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Today's Guest Speaker
Ron Sifen
"Transportation in Cobb County"



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BE THE INSPIRATION

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Ron Sifen Transportation in Cobb County

Ron Sifen is a community advocate. He works with various community groups in Cobb County on traffic issues, zoning and development issues, and other issues that impact taxpayers.

Ron has served on numerous Cobb County advisory committees, including Cobb County's Braves Task Force, the citizens advisory committee for the Cobb Comprehensive Plan, and Cobb's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Ron also serves on the advisory committee for GDOT's Top End I-285 Managed Lanes project. Ron has also been writing columns for the MDJ for the past 10 years on traffic issues and other taxpayer related issues.

Today, Ron is going to discuss the recent transit legislation and an overview on where we are in the process of addressing our transportation needs.

Mr. Bulldog Jim Trapnell



Jim Trapnell is one of many Marietta Rotarians that are University of Georgia Alumni, but he may be the most Enthusiastic.

Meet our newest member Jeff Couch



Jeff grew up in Macon, Georgia where his father worked as an Architect and his parents still reside. Jeff studied Architectural Design at Southern Polytechnic University/KSU where Jim Fausett was his favorite professor. Jim later supported Jeff's career development and is now Jeff's Rotary Sponsor. Jeff is in his 30th year of architectural practice, and his sister currently teaches architectural design in Izmir, Turkey. Jeff married Lesley in 1998, and they have two beautiful daughters, Maggie Adams, and Lara Couch. Leslie consults with large firms about their pension benefits plans, and Maggie will soon graduate Notre Dame University Law School. Lara plays varsity soccer at Marietta High School and is currently looking at colleges. Jeff's family belongs to Marietta First United Methodist Church and actively supports Must Ministries and St. Baldrick's Foundation for Research of Childhood Cancer. Some of Jeff's favorite pastimes are guitar, golfing, hunting, fishing and supporting Lara's soccer career.

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WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the April 10 Meeting

With a resounding gong of the Rotary bell, President **Jesse Evans** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:14:13 PM (17:14:13 UTC). Our Invocation was offered by **Ben Worley**.

Lance Burchett welcomed the following visiting Rotarians and honored guests. Rotarians: **Ralph Stephens**, Rotary Club of North Cobb, and **John Kaustubh**, Rotary Club of Chennai. Guests included Joanne Gossman, mother of President Jesse, Ladebra Milton, guest of President Jesse, Kitty Kendrick, Meri Cotney, and David Ulfk guests of **Lee Pence**, and Luci Morgan, guest of the Club.



PRESIDENT JESSE WITH LADEBRA MILTON AND JOANNE GOSSMAN

To a standing ovation, President Jesse introduced **Jeff Couch** as a new member of the Club. **Jim Fausett** is his sponsor.

Announcements included expressions of appreciation to club members who served in the Marietta Reads service project. (See photographs, April 10, 2019 Rotalight). Volunteers for the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield location Easter Sunrise service, April 21, and the Memorial Day service, May 27, please contact **Mark Barbour**. **Thomas Sherrer**, Chair for the May 20 Golf Tournament encouraged members to register teams and pay entrance fees.

In his introduction of our guest speaker, Past President **Tucker Hobgood**, UGA Double Dog, desiring to give our esteemed presenter ample time to share the goodness of our State's flagship institution of higher learning, yielded to brevity and waxed only a few accolades of deserved praise on DR. JERE MOREHEAD, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.



DR. JERE MOREHEAD

Speaking to a Rotary tenet of community service President Morehead began his presentation by noting that

every Georgian lives within 40 miles of a University delivery facility. Statewide the institution is a \$6.3Billion economic engine generator of which Cobb County is the recipient of approximately \$400Million.

Class of 2023 entering freshmen bring a 4.0+ high school academic average and an ACT score of 30. Based on historical data 96% will return for their sophomore year, and 86% will graduate from the University. Following graduation 96% will be employed within 6 months and 70% will stay in Georgia for their life.

The Class of 2023 is comprised of 34% minority population. 660 of these students will be the first in their family to attend college. They hail across the State from 154 counties and 508 high schools.

Since 2013 the University's research grants portfolio has grown over 30%. To date our researchers have delivered over 725 products to the consumer market.



MORGAN ROBERTSON AND PHIL KNIGHT

The Opportunity Drawing was managed by **Morgan Robertson** and **Phil Knight**. **Jim Speed** and **Glenn Owens** drew but to no avail of the winnings. Lance Burchett led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test. The meeting adjourned at 1:04:16 PM (18:04:16 UTC)

~ Jim Peeler, UGA, BAJ '71 Scribe
~ Jim Kellogg, Photos



JOHN KAUSTUBH, ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI, INDIA

MORE PICTURES FROM LAST MEETING



MARIETTA ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA GRADUATES



NEW MEMBER LANCE BURCHETT INTRODUCES A LONG LIST OF GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS



PAST PRESIDENT MARK BARBOUR PROMOTES THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



PAST PRESIDENT TUCKER HOBGOOD INTRODUCES OUR GUEST SPEAKER



MUST Ministry Luncheon, April 11, 2019

Sponsored by Marietta Rotary

by Marlys Williams



Once again, an epic experience of individuals driven by the mission of Service Above Self successfully prepared and served luncheon for 75 residents at MUST Ministries on Thursday, April 11, 2019. All participating Rotarians were present by choice, and for the fact that they are proven community leaders and business people. Simply stated, all share a passion for service above self in their community. Not one has ever cooked commercially/professionally. Attorney/Chef, **Harold Hobbs** leads and directs this enterprise for Marietta Rotary based on his experience leading, cooking, and serving the Boy Scouts. The effort is people who can, in action for people who can't. Marietta Rotary and MUST Ministries feeds their residents, and then the kitchen service is open to anyone else who is homeless and hungry.

This month's innovation was named Spaghetti Chicken Casserole. Primary ingredients included 12 lbs. of spaghetti pasta cooked al dente, 18 cans cream of mushroom soup, two #10 cans of diced tomatoes, 6 extra-large cans of chicken, 5 pounds of cheddar cheese, and 5 pounds of mozzarella cheese. The entire entree was flavored with garlic and onion and topped with melted parmesan. Mixed salad with ranch dressing and fruit cocktail were served, along with miscellaneous breads and rolls, courtesy of Publix.

This month's food preparation team consisted of Harold Hobbs, son, Adam, **Lewis Lipsius**, **Jim Trapnell**, and **Marlys Williams**. Serving were **Dale Covington**, **Doug Haynie**, **John Knox** and Jim Trapnell.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 24, 2019		NO MEETING
Thursday - Sunday, April 25 – 28, 2019		District Conference – San Destin, Florida
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, May 8, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting - Roger Tutterow: Economist from Kennesaw State University
Thursday, May 9, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Monday, May 20, 2019	12:15 PM	S. A. White Annual Golf Tournament
Wednesday, May 22, 2019	12:15 PM	NO MEETING due to Golf Tournament

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