

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARIETTA **ROTALIGHT**

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Benjamin W. Fischer-Valuck, MD, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Fischer-Valuck practices general radiation oncology and specializes in stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), high-dose-rate brachytherapy, and Gamma Knife radiosurgery. He treats patients with lung cancer, prostate cancer, and gastrointestinal cancer at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital.

**Education**

Dr. Fischer-Valuck obtained his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, Louisiana. He completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. He then completed his residency in radiation oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in Saint Louis, Missouri, where he was Chief Resident in his final year of residency training.

**Research**

Dr. Fischer-Valuck's research interests include clinical trials for lung and genitourinary cancers, advancements in stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) for lung and gastrointestinal malignancies, and novel uses of HDR brachytherapy and Gamma Knife radiosurgery. He also has a particular interest in clinical trials of proton radiation therapy for the treatment of lung and prostate malignancies.

**WINNER!**



**Irv Smith** has the right stuff!! He found the RED marble at last week's Rotary meeting to win the jackpot.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**Marietta Country Club**

**The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro**  
**and**  
**The Rotary Club of Marietta**  
**PRESENT**

*The 31st Annual*

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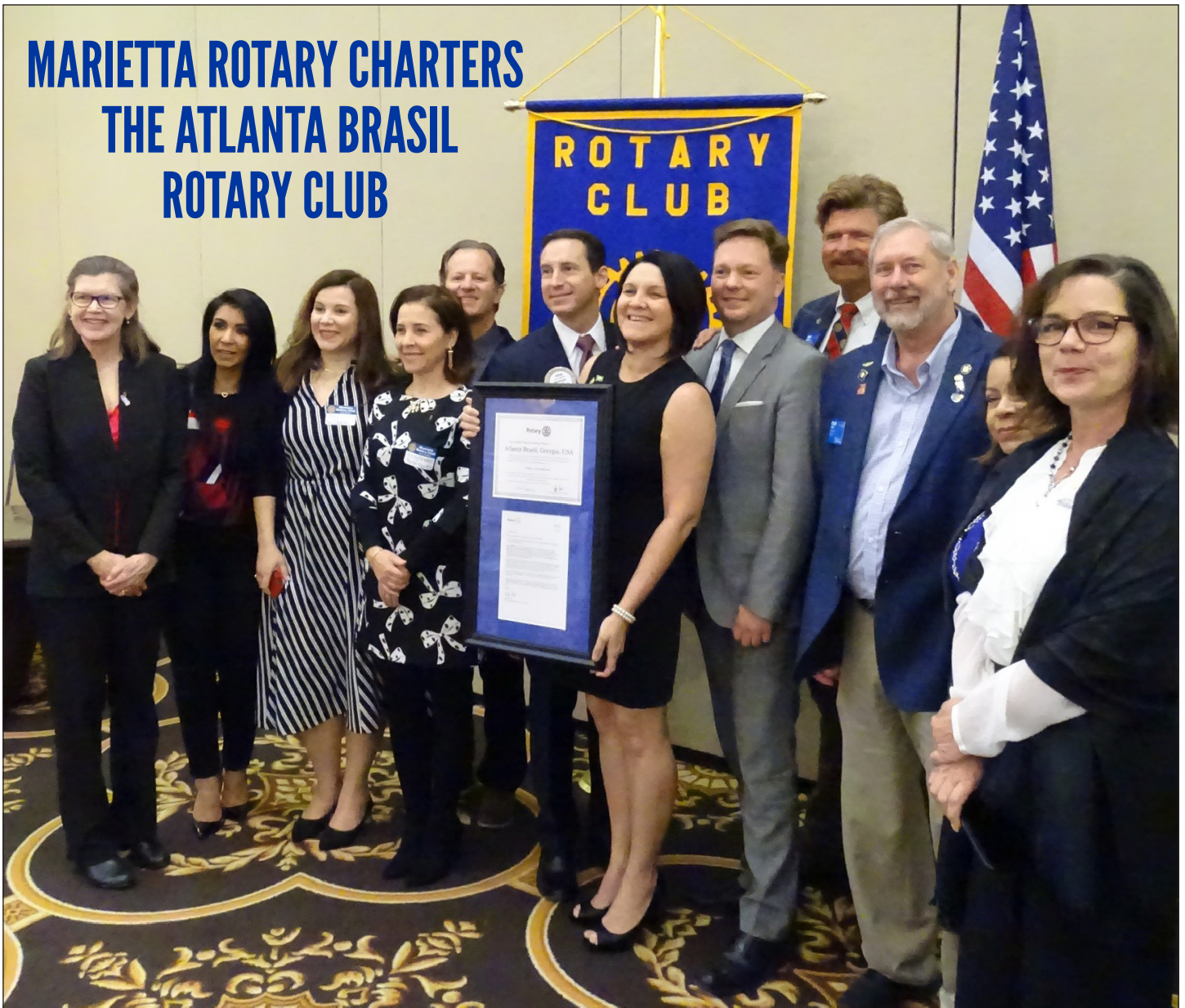
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**Rotary**



# MARIETTA ROTARY CHARTERS THE ATLANTA BRASIL ROTARY CLUB



The Rotary Club of Marietta sponsored their fifteenth Rotary Club in north Georgia last Wednesday. The event was led by District 6900 Governor Court Dowis, Assistant District Governor and Marietta Rotary Past President Mark Barbour, Marietta Rotary president Jesse Evans and President elect Chris Bethel. Ten members of the The Atlanta Brasil Rotary Club were on hand for the charter presentation. The Rotary Club of Atlanta Brasil Charter Members: Clarissa Costa, Alex Costa, Carlos Mendes, Luciana Santos, Lao Rimanelli, Naia Slack, Josiani Carolino, Sergio Rodrigues, Roseanne Rodrigues, Cristiane Pope, Ticianni Christofolli, Ramon Sanchez, Jauana Eidelwein, Maico Eidelwein, Adilson Abraão, Joana Martins, Raphael Mello, Leslie Hankey, Robert Pope, and Otávio Lira; Honorary Club Members: District Governor Court Dowis, Assistant District Governor Mark Barbour, Rotary Club of Marietta President Jesse Evans, Rotary Club President Elect Chris Bethel



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# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the March 20 Meeting

President **Jesse Evans** called the meeting to order and indicated that our club is honored to have District Governor Court Dowis in attendance to charter the new Atlanta Brasil Rotary Club.

President Jesse called on **Mark Barbour**, District 6900 Assistant District Governor, to provide the Invocation for this special occasion. Mark provided thankful remarks and the opportunity to serve those in our communities and world.

**Lee Pence** introduced our guest which included Dot Dunaway and **Dawn McEachern**. He also introduced the visiting Rotarians which included Wayne Blackstone from the South Cobb Club and eight from the Atlanta Brasil Club.

President Jesse provided several announcements including his prediction that there would be an opportunity drawing winner today. There will be a Rotary Means Business meeting hosted by **Marla Blackstone**. Marietta Reads is next week and **Don Barbour** needs a few more volunteers. District Conference is April 25-28 in Sand Destin.

**Joe Atkins** provided some sunshine by sharing that he was attending a funeral at Moody AFB and was befriended by a Rotarian who went out of his way to provide directions and access suggestions to make the experience easier.

President Jesse initiated the chartering ceremony by indicating that our club has sponsored and chartered 15 clubs since it was founded in 1919. He introduced the District 6900 Governor Court Dowis to perform the ceremony. District Governor Dowis introduced Clarissa Costa who was the impetus behind the new Atlanta Brasil Rotary Club. He said Clarissa first came to the Atlanta Area from Brazil as a Rotary Student and her interest in Rotary was born. When she later moved to Atlanta she contacted the District Governor and efforts to form a new club were initiated.

District Governor Dowis and President Evans alternated presenting the charter statements and President Clarissa Costa and the eight present members of the new club were invited to the podium and pinned with their new Rotary pins.

President Elect **Chris Bethel** provided the closing statement for the Charter Ceremony and a standing ovation was given by the sponsoring Marietta Rotary Members.

Chief **Dan Flynn** introduced the meeting speaker for the day. **Bill Dunaway** is no stranger to club members being one himself. He is a lifelong resident of the area, a graduate of Marietta High and UGA Pharmacy School. He received a masters degree from Harvard Business School and joined his father in the family pharmacy business, Dunaway Drug Stores. After selling the drug stores in 1989, he opened the 1848 House

of fine dining. He served as Marietta's mayor from 2002-2009. Bill and Dot have 3 daughters.

Bill complimented Chief Flynn. He said he never had any problems during his time as mayor after Chief Flynn was hired to oversee the Department. He didn't say anything about problems with police all the years he wasn't mayor.

Bill shared his experiences reminiscing about his early days in Marietta. He said his family moved to town when his father bought a downtown drugstore in 1943. Bill was 4 years old. It was located on North Park square where Sugar Cakes is currently located.

He said they lived on Seminole Dr. off Cherokee St. near corn and wheat fields and pecan orchards. Dirt roads started not far from their house. He remembers the impact of the war on his family. Food rationing was in place. Sugar was a rarity and his mother saving it for birthday cakes. He remembers the air raid sirens and black out drills which must have been successful because no bombs ever hit his house. He remembers going to the square to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day with his mother.


Bill talked about the impact of the Bell Bomber Plant on Marietta. The Access Hi-Way (So. Cobb Drive) was built and the 4-lane (Cobb Pkwy) was completed. 19,000 people were employed there. Marietta Place and Pine Forest were built to provide housing. Half the people in Marietta worked at the plant and the other half made a living from those working at the plant.

Bill shared experiences working for his father as a soda jerk (sweet water chemist), growing up in segregation, coming to realization that it was wrong, and being pleased to integrate his drugstore.

Bill shared many other memories that were informative and amusing but unfortunately space limits us. He said he enjoyed being mayor and would have probably continued but his family threatened to work for his opponents if he tried to run again. Thanks for a job well done Mr. Mayor.

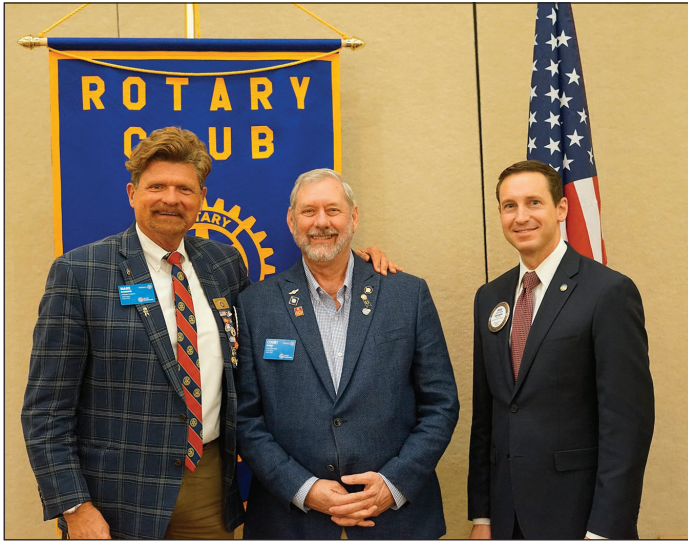
President Jesse thanked Bill for his look at Marietta-then and now and District Gov Dowis for the Charter Ceremony. He said a book will be presented to an elementary school to honor their presentations.

**Irv Smith** was the lucky winner of the opportunity drawing.

**Chuck Core** led the pledge to the flag and the 4-Way test recitation. President Jesse adjourned the meeting. 

~ Scribe : Warren Gordon

# PICTURES FROM OUR LAST MEETING



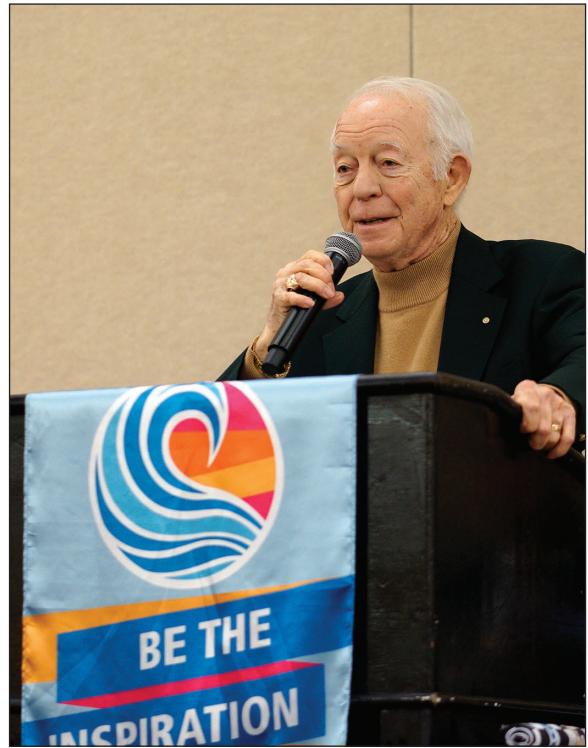
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ADG MARK BARBOUR, DG COURT DOWIS SHOWING THEIR BLING



DISTRICT 6900 GOVERNOR COURT DOWIS



FEATURED SPEAKER BILL DUNAWAY



CHARTER PRESIDENT CLARISSA COSTA

# Marietta Rotary sponsors Cobb "ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS" Committee Meeting



Marla Blackstone hosted a "Rotary Means Business" Mentor/ Network Event at her Lawrence Street law office from 6-9 pm on 3.21.19. District 6900 and Cobb Rotary Council recommend Rotary networking to encourage and retain young members.

Kudos to Fred Beloin, Jeff Cooper, Mary Ansley Southerland, Wayne Blackstone and Jason Bowman for counseling young Rotarians and prospective Rotarians with some sound business advice and guidance while all enjoyed a fun evening.

Pictured from left to right are Dr. Brian Sanders, MD, Allie Cailteux, Barbara Leipow, RN, Fred, Mary Ansley, Jeff, Wayne, Curtis Poole, Jason Bowman (not pictured but present were Connie Bullock, Albert McCray, Marla Blackstone and Ameenah Ahmad.)

# MEET NEW ROTARIAN Neera Bahl



NEERA PICTURED WITH PRESIDENT JESSE

Ms. Bahl has a MA in English, B. Ed. in Psychology, BS in Chemistry and JD from John Marshall Law School. Neera Bahl interned at the Jimmy Carter Center, Human Rights Division and worked as a Constituent Rep for US Rep Denise Majette focusing on immigration. Ms. Bahl served as Sr. Research Specialist for 16 years at Emory University Dept of Dermatology and for 5 years at the University of Alabama.

Neera served as law clerk for Fulton County Superior Court Judge Gail S. Tusan and began her legal career in 2005 as an associate in Dixit & Youn, LLP. Neera earned Partner status at the firm in 2007 and in 2009 Neera started her own firm; Neera Bahl & Associates, now known as One Path Legal.

Ms. Bahl is a former member of Emory Druid Hills Rotary Club from 2014-2017. Neera was President of US Pan-Asian American Chamber of Commerce 2013-16 and currently serves on its Regional Advisory Board. Neera was Chair of the multi-bar leadership council in 2012 and is currently on the advisory board of Atlanta Legal Aid Society as well as being a member of Cobb County Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Club. Neera is a member of the Federalist Society, has founded a non-profit and is a graduate of Leadership Cobb.

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## *Marietta Reads!* SPRING EDITION KICKS OFF AT PARK STREET



PARK STREET SCHOOL READERS DALE COVINGTON, MARK BARBOUR, DAN KIRK, JIM TRAPNELL AND DON BARBOUR



DALE COVINGTON READING HIS BOOK TO SECOND GRADERS AT PARK STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3, 2019		NO MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Jere Morehead, President, University of Georgia
Thursday, April 11, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Ron Sifen – Transportation in Cobb County
Wednesday, April 24, 2019		NO MEETING
Thursday - Sunday, April 25 – 28, 2019		District Conference – Sand Destin, Florida
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, May 8, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - TBA
Thursday, May 9, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries

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