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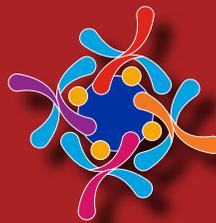
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## **Joint Meeting with Marietta Kiwanis** **Thursday, October 24**

### **PROGRAM**



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# THE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

by J.K. Murphy, vice president of content and managing editor of the Marietta Daily Journal.

There could be danger lurking in your medicine cabinet. A survey shows that nearly 10 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs last year – and most of those drugs were obtained from family and friends, “often from the home medicine cabinet,” according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

You can help prevent drug addiction and eliminate the risk of overdose deaths by simply cleaning out that medicine cabinet and turning in those unused drugs during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day next Saturday, Oct. 26. Cobb health care services and civic organizations will provide convenient drop-off places throughout the county and there will also be locations in nearby cities.

This Drug Take Back Day “addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue,” the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says, citing the disturbing statistics on millions of abusers and addicts. Back to that medicine cabinet, too frequently the unused (and often forgotten) prescription drugs “find their way into the wrong hands.” That is dangerous and often tragic, resulting in devastation and death.

Scientific studies have pinpointed the problem, showing that between 67% and 92% of surgical patients reported “leftover” opioids with up to 71% of all tablets left unused. Likewise about three quarters of the patients in the studies said their prescription opioids were not stored in locked containers. All the studies found low rates of anticipated or actual disposal of the unused prescription opioids, leaving them to sit in medicine cabinets or other unsecured places, “an important reservoir of opioids contributing to non-medical use of these products,” the researchers concluded.

The concept behind the Take Back Day is to make the process easy for disposing unused drugs as well as sharp items such as needles. And this can be done anonymously, no questions asked.

WellStar Health System has announced several drop-off locations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. next Saturday: WellStar Health Parks at 4550 Cobb Parkway, Acworth; 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta; and 4441 Atlanta Road, Smyrna.

Drop-offs will also be accepted by the WellStar facilities at 1120 WellStar Way, Holly Springs, and 146 Bill Carruth Parkway, Hiram. Kennesaw State University is also participating and so is Roswell Recycling Center, 11570 Maxwell Road, Alpharetta, and the Douglasville Police Department & Municipal Court.

WellStar provides this guidance for the public: “Simply take your medications to one of the drop-off locations and receive a gift. Your efforts may ultimately save lives by removing expired and unused medications from your medicine cabinet. No need to leave your car with our convenient drive-thru disposal. No forms or ID required. Sharps, liquids and pills are accepted.

“For safety precautions: Please pack your medications separate from your sharp items (example: needles/lancets). Empty your medications out of the original containers and into a sealed plastic bag. Sharps should be delivered in a closed container such as plastic bottles, milk jugs or plastic needle disposal bins/boxes. No loose sharps will be accepted. “ A bonus is being offered by WellStar: Flu shots will be available inside the WellStar Acworth, Cherokee, East Cobb and Vinings Health Parks to all adults and children age 13 and older.

The Acworth Police and the DEA will also be collecting potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walmart, 3826 Cobb Parkway in Acworth.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Acworth Police also accepts expired or unused prescription drugs year-round at a permanent collection box at the police department.

The Acworth P.D. will not accept needles/sharps, syringes, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers, inhalers and/or medical equipment.

And Kiwanis and Rotary clubs across Cobb are joining to have an internal drop-off day earlier in the week at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta and the Marietta Rotary Club Thursday at the Hilton Atlanta-Marietta Conference Center. A proper disposal receptacle will be on site.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is an opportunity to help curb the epidemic of drug abuse and addiction. The bottom line: Getting rid of unused drugs, especially prescription opioids, can mean the difference between life and death.

So check your medicine cabinet, pack up the unused drugs and drop them off at one of the many locations in Cobb and nearby cities next Saturday, Oct. 26 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. You could save a family member or friend from addiction or even death.

# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the October 9 Meeting

From the location of the Green between the Marietta Police and Fire Departments, President **Chris Bethel** called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

The purpose of this lunch meeting is to honor the Marietta Police officers, Fire fighters, EMT and support personnel who serve to protect our community. The menu included a generous serving of Dave Poe's pork and chicken barbeque, cold slaw, baked beans, mac&cheese, topped off with banana pudding.

Ms. Catherine Moulton lead the attendees in singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. She also performed a solo of *God Bless America*.

### Announcements included:

- Happy 90th Birthday to Marietta Rotarian **Jack Corn**.
- Congratulations to **Deborah Marshall**, Marietta Rotarian of the Month for September
- With thanks to Rotarian **Mary Ansley Southerland** for coordinating this appreciation banquet.
- Contact **Don Barbour** to sign up for Marietta Reads being offered the week of October 21, 2019.
- Sign up for Marietta Rotary 100th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala to be held October 19th at the Marietta Country Club.
- World Polio Day will be celebrated at the CDC on October 24, 2019.
- There will not be a meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

In closing **Dan Kirk** lead the 4 Way Test. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

~ Jim Peeler, scribe

## First Annual Marietta Rotary Fire / Police Appreciation Lunch



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## Thank you for all you do!

# Photos from our Last Meeting

Photos by Jim Kellogg and Dale Covington



**VOLUNTEER SERVERS WITH DAVE POE GETTING READY TO ROLL**



**FOOD SERVERS: (L-R) DOUG HAYNIE, REUBEN GREEN, WILL ALLEN, ABBOTT HALL AND KELLY MAXWELL**



CATHERINE MOULTON LEADS EVERYONE IN THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER AND A SOLO OF GOD BLESS AMERICA



ROTARIANS ENJOY DAVE POE'S BBQ WITH OUR FIRE AND POLICE PERSONNEL

# Rotary Cooks & Serves the Homeless

by Marlys Williams



L-R: DOUG HAYNIE, ADAM HOBBS, HAROLD HOBBS, DALE COVINGTON, MARLYS WILLIAMS, AND JOHN KNOX

This month's entree deemed Slumgullion, was crafted jointly by Chef **Harold Hobbs** and **Morgan Robertson** and relished by 88 diners at MUST Ministries. The primary ingredient consisted of 30 pounds of ground beef (though the original recipe designated sausage which was not available). Additional ingredients included 16 cans of Rotel, 18 cans of yellow corn, 16 cans of English peas, 3 No. 10 cans of Black Beans, 3 No. 10 cans of diced tomatoes and seasoned with fresh garlic, salt and pepper.

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**, Morgan Robertson, and **Marlys Williams**. Serving were **Dale Covington**, **Doug Haynie**, **John Knox**, and Marlys Williams. Noticeably absent was lynchpin team member, Jim Trapnell, who arrives early, organizes the kitchen, and keeps everyone on task, while unobtrusively pulling all the elements together. Jim, hope you are feeling better and able to resume your duties shortly. Particular thanks to Sue Trapnell, who ensures all of the Rotary aprons, linens, and hats are clean, pressed, and on hand for each MUST service.

Of note, the Mayor and the Board approved plans for MUST's new facility, which will include a state of the art kitchen, new living facilities, and capacity for many more folks. The new complex will be located across Hwy 41 where Field Furniture once resided and will be constructed during the next couple of years. The present MUST facility was purchased by Cobb EMC.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 30, 2019	12:15 PM	Grant Rivera, Superintendent of Marietta City Schools
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	12:15 PM	Jennifer Brett, Senior Journalist AJC "Triumphs and Tragedies"
Wednesday, November 13, 2019	12:15 PM	Dr. Avril Beckford, Chief Pediatric Officer Wellstar Health System
Thursday, November 14, 2019	10:30 AM	<b>MUST Ministries - Cook &amp; Serve</b>
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – William J. de St. Aubin
Wednesday, November 27, 2019	No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving	
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Lt. Jose Valentin "Today's Salvation Army"
Wednesday, December 10, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBD
Thursday, December 19, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Joint Meeting Kiwanis "Annual Christmas Meeting:"

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