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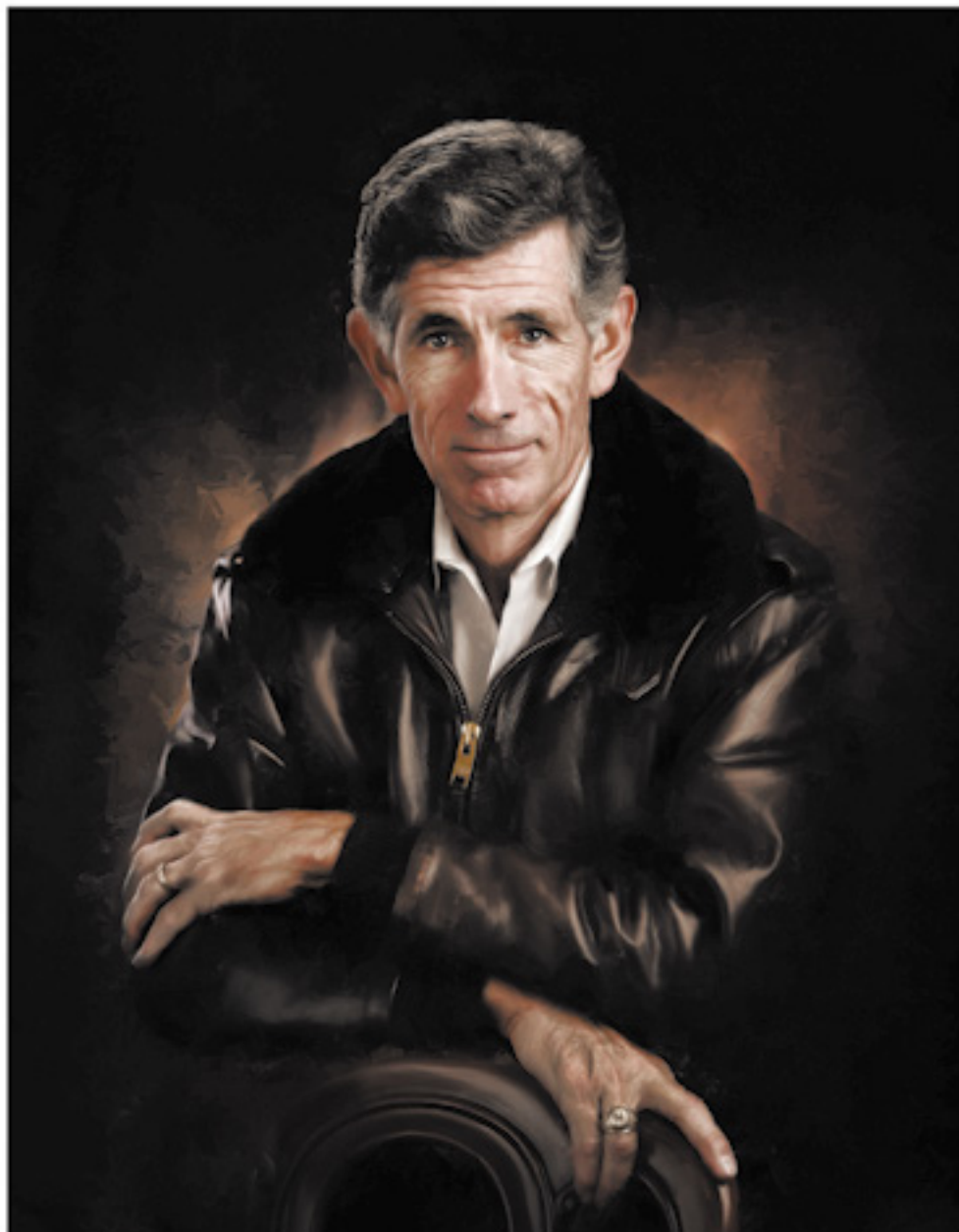


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December is a month to celebrate miracles—Hanukah and Christmas. Though this holiday season is one of the most magical times of the year, many of us often find the season to be stressful. I hope by reading this issue of the EAST COBBER you are giving yourself a break from the holiday rush. You can get some gift-giving ideas on pages 20-23 in our annual gift guide. The merchants featured are in our own backyard so that should

make your shopping a little easier. Please check them out, you'll be inspired by the gift selections they offer and you'll be supporting our local economy. I am proud of the Holiday Happenings (see pages 24- 31) we have compiled to help you make special memories this season. When the going gets really tough, another stressbuster is eating out. The dining directory on pages 40-43 should give you a short list of local restaurants that you can enjoy with friends or family!

As always, this issue includes stories about East Cobbers that share their "gifts" to make life better for others. From East Cobb Citizens of the Year, Mary and Ed Ettel putting care packages together for our troops to our local PTAs promoting family engagement (see page 12) to the Big Chicken Chorus making the season a bit brighter with their popular Christmas show performances. I hope you, EAST COBBER reader, are inspired by their "gift"-giving and may be encouraged to share your gift to create a better East Cobb. And if you are already helping or bringing happiness to someone in need, let me share your story! Just give me call or e-mail the EAST COBBER.

For me, the best presents I'll receive this holiday season can't be wrapped—my three healthy children. Another favorite present is the joy of being able to work on this paper every month for such a great community. It's a gift I'm thankful for not just during the holidays but everyday.

From my family to yours: Happy Holidays!

Cynthia M. Rozzo
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On the Cover

This month's front cover features this year's East Cobb Citizens of the Year, Mary and Ed Ettel. Sponsored by the East Cobb division of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, East Cobb Kiwanis, Civitans, Rotary, and Lions Clubs, the award usually recognizes one outstanding citizen who has contributed to the quality of life in East Cobb. This year, the selection committee selected husband and wife Mary and Ed Ettel. Together, they spearhead Project Mail Call.

Project Mail Call started as a Sunday school project at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in East Cobb. When the Ettels took over the mission, the church was sending a box every other month to a soldier. Now they organize 10 packing sessions a month in their basement. Unlike other organizations that send care packages to troops, the Ettels make the experience completely personal and custom for both the troops and the volunteers who pack. The sessions are limited to 30 volunteers, the maximum number of people who can fit into the Ettels' basement. That space, which was previously Ed's work room and a storage area, is now lined with shelves full of supplies to be packed into a care package for a soldier. Every volunteer writes a letter to the intended recipient to include in the box, along with a group picture of the session. Mary hears from many soldiers that those letters, especially from children, are the best part of receiving a box. More information about Project Mail Call is on page 19.

"Considering the many things the wonderful people of Cobb County do, it is humbling for us to be presented with such an award," says Ed. East Cobbers since 1986, Mary and Ed live in the Sibley Forest subdivision and have two grown daughters and one granddaughter. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next year.

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Toys for Tots Seeks Donations

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Toys for Tots started more than 60 years ago when Maj. Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed more than 5,000 toys to needy children. Hendricks' idea caught on and was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots the following year and expanded it into a nationwide program. In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Today, Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' premier community action program and one of the nation's flagship Christmas charitable causes. Toys for Tots is the only charitable endeavor within the Department of Defense which reaches outside the military establishment to give something back to the communities. Toys for Tots has enjoyed over a half century of success because of the support of millions of caring Americans, local communities, and corporate America plus the dedication and hard work of thousands of U.S. Marines. Toys for Tots is a program which brings all elements of a community together in a common cause for three months each year. It is a program dedicated to helping in the development of our nation's most valuable natural resource: our children. The shiny new toy at Christmas lets these youngsters know that someone cares.

Area Toys for Tots coordinator Gunnery A.T. Wilson is in charge of finding enough money and toys to fulfill the 900,000 toy requests for children in the 11 counties throughout Metro Atlanta. "Many people in Metro Atlanta have been hit hard this year so we are asking for more donations and drop-off points," says Mr. Wilson.

Toys for Tots collects only new toys. Organizers ask that toys brought to drop-off points be unwrapped so they can be sorted and given to the right child. Toys are to be appropriate for children from birth to 12 years.

For a complete list of drop-off points, visit www.northatlanta.toysfortots.org.



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MUST Ministries Planning Toy Shops For Families In Need

Every Christmas, MUST Ministries sets up two locations, one in Cobb County and one in Cherokee County, to provide a retail store environment for parents to shop for free items. The MUST Toy Shops are a special treat for families who often have little to nothing for their children to open on Christmas morning, but it's more than something "extra". It's an essential.

"Our shops offer throw blankets, pajamas, underwear, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, school supplies and other necessary items," according to Paula Rigsby, Seasonal Coordinator at MUST. "We've had parents come in who just want the blankets because they have no heat."

This year, there is a new twist to the dilemma of collecting enough items for more than 3,000 children. "We've been told we will be the only agency in Cobb offering gifts for babies and for teens age 16-18. Any family with a child those ages will have to come to MUST for help, so that means they will probably register their whole family with us," Rigsby explained. "We always have a challenge to collect teen items, so we expect more teens this year and will need additional donations."

Another challenge is getting dolls of all ethnicities. "A little girl usually prefers a doll that looks like her," said Paula Rigsby. The Toy Shop can also use books and games in Spanish. MUST is hoping the community will remember the teens with gifts like jewelry, cologne/perfume, curling irons, blow dryers, jeans, boots, vests, jackets, books, wallets, sports equipment, bikes, belts, purses, watches and handheld games. All items for the Cobb shop can be taken to the MUST Donation Center at 55 Chastain Road, Suite 110, Kennesaw Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-5pm.

In addition, MUST will distribute dolls, trucks, stuffed animals and other toys. For babies, MUST is requesting an open box covered in Christmas wrapping paper and filled with at least 7 baby items like bibs, burp clothes, diapers, pacifiers, bottles, sippy cups and other necessities. "It's the perfect group project," Rigsby pointed out. "Get together with your neighbors, Sunday School class, scout troop or civic organization and create baby boxes!"

Open for 14 days in December, the shops provide personal shoppers to assist parents in making their selections and volunteers who stock the shelves, provide check in and check out, help load cars and unload donations. This year, the Cobb Toy Shop will again be at Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road in Marietta/East Cobb. For more information about ways to help, email toyshop@mustministries.org. The Toy Shops open December 9. ③

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The Teacher of the Year program is designed to spotlight those dedicated to educating and changing the lives of our young people. Each year, one talented and special person is selected to be a school's Teacher of the Year. The Cobb County and Marietta City District Teachers of the Year placed their handprints in the Teacher Walk of Honor on the Marietta Square October 1. A pep rally on October 28 kicked off the annual Give Our Schools a Hand (GOSH) week at the Roswell Street Baptist Church. This is the 26th year that the Cobb Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the GOSH special event. A salute to education in Cobb County, GOSH week brought educators, students, parents, businesses and the community together to honor education. Here are the teachers of the year from the public schools located in East Cobb County:

Jim Williams

2nd Grade
Addison Elementary School

Randa Burden

PE
Bells Ferry Elementary School

Laurie Henderlong

EIP
Blackwell Elementary School

Sonya Oviedo

ESOL
Brumby Elementary School

Rick Parker

Gifted Social Studies
Daniell Middle School

Mary Bowen

Special Ed SID/PID
Davis Elementary

Lynn Sussman

6th & 7th Grade Gifted Science
Dickerson Middle School

Janette Strasser

8th Grade Math
Dodgen Middle School

Audra Bothers

6th Grade Math
East Cobb Middle School

"Chrissy" Melanie Kirby

Special Ed IRR
Eastside Elementary School

Kelly Stillwell Healy

Technology
Eastvalley Elementary School

Kelly Jollands

Special Ed PK
Garrison Mill Elementary School

Stephen Corbett

7th Grade Social Studies
Hightower Trail Middle School

Nes Gondek

ESOL
Keheley Elementary School

Laura LaQuaglia

Art
Kell High School

Lisa Green

Speech Language Pathologist
Kincaid Elementary School

Jean Linner

Math
Lassiter High School

Jodie Parades

7th Grade Reading
Mabry Middle School

Amy Shannon

7th Grade Science
McCleskey Middle School

Maureen Armstrong

Art
Mountain View Elementary School

Melissa Danner

5th Grade
Mt. Bethel Elementary School

Ginny Armour

Special Ed IRR
Murdock Elementary School

Karen Hersey

5th Grade
Nicholson Elementary School

Tracy Merriman

Culinary Arts
Pope High School

Sarah Alwardt

5th Grade
Powers Ferry Elementary School

Alison Callahan

3rd Grade
Rocky Mount Elementary School

Kristi Marrow

Special Ed IRR
Sedalia Park Elementary School

Kresta Kapiowitz

1st Grade
Shallowford Falls Elementary School

Chris Whiting

6th Grade Earth Science
Simpson Middle School

Megin Robinson

Media Specialist
Sope Creek Elementary School

Erin Smith

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Sprayberry High School

Alison Dunford

5th Grade
Timber Ridge Elementary School

Michelle East

Kindergarten
Tritt Elementary School

Matt Staruch

Social Studies
Walton High School

"Faye" Dorothy Oakley


Special Ed IRR
Wheeler High School

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Cobb Schools Foundation Announces 2014 Teacher IMPACT Grant Recipients

The Cobb Schools Foundation announced the 2014 Teacher IMPACT Grant winners. The Foundation received 87 grant applications. This year, the Foundation awarded more than \$22,000 in grants to teachers for creative and innovative ideas in education. Congratulations to all of the 18 IMPACT Grant recipients. Here are the recipients from East Cobb schools:

- > **Lori Kotarba – Kincaid ES**
"Calm Down Caddies" \$500
- > **Angie Dowling – Kell HS**
"Making Literature Alive for ESOL students" \$650
- > **Diana Bishop – Lassiter HS**
"American Sign Language Club" \$2,265.67
- > **Cynthia Pragovich – Nicholoso ES**
"Portable Writing Lab" \$1,310
- > **Sarah Dupuis – Keheley ES**
"Enlarging eBook Collection" \$1,500
- > **Dr. Ellen Campbell – CCSD Special Student Services**
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▲ Pictured above is the Pope High School's Fastpitch Softball Team (Top row, l-r:) Coach Michael Nelson, Samantha Crabtree, Leah Higginbotham, Devyn Smith, Kelly Barnhill, Caelyn Dougherty, Sydney Higginbotham, Madeline Dobkin, Shawna Finister, Kyra Williamson, Coach Jennifer Miller, Coach Al Savransky. (Bottom row: l-r:) Lea Mcfadden, Lindsey Monkiewicz, Lauren Palace, Head Coach Chris Turco, Tamaya Turner, Quentin Staton, Hannah Rogers, and Megan Metzinger.

The GHSA Softball State Championships were held October 30-November 1 at the South Commons Softball Complex in Columbus, GA. For the second time in three years, Pope High School's softball team made it to the state playoffs. On the final day of the playoffs, November 1, the Lady Greyhounds beat Hillgrove High School, another Cobb County school, 4-0. This win secured Pope High School's fast pitch softball team in the top spot for all of Georgia. Chris Turco has been the head coach for the Greyhounds Fastpitch softball program for the past 7 seasons. He has guided the Greyhounds to the GHSA state playoffs 5 times (2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013) and advanced to the State finals in Columbus Georgia twice in 2012 and 2013. Coach Turco graduated from Pope High School in 1998. 🏆

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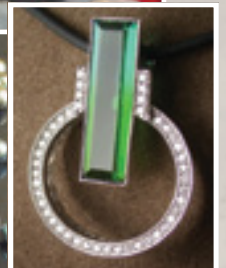
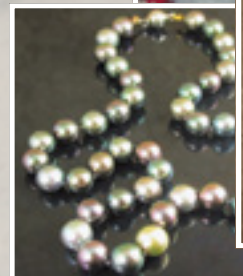
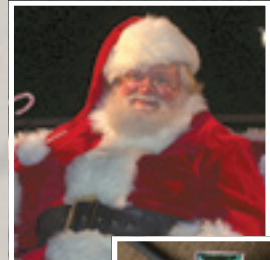
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▲ Teacher Melissa Crimminger hangs out with 4th grade students at Shreiner Academy.

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Shreiner is now accepting applications for this year and next. The academy is hosting an open house for prospective families Thursday, Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon and offers campus tours upon request. Shreiner is located at 1340 Terrell Mill Road in Marietta. Visit shreiner.com or call 770-953-1340 for more information.


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- Go on to post secondary education
- Secure productive work and rewarding careers

The National PTA recognizes this and developed the NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, which are: 1. Welcoming all families; 2. Communicating effectively; 3. Supporting student success; 4. Speaking up for every child; 5. Sharing power; and 6. Collaborating with community. These standards help to successfully engage families in school communities.

In addition, the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) has launched an "I CAN Play A Role" campaign with Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal. With the goal of improving academic achievement, this campaign offers excellent recommendations for parents to engage in their schools. Some of these are:

1. VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL

Find out from your school or PTA about volunteer opportunities.

2. SHOW YOUR CHILD THAT YOU CARE ABOUT HOW THEY ARE DOING IN SCHOOL

Have conversations about school, homework, and classes regularly.

3. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL

Get to know teachers, principal and counselors.

4. EXPRESS HIGH EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Encourage your child to do their personal best.

5. ATTEND SCHOOL MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS, AND EVENTS

Attend parent-teacher conferences, curriculum nights, award ceremonies and other school events. This matters.

6. SEEK OUT INFORMATION

Contact your child's teacher with questions. Keep a friendly dialogue open.

7. BE AN ACTIVE PART OF DECISION MAKING COMMITTEES

Participate in the school council, PTA or other school organizations.

8. MAKE SCHOOL IMPORTANT

Talk positively about school. Make school a priority.

9. BE SEEN AT SCHOOL

Visit your child's classroom. Have lunch with your child at school. Volunteer.

10. BE INFORMED AND RESPONSIVE

Stay current on school information (school policies, field trip information, etc.). Non-English speakers can ask schools for assistance.

11. VISIT YOUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

Access homework assignments, class schedules, grades, etc. on your school website.

12. PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS THAT ARE OFFERED

Attend workshops on child development, school standards, and other shared parent concerns.

13. PROVIDE A RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME


Encourage family dinners, games, reading, sports, and daily routines – for a supportive home environment.

14. DROP IN ON AFTER-SCHOOL OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Drop-in early to after-school activities. Watch your child in action. Meet after-school teachers and coaches.

15. INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL

Encourage local businesses, churches, and civic organizations to support your school.

Family engagement is much more than just what happens at home. Parent involvement in a child's education has a real, lasting and meaningful impact. 



Amoni Witcher has been a Cobb County resident for two years and has a child and sibling in the East Cobb County school district. She is active in both schools and also serves as the family engagement chair for the ECCC PTA.

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BIG CHICKEN CHORUS

The Big Chicken Chorus, a men's a cappella barbershop chorus, will present its annual Christmas concert titled, "Have Yourself A Merry-etta Christmas" Saturday, December 13, at 7:30pm; and Sunday, December 14, at 3pm at the recently opened Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue in Marietta on the campus of Marietta High School. In addition to the Big Chicken Chorus and their chapter quartets, the show will include performances by the Marietta High School Chorus, the 2013 Dixie District Champion Barbershop Quartet Red Zone from Memphis, TN. The Sunday matinee will feature the Song of Atlanta Show Chorus, the 2013 5th Place Sweet Adelines International Medalist Chorus.

"Don't miss out on this show, it's guaranteed to get you into the Holiday spirit!" says Frank Hrach, an original member of the chorus.

The Big Chicken Chorus originated in 1986 as a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They are registered as a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization. The name was taken from the famous Marietta landmark, but they have no direct affiliation or relationship with the restaurant. This group of 45 men have performed at a variety of Atlanta venues, travelled and performed in many of the larger cities throughout the U.S., and have even performed in Calgary and Montreal, Canada and England.

They have also conducted numerous gratis performances for other non-profit organizations in the Greater Atlanta area in addition to private performances for organizations who have hired them to entertain their employees and clients.

Each year since their inception The Big Chicken Chorus has presented an annual Holiday show at a variety of venues in the Greater Atlanta area. Several other non-profit organizations have received a portion of the proceeds to these shows and they have often donated tickets to Senior Living communities and Assisted Living

Centers. Over 90% of the revenue of the Big Chicken Chorus stays in the local area.

A portion of the proceeds this year will go to Marietta Mentoring for Leadership, a Marietta-based non-profit dedicated to helping students make the most of their potential through graduation and beyond. In its brief existence, this organization has already engaged over 85 students and has had life-changing impact on many of those involved in the program.

Everyone in the family is invited as The Big Chicken Chorus brings Christmas to our community. Tickets for the show are \$25/general admission; \$20/seniors and \$10/students; free for children under the age of 6. Tickets to the show can be purchased by phone at 470-349-0550; or online at www.BigChickenChorus.org. The Big Chicken Chorus is offering a 10% discount on the total ticket order for anyone using the Partner Code – EC2014—a special deal for EAST COBBER readers.

Be sure to "LIKE" them on Facebook at their fan page, www.facebook.com/BigChickenChorus. Readers are encouraged to join The Big Chicken Chorus contact list by texting "BCC2014" to 22828.

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Cobb County School District Releases Results of School Enrollment/Population Study

By Lindsay Field

In order to help Cobb County School District officials better determine student enrollment projections and capital improvement programs related to demand for new schools, remodels or additions, the Cobb County School Board hired Davis Demographics & Planning, of Riverside, California, to conduct 10-year student population projection study through 2023. The purpose of the \$77,400 report was to research Cobb's demographic trends, see how these trends may affect future student population and to assist in making facility adjustments that may be necessary to accommodate the potential student population shifts.

Cobb School Board Chair Kathleen Angelucci says it is important for the district to address potential enrollment concerns sooner rather than later because it significantly affects the budget and capacity, or staff numbers. "It is always better to be proactive than reactive," Angelucci continues. "Preparedness is key in good management."

"Planning for and accommodating enrollment growth is particularly challenging, and even more so in areas with limited land options such as within the East Cobb community," adds Scott Sweeney, East Cobb School Board Member. "East Cobb area high schools Lassiter, Pope, Sprayberry, Walton and Wheeler each have fewer than 50 acres and are surrounded by developed land."

Of East Cobb's 35 elementary, middle and high schools, five schools stand out in how greatly their enrollment numbers should increase over the next decade. Brumby Elementary, which has a capacity of 751 students and currently serves about 1,200 students, is expected to increase by more than 400 students. Following a similar trend, Dodgen and East Cobb middle schools could each be tackling increases between about 300 and 700 students. In area high schools, Walton and Wheeler are looking at reaching student enrollments of about 3,400 students each—Walton up from more than 2,700 students this year and Wheeler nearly 1,900. Capacity at each high school is about 2,100-2,300.


Sweeney says bottom line Cobb is a great place to live with excellent schools and great employment opportunities, which factors into why people continue to move here and the population increases. "In addition to county population growth, many East Cobb community senior citizens are selling their

homes to families with school age children drawn to the area because of the quality of the schools," he says. "For example, before Eastside Elementary School was rebuilt, its enrollment was close to 900 students. Today, the enrollment is closer to 1,200 students. What accounted for that enrollment growth? It wasn't due to new housing development. Some of the growth could be attributed to families choosing public rather than private schools."

He went on to say that he believes the district will work diligently to accommodate the East Cobb area's student enrollment growth with school facility expansion or replacement as warranted. "It wasn't too long ago that the school district had nearly 700 portable/trailer classrooms. Because of Cobb County's continuing support for Education SPLOST funding, and the district's commitment to make facility improvements, the portable classroom count is 93 today. Fifteen of those are at Brumby Elementary School alone."

Within the report is a "Ten Year Projection Methodology" section that details the factors included in the findings and why they were used. These include the calculation of incoming kindergarten classes, additional students from new housing, the effects of student mobility and a detailed review of planned residential development within Cobb Schools. Projection methodology used in this study combines historical student population counts, past and present demographic characteristics, and planned residential development to forecast future student population at the study area level.

The report included updating district mapping, using the Cobb Schools' past three years of geo-coded student data files, developing and researching pertinent demographic data, identifying current and future residential development plans and preparing a 10-year student population projection.

According to the report, readers are reminded that this is a "snapshot" of current and potential student population based on data gathered in fall 2013. Population demographics, development plans, funding opportunities and school district priorities can change, therefore, new projections and adjustments to the overall plan will continue to be necessary in the future. 

EAST COBB SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

School	Capacity	2013	2014	2018	2023
Addison ES	626	576	561	443	437
Bells Ferry ES	646	609	627	620	611
Blackwell ES	771	697	681	633	627
Brumby ES	751	1,190	1,337	1,655	1,627
Davis ES	636	521	535	589	571
East Side ES	1,141	1,239	1,305	1,340	1,314
Eastvalley ES	532	588	621	653	645
Garrison Mill ES	755	650	636	525	516
Keheley ES	555	471	483	498	491
Kincaid ES	693	686	674	657	648
Mount Bethel ES	1,086	978	947	895	870
Mountain View ES	783	807	794	691	680
Murdock ES	995	815	808	756	745
Nicholson ES	560	464	479	451	444
Powers Ferry ES	423	457	451	449	444
Rocky Mount ES	611	568	548	444	438
Sedalia Park ES	904	797	830	815	805
Shallowford Falls ES	786	622	587	527	519
Sope Creek ES	1,113	1,138	1,156	1,058	1,040
Timber Ridge ES	566	732	736	709	697
Tritt ES	874	742	737	672	659
Daniell MS	1,046	1,025	1,021	1,068	974
Dickerson MS	1,068	1,235	1,263	1,361	1,150
Dodgen MS	1,046	1,192	1,255	1,485	1,426
East Cobb MS	1,091	1,303	1,317	1,754	2,021
Hightower Trail MS	911	914	941	893	803
Mabry MS	1,023	854	867	839	750
McCleskey MS	843	702	659	599	598
Simpson MS	865	865	884	895	752
Kell HS	1,912	1,586	1,623	1,444	1,188
Lassiter HS	2,137	1,917	1,934	2,076	1,833
Pope HS	1,912	1,876	1,964	2,111	2,067
Sprayberry HS	2,062	1,982	2,037	2,264	2,342
Walton HS	2,362	2,767	2,781	3,104	3,469
Wheeler HS	2,187	1,862	1,954	2,201	3,354

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On Tuesday, November 4, East Cobb residents, along with the rest of Georgian citizens, participated in general elections to vote for Republican and Democratic candidates for a variety of public offices. In Cobb County, 214,490 or 53.35% out of a total of 402,020 registered voters exercised their right to vote. The following presents the vote tally for ballots East Cobb voters had the opportunity to vote on. 11

★ U.S. Senate		
	Cobb Votes	State Total
David A. Perdue (R)	118,147	1,358,088
M. Michelle Nunn (D)	90,659	1,160,811
Amanda Swafford (L)	4,716	48,862
★ Governor		
	Cobb Votes	State Total
J. Nathan Deal (R)*	118,613	1,345,237
Jason J. Carter (D)	88,349	1,144,794
Andrew T. Hunt (L)	6,113	60,185
★ Lieutenant Governor		
	Cobb Votes	State Total
L. S. "Casey" Cagel (R)*	129,213	1,466,505
Connie J. Stokes (D)	80,628	1,062,557
★ Secretary of State		
	Cobb Votes	State Total
Brian P. Kemp (R)*	127,627	1,452,554
Doreen Carter (D)	82,132	1,075,101
★ Attorney General		
	Cobb Votes	State Total
Samuel S. Olens (R)*	128,858	1,436,987
Gregory Hecht (D)	81,269	1,087,268
★ State School Superintendent		
	Cobb Votes	State Total
Richard L. Woods (R)*	121,232	1,391,005
Valarie D. Wilson (D)	87,138	1,132,886
★ U.S. Congress–District 6		
	Cobb Votes	Total
TE "Tom" Price (R)*	49,097	139,018
Robert Montigel (D)	19,583	71,486

★ Georgia State Senate – District 32	
	Total
Judson Hill (R)*	55,758
★ Georgia House of Representatives – District 43	
	Total
Sharon Cooper (R)*	14,502
★ Georgia House of Representatives – District 44	
	Total
Don Parsons (R)*	13,981
★ Georgia House of Representatives – District 45	
	Total
Matt Dollar (R)*	16,844
★ Georgia House of Representatives – District 46	
	Total
John Carson (R*)	11,815
★ Cobb County Commission – District 3	
	Total
Joann K. Birrell (R)*	45,491
★ Cobb County School Board – District 4	
	Total
David Banks (R)*	20,188
★ Cobb County School Board – District 6	
	Total
Scott Sweeney (R)*	21,982

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East Cobb Couple Spearheads Project Mail Call



▲ **Ed and Mary Ettel holding the East Cobb Citizens of the Year plaque.**

On November 13, Mary and Ed Ettel were named East Cobb Citizens of the Year in recognition of their dedication to Project Mail Call. Project Mail Call started about 10 years ago in the Thompson Fellowship Class of Mt Bethel United Methodist Church. The class was sending one box every other month to a military person connected with Mt. Bethel. East Cobb retirees, Mary and Ed Ettel, decided to expand on those good


deeds, "We found the website AnySoldier.com, which maintains soldier addresses, and we were touched by the letters that say many troops were not receiving mail or support from their families," says Ed.

So, for the past decade, Mary and Ed Ettel not only opened their hearts to soldiers but they also have turned their basement into the packing headquarters for Project Mail Call. Project Mail Call provides a direct and personal method to contact and send customized parcels and letters to U.S. military personnel serving overseas. At regularly-scheduled packing sessions in their home basement, volunteers pack personalized boxes based on the military units' unique needs and requests. In this way, rather than a standardized box with fixed content from an unknown person, the military personnel know that someone was personally involved in the process and wanted to personally demonstrate how much they care and support them directly. Particular attention is given to service personnel who are in remote locations, do not receive mail, or who provide humanitarian aid to schools, clinics, orphanages or villages. As of November 2014, Project Mail Call has packed and mailed 6,195 customized care-boxes weighing 96,948 pounds. The boxes have been mailed to 5,365 military units representing 142,697 military personnel in 50 countries—from Afghanistan to Serbia and Spain, to name a few—and many ships at sea.

"Soldiers have sent us letters telling us how overwhelmed and grateful they are by our volunteers' demonstration of love, caring and support. Soldiers appreciate receiving any mail, especially from people they don't know who mail them packages of items they specifically asked for . . .," shares Mary.

While Project Mail Call still remains a mission of Mt. Bethel UMC, it attracts a diverse set of clubs, organizations, groups and companies that help the cause by donating items, writing letters and packing boxes. Walton High School's Pinterest group, the East Cobb Lion's Club, and Hampton Lake's Woman's Club are just a few of the groups who have supported Project Mail Call. "Knitting Angels have made scarves and caps for children or helmet liners/gators for the soldiers, Quilting for Christ made quilts, Izzy Dolls for soldiers and children, and residents of a retirement home make crosses—all to be included in the boxes," says Ed.

Mary and Ed have also helped other organizations and churches start their own "Project Mail Call" missions, including churches in Alabama, South Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky and Texas.

All general packing sessions for families and individuals for the remainder of 2014 are full. The next general session with lots available is January 24, 2015. If you, your business, school or organization would like to participate in any 'general' packing session, or if your group wants to schedule a private packing session you can leave a comment on the Project Mail Call's Facebook Wall: [facebook.com/Project Mail Call](https://facebook.com/ProjectMailCall). 

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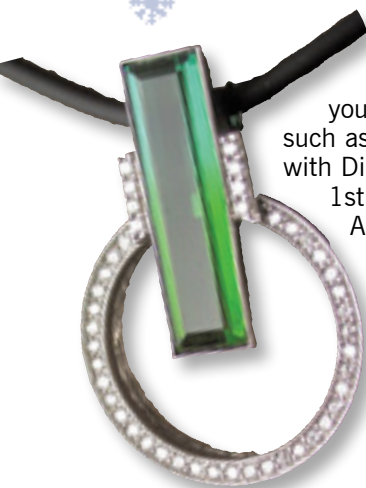
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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

12th Annual Empty Bowl Brunch with proceeds going to various charities. \$15 includes a bowl made by a local artist (you choose and keep) and chili or soup. December 14. 11am-1:30pm. Advance tickets on sale now. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. 770-509-2700 | www.theartplace.us

14th Annual Sleighbells on the Square 5K/1K/Tot Trot sponsored by the Cobb County Bar Association to benefit their Children's Emergency Fund. December 13: Peachtree qualifier. 8:30am. \$30. Historic Marietta Square. More info/to register: www.active.com www.cobbcountybar.org, or www.marietta.gov.

Breakfast with Santa. Presented by Mt. Zion Youth. December 6. \$5/person; \$20/family. 8:30-10:30am. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-971-1465 | www.mtzionumc.org.

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Christmas Royal Tea and Grand Yuletide Ball. Treat that special starry-eyed child in your life to an afternoon of Royal Tea this holiday season at The Strand. You and your prince or princess will start the evening with Christmas royals Prince Goodtidings and Princess Joy at the The Strand's fourth floor banquet chamber for High Tea. Afterwards, guests are invited to retire to 2nd floor minstrel's hall where the Prince and Princess will teach young guests a few simple royal dances at the Grand Yuletide Ball. \$15. Limited space available. December 20 and 21. 1-2:30pm and 3-4:30pm, doors open at 12:45pm. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 N. Park Square, Marietta. 770.293.0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

Christmas for Kids. Yule log and candy cane hunt, snacks, craft, storyteller Queen Glitter, and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus. For ages 5-11. December 13: 10am-12pm and 11:30am-1:30pm. \$10. Reservations required. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. 770-992-1731 | www.bullochhall.org

Cookies with Santa at the McCleskey YMCA. All ages are invited to come for a relaxing, fun-filled afternoon of holiday activities. Kids will be able to talk to Santa in a casual environment. Enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, cocoa and tea. \$5/child. Parents are free but must accompany children to this event. December 14: 2-4pm. McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. 770-977-5991 | www.ymcaatlanta.org

Gingerbread House Competition. Decorate your own magically colorful "gingerbread" dream home. Prizes will be awarded for 1st-3rd place, plus a "People's Choice" award. Houses must be edible except for the base. December 1-15. Free. Awards announced December 16, 11am. McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. 770-977-5991 | www.ymcaatlanta.org/mcy



Holiday Lights Celebration. This special evening features the Mt. Bethel Christian Academy and Simpson Middle School choirs, live music by Loose Shoes band, special guest appearances by Santa Claus and Rudolph, and the lighting of the live 40-foot East Cobb Park tree. December 7: 5pm. Free. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Rd, Marietta. 770-591-3160 | www.eastcobbpark.org

Lite the Night Tree Lighting. WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center hosts its annual tree lighting event and ushers in the holiday season. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for a photo with you and your family. There will be festive children's activities, holiday musical performances and delicious cookies and hot chocolate. Members of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra Chorus are our special musical guests. December 7: 4:30-6pm. Free. WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center Blue Parking Deck – Top Level, 677 Church Street, Marietta 30060. 770-793-5000 | www.wellstar.org

The Marietta Pilgrimage, a Christmas tour of six private historic homes all lovingly restored and decorated for the season. December 6-7. Saturday: 9am-6pm. Candlelight tour: 7-9:30pm. Sunday: 10am-6pm. \$20.\$15/candlelight tour.\$25/combo. Cash or check only. Marietta Welcome Center, No. 4 Depot Street, Marietta. More info: 770-429-1115 or 770-426-4982 or www.mariettapilgrimage.com.



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Polar Express Adventure at the Southern Museum. Meet a train conductor, create holiday crafts, watch elves make toys, and meet Santa! A holiday-themed model train layout will also be on display. Hot chocolate and light refreshments will be served. The Polar Express Adventure follows the city of Kennesaw's annual Christmas celebration, parade, and tree lighting ceremony. December 6: 5-9pm. \$5/adults and seniors. \$3/children (4-12). Free/infants (3 and under). 770-427-2117 ext 3058 | www.southernmuseum.org

Reindeer Day. Come out for this unique holiday tradition. Live reindeer will be making a special holiday appearance. Create reindeer crafts and warm up with campfire treats. December 14. 1-4pm. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

St. Nicholas Holiday Market. Come shop unique gifts, crafts, jewelry and specialty Greek foods and pastries. Saturday, December 6, noon-5pm. Sunday, December 7: noon-3pm. Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center, 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta. 770-924-8080 | www.holytransfiguration.info

Swim with Santa. Come join Santa and his friends for a dip in the pool! Share your Christmas wish list with Santa and have your picture taken with him. Enjoy fun games and receive a special holiday frame for your photo with Santa. Children 10 and under must have an adult in the pool area with them. Children 8 and under must have an adult in the water with them. Registration required. \$8/child. December 13. 6-8pm. McClesky-East Cobb Family YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. 770-977-5991 | www.ymcaatlanta.org

CONCERTS

Big Chicken Chorus 2014 Christmas Show featuring the Big Chicken Chorus and Quartets, Redzone Tennessee Quartet, Song of Atlanta Show Chorus and Marietta High School Blue Devil Chorus. December 13: 7:30pm. December 14: 3pm. \$25/general admission. \$20/Seniors. \$10/Students. A portion of the proceeds will go to MUST Ministries. Donation bins will also be in place for MUST and Toys for Tots. Marietta Performing Arts Center at Marietta High School, 1171 Whitlock Ave NW, Marietta. 470-349-0550 | www.bigchickenchorus.org

Blue Christmas, presented by Atlanta Wind Symphony. A holiday concert featuring jazz influences and holiday favorites. December 16: 7:30pm-9pm. Free. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. 770-594-6232 | www.roswellgov.com/roswellcac

Carols by Candlelight, featuring the Georgia Festival Chorus and directed by Frank Boggs. December 4. 7:30-9:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-973-6561 | www.johnsonferry.org

Carols for Christmas: Illuminate. Friday, December 5: 7:30pm. Sunday, December 6: 5:30pm. This service of music and drama -- presented by Chancel choir, praise team, youth choirs, children's choir, bells and orchestra. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-971-2880 | www.mtbethel.org

Charlie Brown Christmas Show. Jeffrey Bützer and T.T. Mahony present a jazzy musical tribute to Vince Guaraldi's A Charlie Brown Christmas. The show, now an established Atlanta tradition, will be making its way outside the perimeter to a family friendly venue! Bützer and Mahony will be playing the whimsical Christmas songs that Charlie Brown and the gang have made favorites for the holiday season. December 18: 8pm. \$15 in advance, \$18 the day of show. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 N. Park Square, Marietta. 770.293.0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

Christmas Cantata. A Christmas Cantata by the Chancel Choir and Children's Choir. December 14: 8:30am & 11am. Coffee hour in between. Nursery provided. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-971-0267 | www.mtzionumc.org

Christmas Festival Concert with the 120-voice Roswell United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Dr. Michael O'Neal, Christmas Festival Ringers under the direction of Lisa Stover, and organist Tom Alderman and Georgia Philharmonic performing favorite holiday music from traditional Christmas hymns to moving settings of familiar carols. Special guest narrator, Karen Minton from WSB-TV. December 12: 7:30-9pm. December 14: 3-5pm. Free but tickets required to ensure seating. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. Call 770-594-0512 for tickets.

Christmas Rocks! Extravaganza. The Brian Setzer Orchestra, fronted by three-time Grammy Award-winner and founder/leader of The Stray Cats, Brian Setzer, brings their Christmas Rocks! Extravaganza to the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. December 5: 8pm. \$35-\$75. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. 770-916-2800 | www.cobbenergycentre.com

A Christmas Tapestry featuring Mt. Bethel instruments. Be ushered into the season with Mt. Bethel Orchestra, handbells, and piano/organ duets by Chuck Newman and Ira Pittman. December 17. 7-8pm. Free. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-971-2880 | www.mtbethel.org

CONCERTS

A Christmas Tradition. This song and dance revue is guaranteed to make the entire family dance, clap, and enjoy the spirit of the holidays - from Santa loving six year olds to out of town in-laws. December 5-21. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays: 8pm. Sundays: 3pm. \$25. Seniors, students, military, and groups of 10 or more, \$20. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 N. Park Square, Marietta. 770-293-0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

Cobb Wind Symphony Winter Concert. The Winter Concert is free and is open to the public. Conductor Alfred Watkins, Assistant Conductor Bob Cowles. 7pm. Lassiter High School Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta. 678-305-7148 | www.cobbwindsymphony.org

Holiday Pops 2014, Georgia Symphony Orchestra's annual holiday spectacular featuring seasonal favorites performed by the Georgia Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. December 6: 3pm & 8pm. Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. 770-429-2390 | www.cobbssymphony.org



Holiday Music Showcase, presented by the Joseph Wheeler High School band, chorus, and orchestra. December 6. Philharmonia & Sinfonia Orchestra and Spiritual & Chorale Choirs will perform at 2pm. Bel Voce Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble will perform at 4pm. \$10/adults. \$5/students. Lassiter High School Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta. Visit www.wheelerorchestra.com for tickets.

Masterworks presented by Sprayberry High School Fine Arts Department. The Sprayberry Chorus and Symphony Orchestra will perform traditional and seasonal favorites. December 9. 7-8:30pm. Free. Donations accepted. Sprayberry High School Theater, 2525 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3200.

A John Rutter Christmas. Rutter Holiday favorites featuring his 3-movement Gloria, with the full Michael O'Neal Singers chorus and musicians from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. December 7: 3pm. In advance: \$20/Adult. \$15/Seniors & Students. At the door: \$22/Adult. \$17/Seniors & Students. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. 770-594-7974 | www.mosingers.com

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Christmas Eve Family Eucharist: Wednesday, December 24th at 3:00PM. This child-friendly service of Holy Communion will include children as manger animals, angels and stars with youth as readers in this dramatic presentation of the Christmas story, and children's sermon. Nursery available.

Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist: Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00PM, 9:00PM & 11:00PM. Traditional Christmas Eve services including Holy Communion, candlelight and led by the choir at all services. Note that mild incense will be used at 11:00 PM. Our Nursery is available for the 3:00PM and 5:00 PM services only.

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th at 10:30AM. No Nursery available.

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The Johnson Ferry Christmas Festival. December 13: 7pm. December 14: 4pm & 7pm. The music, the visuals, the message - The Johnson Ferry Christmas Festival wraps together everything glorious about Christmas into one spectacular performance. Admission is free. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-973-6561 | www.johnsonferry.org

Messiah Sing-Along. Bring your own score and join voices with the Michael O'Neal Singers in this annual community event. December 21: 3pm. \$10. . Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. 770-594-7974 | www.mosingers.com.

Sleigh Bells Swing: A Holiday Family Extravaganza. Celebrate the holidays with the big band sounds of the Atlanta Lyric Orchestra and the area's finest entertainers! Featuring Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite and dozens of holiday hits made famous by Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, Brenda Lee, Gene Autry, Nat King Cole, Perry Como, Burl Ives, Judy Garland, Johnny Mathis, and many more! December 20-21. Saturday: 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. Tickets: \$37.25 - \$58.50. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. 770-916-2800 | www.cobbenergycentre.com

LIGHT DISPLAYS

Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens. Through December 30. \$24/Adults. \$12/Children 6-12. Ages 5 and under: free but require a "free child" ticket. Prices vary with prime and value days. Check for times and purchase tickets in advance for best rates. Enjoy the scenic five-mile drive, featuring over eight million lights with holiday tunes. Hwy. 27, Pine Mountain. 800-225-5292 | www.callawaygardens.com

Garden Lights, Holiday Nights at Atlanta Botanical Garden. Through January 3, 2015. 5-10pm. \$20/adult. \$14/ages 3-12. Experience the Garden as never before when it is transformed into a twinkling winter wonderland. 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta. 404-876-5859 | www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org

Holiday in Lights at Centennial Olympic Park. Through January 19, 2015. Free. 7am-11pm. Thousands of colorful lights and animated holiday displays transform the downtown park into a dazzling dreamland. Outdoor ice skating: \$12/90 minutes, includes skate rental. Monday-Thursday: 4:30-10pm. Friday: 4:30-11pm. Saturday: 10am-11pm. Sunday: 10am-10pm. Holiday hours: December 24, 31: 10-5pm. December 25, January 1: 1-10pm. Closed December 3. 265 Park Avenue West, Atlanta. 404-223-4412 (for skating hours) | www.centennialpark.com

Lights of Life. Through December 31. Millions of holiday lights throughout the campus. Santa and his sleigh stand over 65 feet high, making it the tallest in the Southeast. Through December 31. Sunday-Thursday: 6-10pm. Friday-Saturday: 6-10:30pm. \$10/car Friday-Sunday and December 19-31, 6-10:30pm. \$5/car Monday-Thursday, 6-9pm (except for days listed above). \$20/bus or van regardless of the day. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Life University Treehouse, 1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta. 678-331-4334 | www.life.edu

Magical Night of Lights at Lake Lanier Islands. Daily through December 31 (including holidays). 5-10pm. \$30/car. \$50/van (10-19 people). \$150/bus (20 people or more). Take a driving tour through more than 6 miles of giant illuminated characters and millions of twinkling lights. 7000 Holiday Road, Lake Lanier Islands, Buford 30518. 770-945-8787 | www.lakelanierislands.com

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LIVE NATIVITY

Bethlehem Walk. Walk through the streets of Bethlehem to a live nativity scene. December 6-7 and 12-13. 7-9pm on Thursday. 7-9pm on Friday. Free. Mountain View United Methodist Church, 2300 Jamerson Road, Marietta. 770-928-0050 | www.mvumc.org

Live Nativity. December 17. 5:30-8:30pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-971-2880 | www.mtbethel.org

MENORAH LIGHTING

Chabad of Cobb Menorah Lighting. Celebrate Chanukah and join in building and lighting Atlanta's tallest Lego Menorah. December 18. Building the Menorah: 5:30pm; Lighting: 6pm. Free. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-565-4012 x.300 | www.chanukah-cobb.com.

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December 24: 8am-6pm.
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www.simon.com

North Point Mall

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Sundays: 12:30-7pm.
1000 North Point Circle
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Mall hours through December 24
More info: 770-740-9273
www.northpointmall.com

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

THEATER

A Christmas Carol, a traditional holiday classic for the entire family guaranteed to fill you with the Christmas spirit and warm your heart. December 12-14, 18-21, and 23 at 8pm. There will also be matinee performances in addition to the evening performances on December 13, 14, 20, 21 at 3pm. \$15. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. 770-992-1731 | www.bullochhall.org

A Christmas Carol presented by Pope High School Drama Club. Student directed by Devon Long. Start your holiday season off right with this classic story by Charles Dickens. Join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they lead the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption. December 12-14. Friday & Saturday: 7pm. Sunday: 2pm. General Admission: \$10. Pope High School Theater, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta. popetheater@gmail.com.

Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker with the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra. Fairies, princes, and dancing snowflakes. The magic of the holiday season is alive again at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. Share the tradition and feel the warmth that has been enchanting audiences in Atlanta for over 50 years. December 11-28: 7:30pm. Saturdays at 2pm and 7:30pm. Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. December 24: 1pm. Tickets start at \$20. Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-873-5811 | www.atlantaballet.com | 800-982-2787/Ticketmaster

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some), presented by CenterStage North. Instead of performing Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, three actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told-plus Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times to topical pop-culture, and every carol ever sung. A mad-cap romp through the holiday season. December 12-13: 8pm. December 20: 2pm. December 20: 2pm & 8pm. \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. The Art Place - Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. 770-516-3330 | www.centerstagenorth.org

It's a Wonderful Life Marathon. In this true holiday classic, an angel (Henry Travers) helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman (James Stewart) by showing what life would have been like if he never existed. Get here half an hour early for a holiday preshow and sing along on the Mighty Allen Theatre Organ. \$8/adults.\$7/seniors, students, and military. December 22. 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 N. Park Square, Marietta. 770.293.0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

The Nutcracker presented by The Georgia Ballet, featuring dancing snowflakes, giant toy soldiers, a growing Christmas tree, and a delectable land of sweets. December 5-7. Friday: 7:30pm. Saturday: 1:30pm & 7:30pm. Sunday: 1:30pm & 5:30pm. Last performance is a fundraiser for the Disabled American Veterans. \$15-\$100. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-528-0881 or www.georgiaballet.org.

The Sanders Family Christmas presented by Atlanta Lyric Theatre. In this sequel to the ever-popular Smoke on the Mountains, the Sanders family returns to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where they have been invited to sing and witness, getting the congregation into the holiday spirit before the boys are shipped off to World War II. December 5-14. Friday/Saturday: 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. \$25-\$40. First United Methodist Church of Marietta's Family Life Hall, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: 404-377-9948 or www.atlantalyrictheatre.com.





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EVERY SATURDAY

Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store. Make a Chilly Snowman, Welcome Winter Wreath, Festive Card Holder, Celebration Noisemaker. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-578-3100 or www.lakeshorelearning.com.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. Saturday: 9am-12pm. Sunday: 12-3pm. Glover Park-Marietta Square. More info: 770-499-9393 or www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net.

Trail Hikes. A docent guides you on a journey through the Chattahoochee Nature Center trails using biofacts and activities to spark your "natural" curiosity. 1 and 3 pm. Admission: \$10 adults/\$7 seniors/\$6 children ages 3-12 and free for 2 and under and members. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

THROUGH DECEMBER 14

Artist Attic Holiday Show & Sale. Unique handmade items by students, instructors and staff from The Art Place. 10am-5pm. The Art Place – Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-509-2700.

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Comic Book Sale. A large collection of comic books (most boarded and bagged). 10am-9pm. Switzer Library, 266 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Patricia Latch, latchp@cobbcat.org or 770-528-2331

DECEMBER 6

Safe Sitter Class. A nationally recognized babysitter education program. High-quality training program that teaches adolescents skills needed to be a safe, nurturing babysitter. Course designed for ages 11-13. \$50. 9am-3pm. WellStar East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-956-7827.

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DECEMBER 7

St. Nicolaus Charity Soccer Event. Candy canes, hot chocolate and water for everyone. Prizes for Ugliest Christmas Sweater, Best Christmas Hat and Best Team Costume. All donations go to Must Ministries to fill their Toy Box for Cobb Families in Need. Entry fee: Toy (new & unwrapped), valued at \$25 or greater – please include batteries if required. 10am-5PM. Custer Park, 600 Kenneth E. Marcus Way, Marietta. More info: Karon Beyer at cobbssoccer@gmail.com or call 404-317-9245

DECEMBER 6-7

Eastman Gun & Knife Show. Get a good deal on a firearm, ammo, holster, scope, clip or magazine, knife or whatever you are looking for. Bring your unwanted guns for sale or trade, the dealers are always looking for items to take in trade or to purchase outright. Saturday: 9am-5pm. Sunday: 10am-4pm. \$10/adults. Free/ages 12 & under. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: 229-424-4555 or www.eastmangunshows.com.

Bizarre Bazaar, presented by Roswell Fine Arts Alliance. A slightly whacky way to find wonderful holiday gifts at reasonable prices. Artisans will offer a variety of items along with the beautiful seasonal paintings in our Gallery. Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: 1-6pm. The Art Center, 9100 Fouts Road, Roswell. More info: 770-977-0238 or www.RFAA.org.

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DECEMBER 9

Cobb Executive Women Holiday Social. Celebrate the holiday season with Cobb Executive Women. Enjoy a wonderful evening of networking, hors d'oeuvres and wine. All proceeds go to The Mansour Center. 5:30-7:30pm. \$5. Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street NE Suite 100, Marietta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

Little Listeners. Through music, finger-plays, and the reading of one or two stories, preschoolers are introduced to pre-literacy skills and socialization at the library. This structured program lasts 30 minutes and is for children ages of 3-5 years of age and their parent or caregiver. 11am. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2725.

DECEMBER 10

Museum Mice Tours: Following Murray's Treasure Map. Tours are geared towards children ages 3-5 and their parents to introduce them to history. 10:30-11:30am. \$5/person. \$15 max/family. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Suite 200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or www.mariettahistory.org.

Technology in the Civil War. During the Civil War, the North and South adopted new technology in their quest for victory. Michael K. Shaffer, Civil War historian and executive director of Kennesaw State University's Civil War Center, will discuss the military use of aeronautics, submersibles, the telegraph and more. 7pm. Free. Heritage Sandy Springs, 6110 Bluestone Road, Sandy Springs 30328. More info: 404-851-9111 x2.

DECEMBER 11

READING Paws. Come read with a four-footed friend. Free. Registration required. 3:30-4:30pm. East Cobb Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-528-2524 or www.readingpaws.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 13

Middle School Night Madness at the Northeast YMCA. No parents, no teachers just fun! Music, games and activities. Pizza and drinks sold. 7-10pm. Members: \$5. Program Members/Community: \$10. Northeast YMCA, 3010 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 678-569-9622.

DECEMBER 13 & 17-19

Defensive Driving/Driver Improvement Class. Six-hour class taught by certified instructors for those who want to lower their cost of insurance or have gotten a traffic ticket and need to take a defensive driving class. Court ordered/point reduction: \$95. Insurance reduction only: \$30. Registration in person only due to state form requiring signature. Wednesday & Thursday: 6-9pm. Saturday: 9am-3:30pm. Safe America Foundation, 2480 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7233 or www.safeamerica.org.

DECEMBER 12

Writing a Mini Business Plan presented by Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Learn how to prepare a concise, 3 to 8 page mini business plan. Free. 9:15-11:45am. Cobb Chamber of Commerce at 240 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta 30339. More info: 770-980-2000.

DECEMBER 14

11th Annual Empty Bowl Brunch with proceeds going to various charities. 11am-1:30pm. \$15 includes a bowl made by a local artist (you choose and keep) and chili or soup. Advance tickets on sale now. The Art Place - Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More Info: 770-509-2700 or www.theartplace.us.



DECEMBER 14

Greater Atlanta Coin Show. Dealers display a variety of numismatic items and other collectibles. People are invited to browse, buy, sell or trade coins, currency, gold and silver bullion, or other collectibles. Free. 9am-5pm. Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Bob O'Brien, 770-772-4359 or www.atlcoin.com.

DECEMBER 16

Well Screen Event co-sponsored by WellStar. Affordable health screening event, blood pressure, lipid panel, thyroid screening, comprehensive metabolic panel, hemoglobin A1C and more. Price varies. 9:30-10am. McCleskey-East Cobb YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-956-7827.

DECEMBER 20-22

Celebricktion Lego Show. Celebrate the Lego Building System complete with an entire city built by Harry and Austin Nijenkamp with 1 million Lego pieces. All proceeds benefit the Drake House. \$10/person. 9am-6pm. High Meadows School Community Center, 1055 Willeo Road Roswell. More info: Karen Pye, 770-587-4712 x.307 or www.celebricktion.com

DECEMBER 22

Mittie Bulloch and Theodore Roosevelt Sr.'s 1853 Wedding Reenactment. Step back in time as a guest at this important wedding which ultimately produced our 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt. \$15/adults. \$10/children. Tours on the half hour: 6:30pm, 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm & 8:30pm. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. More info/reservations: 770-992-1731 or www.bullochhall.org.

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 5, 2015

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DECEMBER 22-23 & 29-30

Dynamite Days off Camp. During the school holiday breaks the McCleskey YMCA is providing healthy fun activities for children 5-12. Activities include swimming, crafts, sports and group games. 9am-4pm (extended care from 7:30am-6pm). Members: \$40/day. Program Members: \$60/day. McCleskey YMCA, 1055 E Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 678-569-9622.

Winter Camp H2O. If you need time to catch up with family, do some shopping and get cooking done together, don't make the kids run errands with you- let them craft and swim all day! 9am-5pm, with drop off as early as 8:30am. \$70/day. \$239/all four days. Atlanta Swim Academy, 732 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-3120.

DECEMBER 22-24, DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 2, 2015

Winter Break Camp at Camp Kingfisher, a taste of summer camp fun with some unique twists. Kindergarten – 7th grade. 9am-4pm. Free extended care available from 8-9am & 4-6:15pm. No camp DECEMBER 25 and January 1. Members: \$180 for 3 days, \$60 for day 4. Non-members: \$200/non-members for 3 days, \$60 for day 4. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055, ext. 222, or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

DECEMBER 22-27, DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 3, 2015

Driver Education at Safe America. State of Georgia licensed driver education courses. 30 hours of classroom training plus 6 or 10 hours of private individual behind-the-wheel training with a licensed driver training instructor within 6 months following completion of the classroom session. \$150/30 hours classroom only. \$474/classroom plus 6 hours behind-the-wheel. \$574/30 hours classroom plus 10 hours behind-the-wheel. 9am-3:30pm. No class DECEMBER 25 and January 1. Safe America Foundation, 2480 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7233 or www.safeamerica.org.

DECEMBER 31

Dancing With the Stars Live. Dancing with the Stars, ABC's leading entertainment show, is bringing a one-of-a-kind touring production to the Cobb Energy Centre. 8pm. Tickets: \$37-\$62. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800 or info@cobbenergycentre.com.

JANUARY 4

The Georgia Bridal Show. Meet face to face with wedding professionals and find everything you need to create the wedding of your dreams. 12-5pm. \$10 in advance online or \$15 cash only at door. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: www.eliteevents.com.

JANUARY 7-8

Celebrate Calm Parenting Workshops. Do you want to get your kids to listen the first time? Stop defiance, disrespect, and yelling? Stop whining, tantrums and sibling fights? Get kids off video games/screens without a fight? Create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime? Parents, bring your middle & high schoolers with you to this Family Workshop on Wednesday, January 7: 7-9pm or come to the Parent Workshop on Thursday, January 8: 9:30-11:30am. Free. Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Rd, Marietta. More info: Tiffany Setzer at tsetzer@bellsouth.net.

JANUARY 12

Cobb Chamber First Monday Breakfast. Program: State of the County. Speaker: Tim Lee, Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners. 7:30am. General admission is \$60. Member admission is \$25 online, \$40 at door. Breakfast and meeting will be held at Cobb Galleria Centre, Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.





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▲ Class participants tending the hives during one of the sessions.

Smith Gilbert Gardens will present Beekeeping 101 program which will start in January and will be taught over a 9-month period. Course topics include: the history of beekeeping, hive construction, care of the hive, and harvesting of honey. Participants will learn how to identify the most common problems impacting hive health, how to prepare bees for winter months, and the best ways to extract honey.

Taught by Daphney Glass, Beekeeping 101 provides a comprehensive approach to beekeeping. Encouraged by a friend to take the class at Smith-Gilbert Gardens, Daphney was quickly captivated by the art and science of beekeeping and wanted to learn everything she could. She is a member of the Metro Atlanta Beekeeping Association and the Cherokee Beekeeping Club. In addition to the training she received under beekeeper Dan Harris, Daphney attended a week-long conference hosted by the Eastern Apicultural Society and then passed the certification test to become a Certified Beekeeper. Daphne shares this about her connection with this ancient practice, "There are not many things in life that can give you conflicting mixed emotions, fear and excitement, all at the same time quite like the first time you see an open hive and a full frame covered with bees." Daphney is now the beekeeper at Smith-Gilbert Gardens and through this course hopes to inspire others to have at least one colony of bees in their own backyard.

All aspects of keeping healthy bees will be covered during the course. In addition to the course instruction, participants may construct their own hives and stock with nucs (queen and bees). By next spring you could have your own hive and bees buzzing around your garden – the sure sign of a healthy garden! Course fee: \$225; Garden Members receive a 10% discount. Please note: Additional expenses for protective equipment, hives, frames, and nucs are not included in the course fee. Estimated expenses:

- Protective equipment (gloves and hat with netting): \$50
- 8 or 10 frame hive: \$265
- Nucs : \$160 each

A nuc or nucleus to give it its full title consists of 3 or 5 frames of bees, brood, both open and sealed, honey and pollen stores and a laying queen of the current year.

- Medications: \$10
- First season's feed: \$20

Smith Gilbert Gardens is located at 2382 Pine Mountain Rd NW in Kennesaw. For more information or to register, contact the Garden office at 770-919-0248 or email info@smithgilbertgardens.com. ☎

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You can help "Keep Cobb Beautiful," by recycling your old tree after the holiday season. Keep Cobb Beautiful will sponsor free recycling drop-offs.

Keep Cobb Beautiful is inviting everyone to "Bring One for the Chipper," and recycle your Christmas tree after the holidays. As a part of a statewide effort to reuse Christmas trees, Keep Cobb Beautiful is hosting convenient sites where area residents can drop-off their trees. Most sites will be manned by various volunteer organizations from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. No other items will be allowed to be dropped off at sites. Cobb County Parks sites will accept trees from December 26 until January 3. All Home Depot sites will accept trees ONLY on Saturday, January 4. To volunteer at a site location, look on the web site at kcb.cobbcountyga.gov and go to the volunteer section for more information.

Here are the Drop-off locations in the East Cobb area:

The following Cobb County Parks will accept drop-offs from December 26, 2014 until January 3, 2015:

- > Noonday Creek Park
489 Hawkins Store Road
Kennesaw 30144
- > Sewell Park
2085 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30066
- > Fullers Park (Lower Field)
3050 Robinson Road
Marietta, GA 30064

HOME DEPOTS-trees will be accepted only on January 3:

- > Home Depot
3605 Sandy Plains Road
Marietta, GA 30066
- > Home Depot
4101 Roswell Road NE
Marietta, GA 30062

Davey Trees at 770-451-7911, as well as the Cobb Parks locations will have free mulch available to citizens after January 5th. For more information and to receive a mulch request form, contact Keep Cobb Beautiful at 770-528-1135 or visit: www.kcb.cobbcountyga.gov. 




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The Atlanta area offers a New Year's Eve celebration for every taste and every budget. Here are some of the big ones. For more New Year's events and local restaurant specials and church festivities, visit www.eastcobber.com or check out the EAST COBBER Facebook page for last-minute listings.

Chick-fil-A Bowl Parade and FanFest.

Watch the parade, complete with bands, cheerleaders, mascots and more start at 8:00am at the intersection of Peachtree & Baker Street and proceed south on Peachtree and west on Andrew Young International Boulevard. The parade ends at the Georgia World Congress Center (285 Andrew Young International Boulevard). FanFest will be held inside Georgia World Congress Center exhibition hall C and will be featuring games, rock climbing and inflatables from 8:30am-12:30pm. December 31. Parade: free. FanFest: \$15. \$10 (with game ticket). 404-586-8500 | Tickets available for purchase at door or at www.chickfilaapeachbowl.com.

New Year's Eve at the Strand

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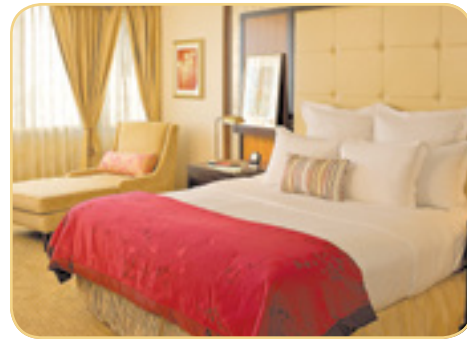
Festivities start at 11am with children's activities, games, food, and live entertainment leading up to the midnight dropping of the 800-pound peach which lands among a shower of confetti. Party will continue well into the morning. Free. Underground Atlanta, 50 Upper Alabama Street SW, Atlanta. 404-523-2311 | www.peachdrop.com | www.underground-atlanta.com

Polar Bear Swim

Hosted by the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club at Lake Lanier Olympic Venue. Finish the year with a chilly dip in the lake. January 1. 11am-2pm. 3105 Clarks Bridge Road, Gainesville. 770-287-7888 | www.lckc.org. 

Ring in the New Year at Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta

By Cynthia Rozzo



Giving the gift of an overnight stay is not only a delight to receive, but it's fun to give. Consider staying overnight at Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Atlanta this New Year's Eve.

So I'm sure you're thinking "I live locally, why stay at the Ritz Carlton in downtown Atlanta?" How about enjoying safety and convenience in a luxurious setting. With all the New Year's Eve activities available close by the hotel, why worry about drunk drivers, or getting caught trying to drive under the influence. A New Year's Eve getaway is a great excuse to snuggle with your sweetie and not have to worry about driving home with all the drunk drivers on the roads. At The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta hotel you will find an exceptional retreat in the heart of downtown. With impeccable service and an ideal location, this luxury hotel in downtown Atlanta combines a truly modern setting with sophisticated Southern hospitality.

At a recent overnight stay (for our 28th wedding anniversary) we were wished a Happy Anniversary at check-in. There was champagne on ice and an elegant little welcome plate of chocolate-covered strawberries with a little Happy Anniversary card waiting for us in our spacious and elegant hotel room. The romantic room was topped off with rose petals—some arranged in the form of a heart—on our king-sized bed!

Our deluxe room included access to The Ritz-Carlton Club. Located on another floor, The Ritz-Carlton Club is a spacious lounge area furnished to resemble a comfortable living area and offers five complimentary food and beverage presentations daily. A dedicated concierge is on duty from 6am until 11pm to meet any needs from hard to get restaurant reservations to assistance with changing airline flights. Only guests registered on Club level can access the floor through use of a special elevator key, ensuring a sense of personal security. We enjoyed cocktails and pre-dinner snacks at the "Club." Then it was onto dinner at the Atlanta Grill, located on the second floor of the hotel. Service was very attentive and the dinner was perfect. The Atlanta Grill is charming southern restaurant, dimly-lit—perfect for our romantic rendezvous.

We were very impressed by the kind, helpful staff. They began catering to us immediately upon our arrival. Every single staff member gave impeccable service! The customer service made us feel like we were the only guests in a sold out hotel. Of course, the room, amenities, and hotel were fabulous, but it was the people working at The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta that made our short stay unforgettable and a reason to return! For 24 hours of carefree, childless adult-time, we could not have made a better choice! From check-in to departure, the entire experience was exceptional. Hope you'll consider giving a gift of an overnight stay at The Ritz-Carlton for New Years' Eve or any time during the new year! 🍷

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New Year's Eve: Ring in 2015 with live entertainment, specialty cocktails and party favors at Lumen, The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta Lobby Bar with a modern vibe and contemporary elegance. Located in the heart of Downtown, celebrations at Lumen Lobby Bar offer guests close proximity to Underground Atlanta's Peach Drop or fireworks at Centennial Park. Saturday, December 31 beginning at 5 p.m.

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- 1 & 1/2 pounds of boneless country ribs, cut into small pieces
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- 2 cups water
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
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In a dutch oven cook the pork, onions and celery in butter until meat is brown. At this point you can transfer to large crock pot and add all other ingredients and cook on low for 8 hours or you can add all the ingredients to the dutch oven, bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover and simmer for 1-1/2 hours. I prefer the crock pot method.

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Now, almost 14 years later and 25-plus foster dogs to their credit, the Foxes are still active with Small Paws RescueR as they provide a temporary home and love to these white fluffy canines. Karen Fox notes that it's difficult to give up these dogs to their "forever homes" once they have lived with you and your pets. "The first time that we parted with a Bichon for adoption, my son and I both cried," she relates. "But we knew this dog had a permanent, loving home, and we could help other dogs in the same way."

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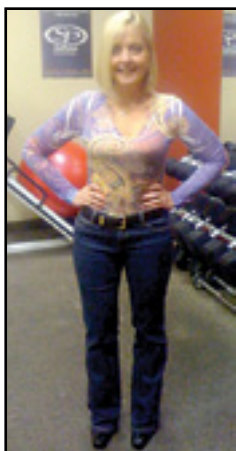
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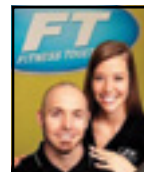
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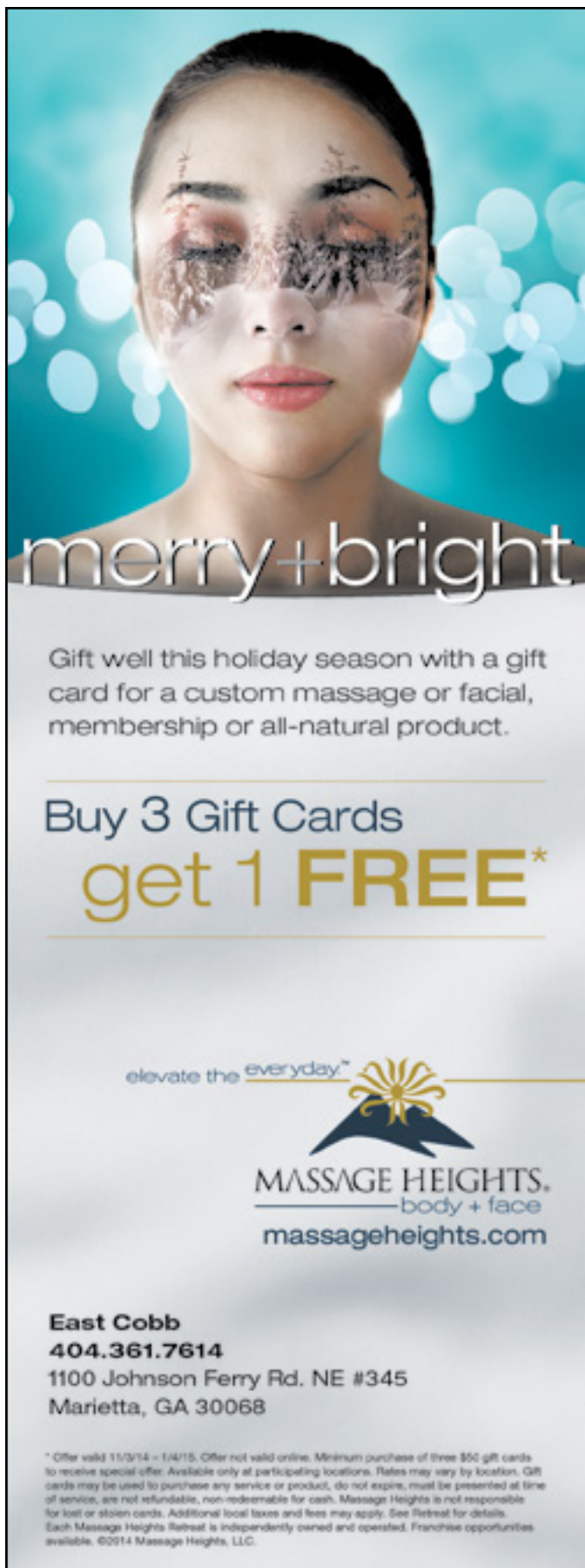
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"We understand that the residents of Cobb and Douglas Counties are concerned about the spread of Ebola virus," said Dr. Jack Kennedy, District Health Director, CDPH. "We want the community to know that their local health department is working with an expanded list of local, state and federal partners to be as prepared as possible should any cases be identified."

CDPH is actively working with local partners to provide information and guidance regarding Ebola. This includes holding tabletop exercises and daily updates to ensure health care workers are not only aware of how to diagnose a possible Ebola infection, but also how to minimize the risk of exposure if a case is detected. CDPH has also created an Ebola Response Team tasked with addressing the potential impact Ebola could have on Cobb and Douglas Counties.

Facts about Ebola

- Ebola virus is spread through direct contact with the blood or body fluids (including but not limited to feces, saliva, urine, vomit, breast milk and semen) of a person who is sick with Ebola. The virus in blood and body fluids can enter another person's body through broken skin or unprotected mucous membranes in, for example, the eyes, nose, or mouth.
- The virus also can be spread through contact with objects (like needles and syringes) that have been contaminated with the virus, or with infected animals.

- Ebola is NOT spread through the air or by water or, in general, by food; however, in Africa, Ebola may be spread as a result of handling bush meat (wild animals hunted for food) and contact with infected bats.
- Health workers caring for Ebola patients and family and friends in close contact with Ebola patients are at the highest risk.
- Symptoms of Ebola include: fever (including low-grade), headache, weakness, muscle pain, vomiting, loss of appetite, fatigue, diarrhea, abdominal pain or hemorrhage.
- Symptoms appear 2 to 21 days after exposure but the average is 8 to 10 days.
- Ebola should be considered in patients who have traveled to affected countries or have been exposed to someone with Ebola and have compatible symptoms.
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▲ **Kim Seaman, Stingrays Lead Coach**

At age 12, Kim Seaman, who is now the Georgia Stingrays Lead Coach, had a decision to make: commit to swimming year-round, or pursue a competitive tennis career.

"I loved both sports, but I always had a deeper passion for swimming that I couldn't shake," Seaman says.

After dedicating herself to the sport of swimming, Seaman never looked back.

She says she knew it was exactly where she was supposed to be, and the same has held true for her swim-coaching career.

"From my very first coaching position right out of college, I have always loved being a coach," she says. "I had a bit of fear starting out, but in time I realized how fortunate I am to have a job where I do not feel like what I am doing is 'work,' but is rather truly fun and meaningful."

With a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in kinesiology with an emphasis in coaching, Seaman says that understanding motivation and sport psychology has been critical to her success as a coach. In her studies, Seaman learned that intrinsic motivation (motivation from within) is tied to an individual's perceived sense of autonomy, belonging and competency, and she remains aware of those three needs when working with her swimmers.

To give her swimmers individual ownership over their swimming and decisions, Seaman gives them choices that allow for autonomy and encourage an open environment.

"I want my athletes to feel like they can freely talk with me and ask questions," she says. "I also strive to promote a team spirit and positivity toward everyone on the team so that all feel encouraged each day – both by me, as their coach, and by the group as a whole. This works towards creating belonging. As for competency, I rely on teaching and instruction to create an overall sense of confidence."

As the coach of the Stingrays' youngest swimmers—ages 6-14—Seaman appreciates the responsibility that comes with setting the foundation upon which swimmers enter the sport. Her greatest achievement? "Seeing my

swimmers keep coming back for more because they love it!" she says.

Before joining the Stingrays coaching staff, Seaman coached for various summer leagues, schools and other USA Swimming club teams. This year, she was selected as one of nine coaches in the country to be a 2013-2014 ASCA fellow, which has allowed her to further develop her skills as a coach. Of the many people she has met through ASCA, her new friendship with Doug Ingram has inspired her to become a more organized, humble and service-oriented coach.

Seaman is also currently working with the Stingrays to implement a new program called LAPS that will allow for some flexibility in the year-round swimming structure.

"The program will seek to give athletes of other sports, as well as swimmers with competitive and/or non-competitive goals the opportunity to be involved in swimming. Through that open door, my goal is to reach more young children with a love for swimming, health, and fitness," she says.

Whatever program Seaman has worked in, she has found that through it all, keeping a positive attitude, being intentional and caring about swimmers is the ultimate pathway to victory.

Here are five of Seaman's specific keys to success:

- 1. Enthusiasm** – It's contagious and helps make swimming fun for everyone.
- 2. Purpose** – Seeing the importance and impact behind my job in the lives of children creates a deep dedication within me to do my best for them.
- 3. Relationship minded** – I take my swimmers seriously no matter how young they are or how naïve their questions may seem to be. I think they sense this, which gives them the confidence to ask questions and really grow and learn from where they are.
- 4. Setting clear expectations** – Communicating to my swimmers my expectations for behavior, safety, and effort level allow the fun atmosphere I strive for to be possible and still effective for reaching the goals of the practice and program.
- 5. Being open to grow and learn myself** – I was always listening to every word my coaches said as a swimmer myself, and I see myself still using what they taught me. Additionally, I always try to be open to learning and growing so I can keep improving myself. 

Reprinted from USA Swimming.

Polar Bear Run Scheduled For Saturday, January 31, 2015

The 27th annual Polar Bear Run is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2015. The Polar Bear Run is sponsored by and held at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road in Marietta/East Cobb. The Polar Bear Run benefits high school music students who participate in Johnson Ferry Baptist Church's Student Music mission trips/choir tours.

The winter race began in 1989 and was originally held on the Mercer University campus in Atlanta, benefitting Easter Seals. Johnson Ferry began hosting the Polar Bear Run in 1992, after being approached to take over the race. The first race had 300 participants, and has steadily grown to its current 2,000 participant limit.

Proceeds from the race benefit members of Johnson Ferry High School Student Music who need financial assistance for the annual Mission/Choir Tour. Students rehearse weekly to learn songs, drama skits, and dance routines to use both in local worship and tour opportunities. In past years, students have traveled


to New York City, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Poland, Dallas, and Washington, DC, just to name a few.



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Registration fee for the 5K & 2K races are \$30; Cub Run (age 2-5 only) is \$20; Phantom Runner (Don't make me sweat! - just send me the shirt) is \$30.

Race packet pickups are Friday, January 30, 9am - 7pm at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 105; and, Saturday, January 31, beginning at 6:30am in the Johnson Ferry Baptist Church's Activities Center.

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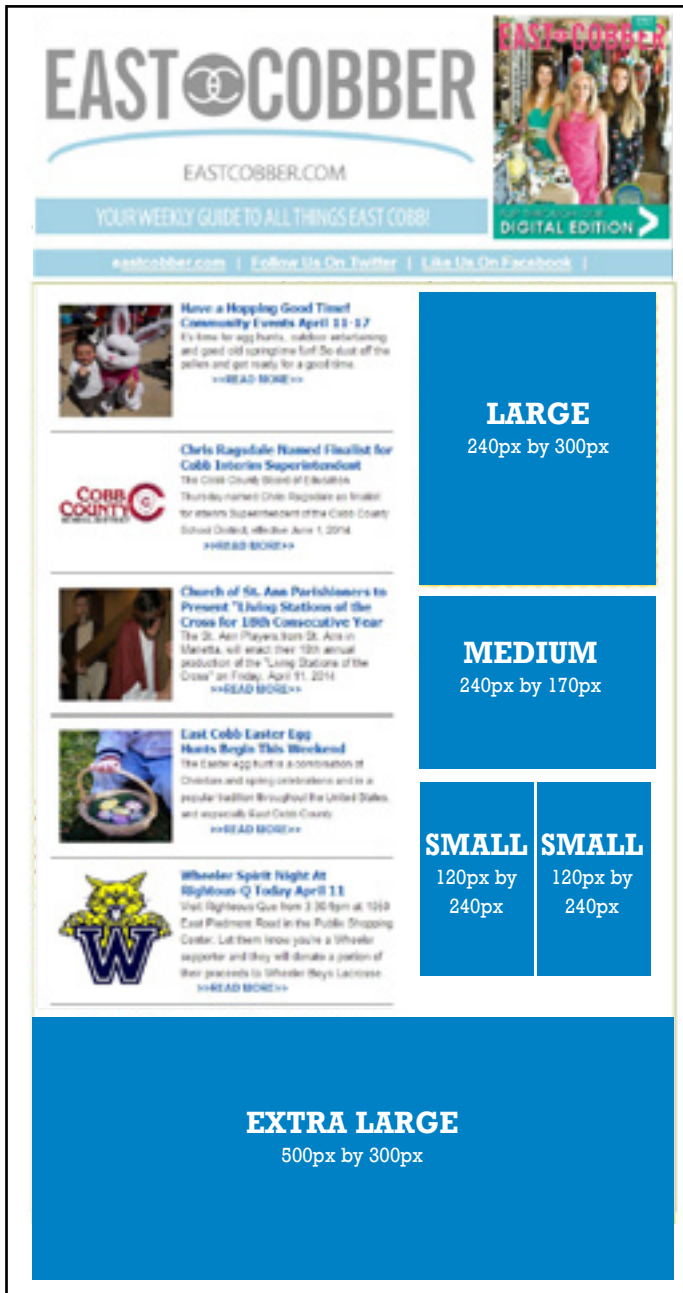
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Monthly Support Programs

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Open to family members who are assisting an aging loved one both inside and outside of the home. Helpful tips and resources provide comfort and encouragement. Free respite care is provided for your loved one while we meet, but must call in advance for care to 678-439-1177 or email info@alohatoaging.org. Program held at Aloha to Aging, Inc., 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068.

Parkinson's Disease/Care Partner Support Group: Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. You and your caregiver are welcome as we learn how to cope and live with the diagnosis. Call 678-439-1177 or email info@alohatoaging.org. Program held at Aloha to Aging, Inc., 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068.

Monthly Educational Programs

Tailor-Made Yoga for PD--Mat or Chair: Mondays, offered weekly 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost: Two free trial classes, then \$50 for a 10-class package. Participants should bring a mat if they prefer floor exercise but no equipment necessary for Chair Yoga. Class led by Cathy Hightower of PD Gladiators. Please RSVP to 678-439-1177 or email info@alohatoaging.org. Program held at Aloha to Aging, Inc., 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068.

Tai Chi - Seated: Thursdays and Tai Chi - Standing: Tuesdays, offered weekly at 2 p.m. Cost: \$35 monthly fee per program or \$10 per class. Please RSVP to 678-439-1177 or email info@alohatoaging.org. Program held at Aloha to Aging, Inc., 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068.

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ELM is a lifelong learning organization operated almost exclusively by volunteers. It offers a full day of classes, a catered lunch, and scheduled lunchtime presentations for active adults age 50 and older. Classes meet on consecutive Tuesdays for 8 weeks and are held at the First United Methodist Church of Marietta (56 Whitlock Avenue) near the Marietta Square.

An array of over 60 classes will be offered from 9:30 to 3:00 PM. Classes include: Astronomy, Examining Your Funny Bone, Great Decisions, Intro to Islam, and Sewing Basics to name just a few. Cost is \$40 per session, not per class. A hot lunch is available for \$7, but brown baggers are always welcome.

Registration booklets are available at Cobb Senior Centers, Cobb Libraries, or online at www.elmcobb.org. For more information or to request a booklet, call the ELM Office, 770-429-7850 Ext 7845 or email elmcobb@gmail.com.

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AARP Chapter 2830. First Thursday of each month. 1:30pm. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Mary Johnson, 770-926-7881 or doule37uga@comcast.net.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. Does not meet in July & August. More info: Karen Peters, krpeters@aol.com.

American Needlepoint Guild. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Tiny Stitches, 2520 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

Anne Hathaway Garden Club. Third Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: Charlene Robinson, 770-971-7786.

Atlanta Illini Club. Professional and social networking for University of Illinois alumni, families and friends in the Atlanta area. Game watches at the Rose & Crown, 1931 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: www.atlantailini.com or club@atlantailini.com.



- **Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy League.** Second Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Navy Recruiting District HQ, 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, Smyrna. Membership open to all civilian and retired military with an interest in supporting our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and associated youth programs. More info: 678-234-2310 or campbellfc@comcast.net.
- **Atlanta World War II Roundtable.** Third Thursday (Sept-June) of the month. 11:30am. Petite Auberge Restaurant, North Druid Hills Road @ LaVista Road, Atlanta. More info: 770-928-4579 or jkovach2000@yahoo.com.

- **"Aware & Conscious Birds"**
- **Book Club.** Mondays. 7-8:30pm. Bikram Yoga Marietta, 80 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: awareconsciousbirds@gmail.com or www.consciousness.meetup.com/203.

- **Big Chicken Chorus.** Every Monday evening. 7:00pm. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. Male a cappella harmony chorus. More info: Frank, 770-587-1264, fehrach@aol.com, or www.bigchickenchorus.org.

- **Bridge Club.** Four free lessons; \$5 thereafter. Thursdays 7:30pm and Sundays 2pm. Singles are welcome. 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7717.

- **Business Breakfast Networking of East Cobb.** Professional Referral Networking. Second Tuesday each month. 8:15-9:30am. C'est Moi/Café Paris, 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Ellen Kelly, 404-713-2830 or lnkelly@sbcglobal.net.

- **Business Network International (BNI).** The World's largest referral organization. Multiple chapters in the area, please refer to the website: bnisoutheast.com for listings. More Info: Anita York, 678-888-0200

- **Cobb County Democratic Committee.** Monthly breakfast 2nd Saturday each month. 9am. 3 Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill, 1000 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-420-7133 or www.cobbdemocrats.org.

- **Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society.** Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at their Clubhouse, 516 West. Atlanta St., Marietta, GA 30060. More info: www.cobbmineral.org.

- **Cobb County Genealogical Society.** Fourth Tuesday of the month. 7pm. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.cobbgagensoc.org or ccgs@cobbgagensoc.org.

- **Cobb County Republican Women.** Fourth Friday of the month. 11:30am. Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: 770-785-2522 or www.ccrwc.org.

- **Cobb Marietta Retired Educators Association.** Second Thursday of every month. 11:30am. Luncheon reservations required. Freeman-Poole Senior Center, 4025 South Hurt Rd., Smyrna. Contact: Carolyn Wilson, clw770@bellsouth.net or 770-427-6840.

- **Cobb Photographic Society.** Photographers of all skill and ability levels are welcome. First and 3rd Monday of each month. 7-9pm. American Business Center, Bldg. 700, Suite 702, 1395 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta. More info: www.cobbphotosociety.com or info@cobbphotosociety.com.

- **Cobb Regional Republican Women.** Third Tuesday, every month. 7pm. Cobb GOP Office, 799 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Neva Lent lentneva@aol.com.

- **Colored Pencil Society of America.** Atlanta District Chapter 107. First Monday of the month. 7pm. North DeKalb Cultural Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Room 2 (second floor in the back), Dunwoody. More info: Nancy Guerier, 678-354-3590.

- **Danc'n Singles.** A square dance club. First and 3rd Saturday of the month. 8-10:30am. FOP Lodge, 2350 Austell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-943-6979.

- **Dinner-and-a-Book Club.** More info: RuthE or Batya at Thou Shalt Read, 770-993-5432 or sales@andthoushaltnotread.com.

- **Dog Hikers of Georgia.** Every Sunday. 10am. Various locations. Non-dog owners welcome. More info: Dr. Dan Batchelor, 770-992-2362.

- **East Cobb Bass Club.** Visitors, boaters and non-boaters are welcome. First Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Free admission. Attendees pay for dinner. The Rib Ranch, 2063 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-364-3036 or noeyf1@bellsouth.net.

- **East Cobb Business Association.** Luncheon and featured speaker. Third Tuesday each month. 11:30am-1pm. Indian Hills Country Club, 4100 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton, 404-218-6216, susan.hampton@lionbank.com, or www.eastcobba.com.

- **East Cobb Civic Association.** Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Jill Flamm, 770-552-8206 or www.eastcobb.net.

- **East Cobb Civitans.** Second and 4th Thursday of the month at noon for lunch at The Olde Town Athletic Club (behind Tuesday Morning & Sports-O-Rama), 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-578-9901.

- **East Cobb Democratic Alliance.** Third Thursday of the month. 6pm - Social. 7pm - Program. Rib Ranch, 2063 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Tom Barksdale, 770-715-1218 or tbarksdl@aol.com.

- **East Cobb Kiwanis Club.** Every Wednesday evening. 7pm. Paradise South of the Border, 3605 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Johnny Johnson, 770-977-2026 or edwardjohnsjewelers@yahoo.com.

- **East Cobb Lions Club.** Second and 4th Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Side Baptist Church, 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Don Garrow, 770-955-6914.

- **East Cobb Jewish Networking.** Every Wednesday. 8-9:15am. Capozzi's, 4283 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Rob Kornheiser, rkorn@icminsurance.com or 678-336-7345.

- **East Cobb New Horizons Band.** Monday mornings, 11:00am. If you are 50 or older, play a musical instrument and have been looking for a great place to make music, come join us! Great people and good music! To learn more go to our website, ecnhb.com or email webmaster@ecnhb.com.

- **East Cobb Open Networking.** Professional Referral Networking. Every Friday. 7:30-9am. Capozzi's NY Deli, 4285 Roswell Road, Marietta. \$3 cover. More info: Tim Langley, 770-289-9711 or drtim02@yahoo.com.

- **East Cobb Rotary Club.** Every Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Bob Schwaile, 770-640-6954.

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East Cobb Woodcarvers Club. Every Thursday, 9-11am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-645-0817.

Georgia Perennial Plant Association. Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm. Atlanta History Center, McElreath Hall, 130 West Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta. More info: www.georgiaperennial.org.

Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance. Third Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Dave Hamrick 770-315-3942.

Georgia Nature Photographers Assoc. Third Thursday of the month, 7pm. Nature photographers of all skill levels are welcome to our monthly meetings. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell St., Marietta. More info: www.gnpa.org or info@gnpa.org

Georgia Tea Party. Every Thursday, 7pm. 900 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Jerry Kotyuk 404-374-0580 or jdk4@clear.net.

Golden "K" Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday, 10am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Joe Vanhorn Jr., 770-424-6654.

Greater Atlanta Marine Detachment #647. First Saturday of the month, 11am. Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta. More info: www.mclague.org

Happy Tails Pet Therapy. Orientation for prospective members 1st Thursday or Saturday of the month. 10:30-11:30am and 7-8pm. Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Building F, Room F001, Marietta. Check dates: 770-740-8211 or www.happytailspets.org.

IMPS Bridge Club An offshoot of the former Newcomers Club of East Cobb, looking for new members. Various formats, dates and times available. For more information contact Roni Fink @ 404-310-3448 or phinque999@AOL.com.

International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)-Cobb County Chapter. Professional Development and Networking. Fourth Monday of the month, 6:30pm. Meeting & Dinner. HYATT House/ Atlanta Galleria, 3595 Cumberland Boulevard, SE, Atlanta. More info: 770-541-2960 or www.iaap-cobbcounty.org.

Jewish War Veterans, Bicentennial Post 976. Third Sunday of the month, 11am. Marriott Hotel, Perimeter Center. More info: Fran Jacobson, 770-436-7456.

Libertarian Party of Cobb County. First Thursday of the month, 7:30pm. More info: www.cobbtp.org or call 770-795-1331

Marietta Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday, 12noon. Hilton Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Pat Huey, pathuey@comcast.net or www.mariettakiwanis.org.

Marietta Lions Club. Second Thursday of the month, 7pm. First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta 30064. More info: mariettalions@aol.com or www.mariettalionsclub.org.

Marietta PFLAG. Fourth Sunday each month, 1-3pm. Newcomers are welcome. Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: mariettapflag@gmail.com.

Marietta Rotary Club. Every Wednesday, 12noon. Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Adele Grubbs, 770-424-8212 or www.mariettarotary.org.

Marietta VFW Post 2681. Dinner with VFW Ladies Auxiliary. First Thursday of the month with separate meetings following dinner, 6:15pm. 140 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: www.vfwpost2681.org

Marine Corps League. First Saturday of the month. Meeting at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 p.m. Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta. More info: Dave Hamrick, 770-315-3942.

Martha Stewart Bulloch Children of the American Revolution Society meets one Sunday per month from September through May, 2-4pm. Osage Terrace Room and Pavilion at Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. More info: Paula, 770-594-1819.

Moms in Prayer (formerly Moms in touch) for parents of Dickerson Middle School. Every Thursday at 1pm. Meeting location available upon request. More info: Movita Stallworth, 770-321-1783 or mo633@comcast.net.

Moms in Prayer (formerly Moms in touch) for parents of children at East Cobb Middle School. Every Tuesday at 11am. Meeting location: Eastside Baptist Church (in the prayer room). More info: Esther Thenot, 678-372-2336 or Philippe@Thenot.net

Moms in Prayer for East Side Elementary parents. Every Thursday at 10am. More info: Rachel Bloom, 770-973-4705 or familybloom@gmail.com.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NAARFE), Second Wednesday of each month. 11:30am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More Info: 770-973-2834.

Newcomers Club of Cobb County. Third Tuesday each month, 10am. Various social activities throughout the month for those new to Cobb County or just looking for new friends and activities. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-234-5068 or newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com.

North Metro Mothers of Multiples Club. Third Monday of the month, 7pm. Chicago's, 4401 Shallowford Road, Roswell (corner of Johnson Ferry & Shallowford). More info: www.northmetromultiples.org.

North Metro Women's Connection. Second Wednesday of each month, 11am-1pm. Hollycrest Hall, 2235 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta. More info: 770-335-6013.

Northeast Cobb Business Association. Luncheon meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month, 11:30am-1pm. \$15. Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-460-6222.

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples A parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, or quadruplets. Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta. Date and time may change check our website. More info: www.nowamom.org or 678-404-0034.

Order Sons of Italy in America Marietta Lodge #2607. General membership meeting 2nd Monday each month. Pot Luck Dinner (except June, July, August-dessert and fruit), 7-9pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-928-9314 or degrillmouse@comcast.net.

Peach State Depression Glass Collectors' Club. Second Tuesday of month except December. Guests welcome, 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Marietta. More info: psdgc.com

Polk Street Speakers Toastmasters. First and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30pm. St. James Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.polkstreetspeakers.org.

Retired Old Men Eating Out (R.O.M.E.O.) Every Tuesday, 8-10am. Meet for friendship, conversation and to share their variety of antique cars, street rods and muscle cars. Marietta Diner, 306 Cobb Parkway South, Marietta.

Shakespeare Reading Group. First and 3rd Thursday of the month, 2-4 pm. 32 N. Fairground Street, Marietta. More info: Lynne Johnson, 770-591-3474.

Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. Women's four-part harmony chorus. Every Tuesday, 7:30pm. Northbrook UMC, 11225 Crabapple Road, Roswell. Visitors welcome. More info: www.songofatlanta.com or 770-696-6502.

Sope Creek Garden Club. First Wednesday of the month (Sept-June), 10am. Locations vary. More info: Karin Guzy, 770-955-1303 or guzy@mindspring.com.

The Foxtrotter's Dance Club. The 4th Friday of every month (no dance in May, Nov. & Dec. are the 3rd Friday). 7:30-10:30pm. If you enjoy ballroom dancing, come and dance to 'Live Music'. Everyone is welcome. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-1160.

TONIC (Tuesdays Open Networking In Capozzi's). Every Tuesday Morning 7:30am. 4283 Roswell Road NE Marietta. \$3 Cover. More Info: Frank Kellert frankkellert@hotmail.com 678-560-1717

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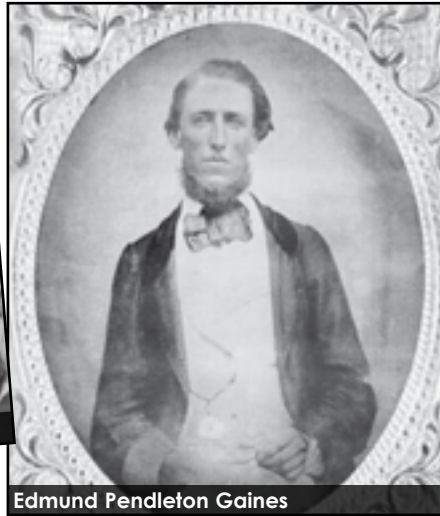
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Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Support Group.

First and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Room 334, Johnson Ferry Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. Men and women welcome. More info: 678-578-4888 or info@voicetoday.org.

Al-Anon. For family and friends of alcoholics. Thursdays. 7:30-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 345, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-0483.

Al-Anon Family Group. 7pm. Teens 13 and older welcome. Temple Kol Emeth, 1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Paulette L., 678-551-2433.

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group Meeting.

First Monday of each month at 10:30am. Open to family members who are assisting an aging loved one both inside and outside of the home. Free respite care is provided for your loved one while we meet. Aloha to Aging/Mt. Bethel Community Center, 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info or to RSVP: 678-439-1177.

Anxiety Anonymous for people who suffer from anxiety, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. 6:30-7:30pm. Cobb County Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-633-1023 or galinabannova@gmail.com

● **Babywearing Group.** Koalamommas, North Atlanta's resource for help, support, and information about baby carriers of all kinds. Meets monthly. Meeting dates/time vary. More info: Jennifer Worrell, 770-516-4192 or jenniferworrell@bellsouth.net.

● **Bereavement Support.** First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 5pm. Counseling Room in Parish Office, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400, ext. 6020.

● **Cancer Support Group.** Second and 4th Monday of the month. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

● **Career Transition.** Third Monday of the month (March-October). Second Monday of the Month (November-February) 6:30pm: Personal resume reviewing, interviewing, networking, and career assessment help. First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info: Lee Pence, 770-428-9350, or Bob Sabin 770-795-9084, or visit www.fpcmarietta.org

● **Caregiver and Share Support Group for Alzheimer's.** First Monday of the month. 6-7pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420.

● **Codependents Anonymous.** Mondays & Thursdays. 7:30-8:45pm. Unity North Church, 4225 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 404-213-4482.

● **Depression/Bipolar Support Group.** First and 3rd Thursday of the month. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 339, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

● **Divorced/Separated Support Group.** First and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7:30pm. St. Ann's Catholic Church, Mary's Chapel, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.

● **Divorce Support Group** by Visions Anew for women who are contemplating or going through the divorce process. First Thursday & 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7-9pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.visionsanew.org.

● **Divorce Support Group.** Every Wednesday. 6:30pm. Mt. Bethel Church (H House, entrance is in the back), 4385 Lower Roswell Rd. Marietta. More info/to register: Judith Reichenbach, Licensed Counselor, 770-597-9882.

● **Diabetes Support Group** offered by WellStar Health System. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8pm. McLaren Mill Office Park, 531 Rose Lane Street, Suite 100, Marietta. No registration required. More info: 770-793-7818.

● **Domestic Violence Support Groups.** Sessions in English and Spanish. Wednesdays. 6:45-8:15pm. Childcare available for children 6 weeks to 12 years. Children over 12 may attend and learn childcare skills. More info: 770-427-3390.

● **East Cobb Satellite of CHADD (Children & Adults w/Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) Parental Support Group.** 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8:00 pm. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (Room B109) on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Cappie Suttle, 404-368-9394, east-cobb@chadd.net, or www.chadd.net/300.

● **Emotions Anonymous**, a fellowship of people who come together to work toward recovery from emotional difficulties and discover a new way of life. Tuesdays & Fridays. 7pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 614 Mimosa Boulevard, Counseling Building, Roswell. More info: 770-330-1991.

● **Families Anonymous (FA)** for families who have loved ones struggling with addiction. Every Tuesday. 7:30-9pm. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Youth Center, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465.

● **Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS).** To listen, inform and educate, and offer programs for the families and the child with special needs. Last Thursday of the month during school year. 10am. Chick-Fil-A, 1201 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info/to confirm meeting date: Angie, 770-234-9111, angie@focus-ga.org, or www.focus-ga.org.

● **Fractured Families for Parents Estranged from their Children.** First and 3rd Monday. 7:30pm. Whole Foods, 1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Sandy 404-446-6093 or Judy 404-643-3531.

● **Georgia Parkinson's Association.** Parkinson's Support Group Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month 1pm. Northside Hospital Cherokee Education Building, 130-B Oakside Court, Canton. More info: James Trussell 770-413-3264 or james@gaparkinsons.org

● **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group.** Second Tuesday each month. 7:15pm. Special guest speaker. Transfiguration Church, Room 102, 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta. More info: Jeannie, 770-919-9275.

● **Grief Support Group** for those who have had a family member, friend or other loved one pass away. First Thursday of each month. 7-9pm. Unity North Atlanta Church, 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: kathzkel@yahoo.com.

● **JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent and Significant Others).** For Jewish members of 12 Step groups. 7-8pm, first and third Tuesdays of every month except on Jewish holidays. Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, in the library. More info: 770-928-2523 or tshuva@aol.com.

● **Let's Play.** Play Group for Moms, Dads and caregivers of children under 18 months. Second and 4th Friday per month. 9:30am. Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. More info: Perla Izsak, pmil1972@yahoo.com.

● **Loneliness Bereavement Support Group.** Every Wednesday except holidays. 11am. Heritage Hospice, 3315 Hilltop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-423-5959.

● **Marietta Moms.** For all kinds of moms - new to the area, looking for new friends, or just needing support. Daily events for babies, toddlers and older kids. More info: 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661 or www.mariettamoms.com

● **Mothers Circle Group.** Are you a mother raising Jewish children but you are not Jewish? Free education and support through a 16-week course. Groups are held in Marietta, Intown and North Fulton. More info: Suzette Cohen, suzette@themotherscircle.org or www.themotherscircle.org.

Mothers of PreSchoolers(MOPS).

● Wednesdays. 6:15-7:15pm. A place where moms can come to build friendships and receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Childcare provided. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465 or mtzionmops@gmail.com.

● **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).** Family Support Group for families who have loved ones struggling with mental illness. Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 7-8:30pm. Hillside United Methodist Church, Second Floor, 4474 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock. More info: 770-928-2762.

● **Overeaters Anonymous.** A support group for those who suffer from the need to compulsively overeat. Monday-Wednesday-Friday. 10am. St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Betsy: 404-226-4931.

● **Parents of Prodigals.** For parents of struggling teens and young adults. Second and 4th Thursday. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Fair Brocard, 770-612-1197 or www.prodigalchildministries.org.

● **Parkinson's Disease Support Group.** For persons with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. Second Sunday each month. 4pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Bldg. A, Roswell. More info: Robin Cleveland, 678-819-3915.

● **Veteran's Information Referral Office (VIRO).** Free help and information for all veterans with VA Disability, VA Healthcare, Employment and Counseling. Second and 4th Wednesday each month. First and 4th Saturday each month, 11am-2pm. American Legion, Post 29, 921 Gresham Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-427-5900.

● **Widowed Helping Others (WHO).** Dinner Social. First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 6pm. St. Ann's Catholic Church, Nolan Hall, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Ann's Pastoral Care, 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.



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