

The MarRotaGram

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Speakers

December 14, 2023

Ben Ebenhack
Marietta College/Petroleum
Engineering

December 21, 2023

Christmas Program

Fellow Rotarians,

I hope your week is off to a great start. Welcome to the latest edition of the Rotary Club of Marietta's MarRotaGram. In this edition we are pleased to bring you a curated selection of news, updates and insights from our Club that we hope enhances your engagement, keeps you informed and inspired.

This Week (December 14, 2023)

- **Program:** This week Ben Ebenhack will share with us information about Marietta College's Petroleum Engineering program.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/mspFgmd> The Rotary Club of Marietta is scheduled to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 16, 2023 between 10:00am and 7:00pm at Wal-Mart in Marietta (Grocery side). We will need 2 Rotarian's per 1 hour shift or 1 Rotarian and their family/friends.
- **Service Project:** This year our Club will participate in a Speaker Series to discuss our industry and career journey in Washington County Schools. President Jarrett is asking all Club members to commit at least 2 hours between now and May 2024 to speak in 2 schools for 1 hour each. To participate, first [follow this link to complete the interest form](#). After you have submitted an interest form, a representative from BB2C will be in contact to schedule your times in the classroom. See President Jarrett for more information
- **Diaper Drive:** Fellow Rotarian Kelli Beeson and her family welcomed a new baby. Aleece Dye is organizing a diaper drive for the month of December. Bring diapers of any size or donate money that can be used to purchase diapers.
- **Lunch:** Sesame Chicken w/Rice, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Rolls
- **Squares Board:** A squares board started last week!!!! A new chance to win \$1,000!!! (Win \$250 for yourself and a donation in your name for \$125 to Polio Plus, \$125 to the Rotary International Annual Fund and \$500 to the Scholarship Fund.) It only cost \$10 to put your name on one square.
- **Duty Roster:**
 - Attendance: Heather Allender
 - Ticket Sales: Duane Huck
 - Greeter: Brad Silvus
 - Invocation: Claire Ramsey
 - Can Collection: Jacky Miner

Last Week (December 7, 2023)

- **Announcements:**
 - **Thank You:** President Jarrett passed along two Thank you's™ to the club from service projects/donations that had happened last year. A Thank you from Harmar Place for the \$500 donation to their OMA program (a program that provides art opportunities to dementia patients), and from the Washington/Morgan County Community Action for a \$500 donation.
 - **Board Meeting & Social Gathering:** The Board will meet Wednesday, December 13, at 3:30 PM, followed by a social gathering at 4:30 PM both at the Town House.
 - **Christmas Party:** President- Elect McKenzie Allen stated the Club Christmas Party will on Thursday December 21 beginning at 11:30. There will be a happy hour from 11:30 - 12:00. The club will be doing a special service project during the "speaker"™ portion of

the meeting. Make every attempt to attend. It will be a great meeting.???????

- **2026 -2027 District Governor Announced:** Our club was graced with the visit of five District Governors (4 Past and 1 Elect); Current DG David Uhl, Past DGs MJ Rutherford and Craig Maxey, Immediate Past DG Price Finely and DG Elect David Baker. As Chair of the District Governor Selection Committee Price Finely made the formal announcement: Terry Rataiczak has been nominated, interviewed and accepted the role of District Governor nominee. Terry will be the DG in the year 2026 – 2027. CONGRATULATIONS TERRY!!!
- **Board Members and President Nominee Vote:** President Jarrett stated three Rotarians were nominated for the three positions open on the board: Adam Schwendeman, Heather Allender and Lori Hart. All nominees ran uncontested. Also, President Jarrett stated Ms. Tasha Werry agreed to become the President Nominee. She is also running uncontested. Ms. Colleen Cook made a motion to approve all three of the aforementioned nominated board members, and to approve of Ms. Tasha Werry as the new President Nominee. Mr. Dave Archer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- **Sgt. at Arms:** Laura Miller milked the crowd for several dollars, including fining all 5 District Governors.
- **Split the Pot:** Daily- \$47, Jackpot- \$1,079. Winner (daily only): Sherry Wagner. Game Goes ON!
- **Program:** Courtney Wentz with the Marietta Community Foundation presented a program on “Tips for Giving Wisely”™. Courtney reminded us to choose our charities wisely, do our homework on them (i.e., what percentage goes to administration, is it a tax-deductible donation, does your employer do a giving match, etc.) and mostly, create a budget so you can give generously without surprises.



SORTING OUT WHERE CONTRIBUTIONS GO

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Marietta Rotarians direct our Rotary Giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

ORGANIZATION	DONATION DESIGNATIONS	ADDRESS	MEMBER CONTACT	EMAIL
Rotary Club of Marietta	Club Dues	PO Box 1138 Marietta, OH 45750	Terry Rataiczak	treasurer@mariettanoonrotary.org
Marietta Rotary Foundation	Unrestricted Fund, Safetytown, Scholarships	424 2nd Street Marietta, OH 45750	Colleen Cook Bob Kirkbride	cook@theisenbrock.com rekirkbride@yahoo.com
Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris, Annual Fund, PolioPlus	PO Box 1138 Marietta, OH 45750	Terry Rataiczak	treasurer@mariettanoonrotary.org



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