rotary in the company line.

Program Calendar

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Wednesday September 22, 2021..Speaker Host.. Pam Evans
Speaker:Jennifer Hasser.."How to Identify a Struggling Reader"

Wednesday October 27, 2021..Speaker Host.. John Bramlette
Speaker:Alen Dunn.. Alan Dunn is a 25 year resident of Johns Creek and was a five time champion on Jeopardy! in October 2018 and a Quarterfinalist in the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions in November 2019. He retired in 2020 after 40 years with AT&T.

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Meet the New Members 2020/21



Marcus Turk



Angela Dikes

Do you know any happenings with our Rotarian family?

Please give Ann Decherd an email or phone call and let them and the club know. We want to celebrate good times and sympathize in times of need and be there to help.

speakers

September 22nd

[Jennifer Hasser](#)

"How to Identify a Struggling Reader"

September 25th

[Lake Lanier Shore Cleanup](#)

Club Meeting

South Forsyth County

Meets at Lanier Technical College

3410 Ronald Reagan Blvd.

Cumming, GA

Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM