

**Minutes**

**Rotary Club of Marietta Metro - District 6900**

**Marietta, Georgia**

**2024-2025 Board of Directors**

**Date of Board Meeting: February 11, 2025**

**Board Members:**

* President: Ron Lunk
* President Elect: Lynn Lanier
* Membership: Chris Stokes
* Treasurer: Chad Pendley
* Secretary: Sally Platt
* Immediate Past President: Chris Stokes
* Club Administration Director: Kim Cross - **absent.**
* Public Image Director: Sally Platt
* Community Service Director: Rene Lanier
* International Service Director: Buck Buchanan
* Vocational Service Director: Stan Hoover
* Youth Service Director: Jim Bunda
* RCMM Foundation Chair (Ex Officio): Mitch Simmons - **absent**
* President-Elect Nominee – Daniel Owen

**Call to Order: 5:48 p.m.**

**Secretary: Sally Platt**

* Approval of January meeting minutes – there being no additions or corrections to the Minutes, they stand approved as submitted.
* Attendance – 69.6% for the month of Janary
* Red Badge Update – Sasha Johnson, Makia Metzger, Karen Heard. Discussion ensued concerning the on-attendance and on-payment of one member. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the President will send the member in question a notice of removal from membership.

**Treasurer: Chad Pendley**

* Club P&L and Budget
* Foundation P&L and Budget

**Public Image: Sally Platt**

* Requirements for the February activity for the Zone 33-34 EPIC award have been completed.

**Community Service: Rene Lanier**

* New fundraiser idea, dueling pianos, was discussed.
* Go Red for Women Day will be on February 6, 2026. Rene proposed partnering with WellStar for a community-wide event.
* Extension Dinners have been scheduled through April, 2025:

Women Men

4/3/25 4/22/25

* Meals were provided for the women on January 23 and for the men on January 28.
* We concluded our collection of canned goods for the food pantries at Georgia Highlands and Chattahoochee Tech. The club exceeded our goal of 1000 cans by collecting 1057. The soup was distributed to the schools on February 10. Congratulations to the Mountain Goats for collecting 326 cans!
* We will sponsor the Shamrock Shuffle again this year on Saturday, March 15, to benefit the Police Athletic League. Sponsorships offer the opportunity to have a 10 X 10 display space with table and chairs at the race. We have requested a table. The logo for the tee shirts has been submitted. We have four slots for the race available for use.
* In February, we will again celebrate with our senior citizens by preparing goody bags for them for Valentine’s Day. They were packed after our meeting on February 10 and then delivered to the Senior Center on Powder Springs for distribution on Valentine’s Day.
* We will also celebrate with the women at the Women’s Extension by preparing bud vases with roses for them. There are 24 residents. We will meet to prepare the bud vases on February 12 and deliver them to the Women’s Extension.
* The FODAC collection is scheduled for March 22 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Letters to nursing homes, senior centers, churches, etc. will go out as soon as we have FODAC’s flyers.
* We have received 2000 labels from SOAP to distribute in our efforts to prevent human trafficking in Atlanta this spring.
* The Lembeck Center has provided the dates for Audrey of the Alliance Theater to perform for the children. We need to notify the Center when a Rotarian wants to visit. The schedule is as follows:

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| Alliance 2025 |  |  |
|  | Wednesday | Thursday |
|  |  | 8:00am off campus- Bumblebee |
| 8:20am | Sunflower |  |
| 8:55am | Mockingbird | Firefly |
| 9:30am | Ladybug | Hedgehog |
| 10:05am | Dogwood | Butterfly |

**Membership Director: Chris Stokes**

* New member update – Karen Heard will be inducted on February 24th.
* Fireside Chat – Tuesday, March 18th
* Discussion of Corporate membership – suggestion that we make the additional corporate members associate members. That way, we could report them to R.I. as club members, thus increasing our membership count.
* Additional suggestions for increasing membership, compiled, and submitted by Jim Boone, were discussed.

**International Service: Buck Buchanan**

* Global Grant Status Update – the grant has been submitted to The Rotary Foundation and may need some revision.
* The CART fundraiser will be on Wednesday, March 12th at the Marietta Wine Market.
* For the golf tournament, Buck has projected 44 golfers so far. In terms of funding, we’re at 50% of the goal that has been set for this year. Pine Tree Country Club costs have increased by 7%.

**Youth Service: Jim Bunda**

* Interact Clubs – scholarship deadline is March 15th.
  + Kim Cross will be working with the Pope Interact Club
* Rotaract Update

**President-Elect: Lynn Lanier**

* The District Budget 2025-2026 was distributed for review and discussion.
* Planning meetings for the 2026-27 Board members will be held on April 4th and May 23rd.
* PETS will be held from February 28th to March 2nd. Lynn will be attending PETS in Chattanooga.
* District Training Assembly will be on March 27th in Columbus, GA

**President: Ron Lunk**

* The District Conference will be on April 24-27 at Jekyll Island.
* Cobb Rotary Council Meeting Recap

**Immediate Past President: Chris Stokes**

* Past President’s meeting to select President-Elect Nominee Designate – official.

**Next Meeting**

March 11, 2025 at Mayes Ward-Dobbins, Daniel Owen to provide refreshments.

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by: Sally Platt**