

The MarRotaGram



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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 (August 17, 2023)

- **Program:** This week our Club will begin a strategic planning process. This is your opportunity to help shape the direction of our club for the next few years.
- **Squares Board:** Let's fill the remaining square this week!!!! Bring \$10, \$20 or \$100 to get your name on the Squares Board for your chance to win \$250 and a donation in your name for \$125 to Polio Plus, \$125 to the Annual Fund and \$500 to the Scholarship Fund.
- **Duty Roster:**
 - Attendance: Larry Clayman
 - Ticket Sales: Al Wanosky
 - Greeter: Tom Hickey
 - Invocation: Duane Huck
 - Can Collection: Lori Hart

Last Week (August 10, 2023)

- **Announcements:**
 - **Board Meeting:** A meeting took place Wednesday, Aug 9, 3:30 at the Town House. President Jarrett announced there were 3 presentations from various guests at the meeting:
 - Kathy Schalitz, representing the Audit Committee, presented an overview of the findings and asked the board for a formalized response.
 - Colleen Cook and Bob Kirkbride, co-Chairs of the Rotary Foundation, spoke about the need for the club to supplement the Safety Town account moving forward.
 - Flite Freimann, Director of JFS, spoke concerning the homeless population and where they receive some various forms of help.
 - **Social Hour:** Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 at the Levee House Bistro, immediately following the Board Meeting. Thank you restaurant owner and fellow Rotarian Thomas Hickey for opening your restaurant to us.
 - **DG Visit:** District Governor David Uhl will be visiting our club on Thursday, October 19. There will be a social event that evening.



Speakers

August 17, 2023

Jarrett Stull

Club Strategic Planning

August 24, 2023

Chasity Schmelzenbach & Sam

Miller

Downtown Revitalization Tax

Credit Program

August 31, 2023

Tom Poorman

OhioSE & JobsOhio Programs

September 07, 2023

Jarrett Stull

Getting to Know Each Other

Game

More details to come.

- **Rotary Rush:** MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Saturday, November 11, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Broughton Community Building. This is a huge fundraiser we all participate in one way or another, so get ready! First committee meeting is Tuesday, August 15 at 4:00 PM at the Lafayette Bar. Email Terry if you're interested in participating on the committee: terry@kineticnetworking.com
- **NGSE:** Dave Vandenberg reported the Visas have still not been granted for the Mongolians who are trying to visit in September. It looks like the trip will be postponed.
- **Sgt. at Arms:** Kathy Schalitz was our Sgt At Arms. Well done, Kathy. Way to make \$ for the club!
- **Red Badge Ceremony:** Membership Chair, Elizabeth Godfrey, presented new member Karissa Porter (First Mutual) with her Red Badge (Karissa was a member of the club a couple years ago and had to leave for occupational reasons). We're glad to have you back, Karissa. Karissa was sponsored by Danielle Bruni (Peoples Bank).
- **Split the Pot:** Daily- \$45, Jackpot- \$333. Winner (daily only): Tasha Werry. Game Goes ON!
- **Program:** We had the privilege of having David Hermann, VP of Student Affairs at Washington State Community College, share a high-level review of E-Sports and their global, national and local popularity and benefits. Dave stated the global market value of e-sports is over \$5.8B this year alone, with prize monies totaling more than \$1,614,000,000. The largest team tournament had a first prize of over \$40M. Top individual players make between \$1M and \$5M a year. And the viewership is no joke! In 2021 141M people watched the NFL, 84M watched e-sports, 79M watched MLB and 63M watched the NBA. In the USA e-sports have become a major revenue source, grossing over \$3.95M in 2021 and are projected to gross over \$5M this year. 30% of Americans say they stream e-sports and 76% of Americans either play or watch e-sports. 38% of players are between 18-34, 18% are younger than 18 years old, and a large percentage are over the age of 34. 240+ academic institutions presented more than \$16M in e-sports scholarships, and 8,000 High Schools have e-sports teams. Sorry this information seems a little dry coming from this reporter, but the presentation was very informative and interesting. Mr. Hermann went on to say, at Washington State Community College they have embraced e-sports as a way of meeting the student demand, as a tool for recruiting and retaining until graduation male students (and many female), and as a method of motivating students to do well in their classes (e-sports requires you maintain a certain GPA in order to compete, just like any other sport). Mr. Hermann finished by stating e-sports are here to stay. As much as we may not understand them, or feel like they are detrimental to society in some way, they are here and they will not be going away, so it's imperative to train students to use them as a tool for education and a better future. Mr. Hermann can be contacted at dhermann@wscc.edu should you have any questions.



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 |
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