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*Happy New Year
from President Jesse
and
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Club Board*

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY ISSUE:
'HOLIDAY AROUND THE WORLD' PROJECT**

Rotary
Club of Marietta



BE THE INSPIRATION





Marietta Rotary • YELLS • PAL 'Holidays Around the World' 2018 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

'Twas the week of the Children's Christmas

by Holly Walquist and Bruce Hamilton

*'Twas the week of the Children's Christmas party,
and all down the streets,
The Rotarians were busy shopping for treats.
The toiletry bags were filled with care,
In hopes that Rotarians would soon get them there.
The children were all resting and snug in their beds,
While visions of cookies danced in their heads.
Holly was making lists, and Kelly and Jesse gathering money,
Walt ordered 70 pizzas to fill all those tummies.
The volunteers made such a clatter
Mary Ansley knew just what was the matter.
Franklin Road Association was setting up in a dash,
As Dale grabbed his camera and turned on the flash.
The weather was wet and the hall was not fancy,
But that didn't bother Susan, Marlys or Nancy;
When, what to our wondering eyes we took in.
But a sleigh-full of presents being sorted by Jim.
With a jolly old driver, the star of this lark,
We knew in a moment it must be St. Mark.
The pizza was unloaded as quick as a rabbit,
To the sounds of laughter at jokes told by Abbott.
Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Reuben and Dawn!
Brad! On, Joe! On, Don and John!
Through the doorway they came, the kids in a swarm!
To celebrate the day when Jesus was born.
The kids made their cookies, and Barbara and Sue taught crafts.
They circled through rooms like leaves in a draft.
The toiletries from Janet came in bags that smelled nice*



*And then Doug made sure they all got a slice!
The aroma of pizza rose to the roof,
From which came the sound of a reindeer hooves.
The kids started screaming, and turning around,
Towards the gift room they came with a bound.
Joe, Jeff and Kennedy had the room carefully packed,
So each little kid would each get a sack.
With a new toy from Jessica, and a big smile from Fred,
The children all knew they had nothing to dread.
Next stop was Santa Mark who had plenty of work
As the kids always tried to give his beard a short jerk.
They picked up a book and groceries for mom.
They climbed on the fire truck and sounded the horn.
And when they departed to the sound of sleigh bells,
They thanked all the volunteers and members of YELLS.
We heard Daneea shout as they drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."*



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PART 1 – SHOPPING



Shoppers: President-Elect Chris Bethel and his daughter Emma; Past President Reuben Green with his son; Past President Doug and Susan Haynie; Past President Dawn McEachern with her sister Claire and Dawn's niece; Brad and Jacquelyn Leskoven with their daughter; Kelly Maxwell; Richard Cope; James and Mary Ansley Southerland; Jim Fausett with his granddaughter Charlotte; Barbara and Dale Covington



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PART 2 – ASSEMBLAGE



Assembling Toiletry Gift Bags: Marlys Williams, Becky Sawyer, Kelly Maxwell, Fred Beloin, Barbara and Dale Covington and Chair Holly Walquist



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**...AND IT ALL COMES TOGETHER -
THE PARTY!**



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Rotarians seen working at the Party:

Holly and Bruce Walquist

Jess Loper

Dan and Nancy Jo Kirk

Marlys Williams

Kelly Maxwell

Rev. Dr. Mark Barbour

Don Barbour

Jim and Janet Peeler

Abbott Hall

Jim and Sue Trapnell

Dr. John Knox

Doug and Susan Haynie

Jeff Cooper and his granddaughter

Mary Ansley Southerland

Jim Fausett

Fred Beloin

Warren Gordon

Joe DeSantis

Dale and Barbara Covington



UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – No Meeting - Happy Holidays

Wednesday, January 2, 2019		No Meeting - Happy New Year!
Wednesday, January 9, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Thursday, January 10, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Cook and Serve
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Heidi Green, Chief of Staff for the US Dept. of Agriculture
Wednesday, January 23, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Randolph G. Russell - Our Fading American Heritage
Wednesday, January 30, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – TBA
Wednesday, February 6, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Accountability Courts in Cobb County
Thursday, February 14, 2019	10:30 AM	MUST Ministries Cook and Serve

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