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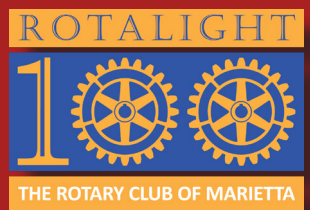
**TODAY'S SPEAKER:**  
**Spencer H. Gelernter, Ph.D.**  
Licensed Psychologist,  
*"Starting the Year off for Success"*



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## Today's Guest Speaker Spencer H. Gelernter, Ph.D.

Dr. Spencer Gelernter is a licensed clinical psychologist who is the Clinical Director of our multi-disciplinary clinic. Since 1993, he has directed a team of clinicians that provides a full spectrum of services, which include psychological testing for children and adolescents for various disorders, such as learning disabilities, ADHD, anxiety, and depression, as well as, psychotherapy for children, adolescents, adults, and families.

He is well known for working with troubled teens and their families, and both marital and family therapies are an integral part of his practice. Dr. Gelernter also works with individual adults who are addressing short-term life problems or long-term relationship/behavioral issues. Substance abuse, depression, anxiety, sexuality, and relationship issues are areas of his expertise. As a Clinical Psychologist, he is often asked to provide second-opinion consults for parents who want to better understand their child's recent Psychological Evaluation or want assistance in developing a treatment plan for their oppositional child.

In his professional capacity as a psychologist, Dr. Gelernter has directed numerous inpatient and outpatient programs. He has directed child day-treatment programs for severely disturbed children, an emergency response clinic for a mental health facility, a substance abuse awareness and prevention project, and an inpatient day-treatment program for children and adolescents. Dr. Gelernter has served on the Board of Directors of more than a dozen non-profit organizations including five different schools, as well as, a number of leadership training organizations, and three terms on the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Gelernter helped design and initiate funding for the Cobb County School System Crisis Prevention and Intervention program. He also served as Vice-Chairman for the Cobb County Commissioners' Office Board of Ethics.

Dr. Gelernter is a native Atlantan who resides in Cobb County.

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**Hope Campbell**, Executive Director of Women's and Pediatric Services; **Bernadette Wooten**, Manager of Labor & Delivery; **Angela Brooke Hartley**, Assistant Nurse Manager L&D; **Roxanne Graham**, Supervisor for Womens Health Speciality Services. Roxanne will spearhead the book project. Attending from Marietta Rotary - P.E. **Mary Ansley Southerland**



# January Birthdays

Jim Freeman - January 1  
Daniel White - January 1  
Bill Brumby - January 2  
Glenn Owens - January 7  
Jim Peeler - January 10  
Jim Fausett - January 14  
Chris Bailey - January 16  
Joe Atkins - January 23  
Jim Burns - January 23  
Dawn McEachern - January 29  
Reuben Green - January 31

# WHEN WE LAST MET

## Minutes from the December 19 Meeting

It's the time of year when the Rotary Club of Marietta and the Kiwanis Club of Marietta gather together for our joint meeting to celebrate the Christmas season. This year it was the Kiwanis Club's turn to host our club. Just a few minutes shy of 12:15, the President of the Marietta Kiwanis, Debbie McCracken, stepped up to ring the bell and commenced our meeting. After a few announcements, the Reverend Dr. **Mark Barbour** approached the podium, giving us his usual heartfelt and passionate invocation.

We would be serenaded by three different groups of singers for our enjoyment. The first group was comprised of several adorable tots from A. L. Burruss Elementary School. They sang their hearts out to Here Comes Santa Claus, Christmas Time Is Here (from A Charlie Brown Christmas), This Christmas and other holiday favorites. The crowd loved it.

Next up was the Georgia Tech Glee Club. This entertaining ensemble of engineers warmed up the audience with harmonious versions of Jingle Bells and White Christmas (GA Tech style). Breaking from tradition, their next number was a terrific version of Queen's Crazy Little Thing Called Love. This editor loved it and believes that Freddie Mercury would have, too. They followed up with Santa Claus is Coming to Town, We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Feliz Navidad. Ole! Who knew that engineers could sing? The audience gave them a well-deserved standing ovation.

Next up was Andy Gaines, The Executive Director of the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, to introduce three of the actors in the current play at the Strand, called A Christmas Tradition. Filled with music and song, Andy said that this show is also a Marietta tradition. The last of our singers, this group opened with Holly Jolly Christmas followed by Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, Sleigh Ride, Jingle Bell Rock, I'll be home for Christmas, Let it Snow and Little Drummer Boy, It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas and the knock out song of the day – Blue Christmas - sung by one of the actors from the Strand Theatre who channeled Elvis' voice to perfection. Many of us has goosebumps over his rendition of this popular Christmas classic.

Alas, it was time to depart. Mark Barbour led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Kiwanis President McCracken rang the bell to adjourn our meeting as someone announced that Elvis has left the building....

~ Deborah Marshall, Scribe  
~ Dale Covington, Photos



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THE STRAND THEATRE SINGERS

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 9, 2020	10:30 AM	MUST Cook and Serve
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Hamilton E. Holmes, Jr., "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Patricia Patterson, Marietta Center for Advanced Academics
Wednesday, January 29, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Ross Cavitt - "Changes in Media"
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	7:00 PM	Sweetheart Dance
Thursday, February 13, 2020	10:30 AM	MUST Cook and Serve

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