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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE



December is a month to celebrate miracles—Hannukkah and Christmas. Though this holiday season is one of the most magical times of the year for children, 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 gift ideas are from merchants right here in our own backyard so that should make your shopping a little easier. When the going gets really tough, another stress-buster is eating out. The dining directory on pages 40 and 41 should give you a short-list of local restaurants that you can enjoy while being relieved of your culinary obligations!

As always, this issue includes stories about the good people and groups that share their "gifts" making East Cobb a better place to live. We are so lucky to have such top-notch professionals, unique shops and caring citizens. I hope you, EAST COBBER reader, are inspired by their "gift"-giving and may be more motivated to share your gift for a better East Cobb. And if you are already contributing to the quality of life here in East Cobb, let me share your story, too! 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 happy and 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 throughout the year.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Cynthia M. Rozzo Founder I Publisher cynthia@eastcobber.com

## **EAST©COBBER**

## On the Cover

This month's front cover features Daniel Wu,
Manager/Owner of Fuji
Hana East Cobb. Fuji Hana is celebrating 15 years of great sushi and good times. Fuji Hana has been a destination for family celebrations and special moments for East Cobbers.
In fact, his restaurant was mentioned twice in the viral article, "20 Ways You Know You Grew Up In East Cobb," written by LuLu Chu.

Voted best Asian restaurant in East Cobb, Fuji Hana offers an extensive menu of sushi, Thai and Hibachi entrees for dine-in, take-out and catering.

Mr. Wu wants to thank
East Cobb for faithfully
supporting Fuji Hana for the
last 15 years. He invites all
East Cobbers to celebrate
the holidays and the
fifteenth anniversary with
him and the 28-member
staff.

Fuji Hana is located at 1255
Johnson Ferry Road in East
Cobb. For more information,
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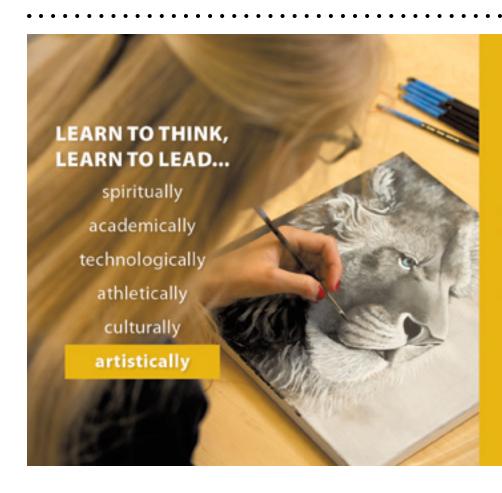
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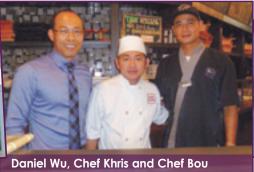
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Whether it's the outstanding sushi, good service or Hibachi chef experience, Fuji Hana East Cobb has become a local gathering place for our community. Celebrating its fifteenth anniversary, Fuji Hana unveils restaurant renovations, including new Hibachi grills, to enhance your dining experience.

Manager Daniel Wu is a

Fuji Hana fixture as he celebrates
15 years as well. After a thorough
demographics study of the area, Wu
and his colleagues found the perfect location
in the middle of East Cobb to open their Japanese
and Thai cuisine restaurant on November 30, 2000. Wu
remembers one of the first patron comments made
to him in those early days: "I like your restaurant, and
I hope you stay. The establishments before you didn't
make it."

"That comment made me even more determined for Fuji Hana to thrive and be successful in East Cobb," says Wu. "Over the years, we have kept our focus on offering good food and service, as well as creating a family environment."

Wu says that one of the benefits of his job has been being a part of that family environment and establishing friendships with those who frequent the restaurant regularly. "Since I have been with Fuji Hana East Cobb, I have had the opportunity to watch families grow up," he says. "Families who had small children in 2000 are still coming in with their children who are now older teenagers. Others who had teenagers when we first opened are now returning with their grown children and grandchildren. Kids love it here. Where else can they catch food in air and experience flames at their table? Certainly not at home."

Voted best Asian restaurant in East Cobb, Fuji Hana offers an extensive menu of sushi, Thai and Hibachi entrees for dine-in, take-out and catering. Some of the favorites include: Hibachi shrimp, steak or chicken; California Roll; the Hotlanta Roll (spicy tuna, cucumber and tempura flakes); the 2015 Roll (shrimp tempura, cream cheese and avocado wrapped in soy paper) or Pad Thai (Three Flavor Noodle).

For lunch, Fuji Hana is open Monday-Friday from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM and on Saturday-Sunday from 12:00 - 3:00 PM. For dinner, the hours are Monday-Thursday from 4:30 – 10:00 PM; Friday-Saturday from 4:30 – 10:30 PM and Sunday from 4:30 – 9:30 PM. Early bird specials are offered for Hibachi before 6:00 PM every day for dine-in only, and children receive 50 percent off Hibachi on Monday-Thursday nights. On Monday nights, sushi is \$1.00 for dine-in only.

Fuji Hana is conveniently located at 1255-1 Johnson Ferry Road in the Market Plaza Shopping Center. For reservations, call 678-560-8071 or for more information, visit www.fujihanaeastcobb.com.

Wu wants to thank East Cobb for faithfully supporting Fuji Hana for the last 15 years. He invites all East Cobbers to celebrate the holidays and the fifteenth anniversary with him and the 28-member staff during December.

In celebration of Fuji Hana's 15th anniversary, Daniel Wu is offering \$15 off dinners of \$50 or more from December 1 - 15. (Some restrictions apply please ask for more details.) For more specials be sure to check their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fujihanaeastcobb1255johnsonferry.

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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 September 29. A pep rally on October 27 kicked off the annual Give Our Schools a Hand (GOSH) week at the Roswell Street Baptist Church. This is the 27th 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:

Tricia Leith

2nd Grade

Addison Elementary School

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Special Ed

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Kindergarten

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Lara Quigg

1st Grade

Davis Elementary School

Julie Melton

8th Grade Language Arts

Dickerson Middle

Stacie Murrell

Special Ed Math & Science

Dodgen Middle School

Charmagne Quenan

Science 8th Grade

East Cobb Middle School

**Lindsay Kidd** 

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8th Language Arts

Mabry Middle School

Katherine Robertson

AC LAs/ Social Studies

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4th Grade

Mount Bethel Elementary School

**Melissa Edwards** 

3rd Grade

Mountain View Elementary School

**Amy Eubanks** 

Kindergarten

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**Melinda Myers** 

Gifted

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Dr. Terri Ognibene

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Art

Powers Ferry Elementary School

**Mondra Long** 

1st Grade

Rocky Mount Elementary School

**Janet Donald** 

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Sedalia Park Elementary School

Karen Bixby

2nd Grade

Shallowford Falls Elementary School

**Randy Watts** 

PΕ

Simpson Middle School

**Kathy Corbett** 

Special Ed

Sope Creek Elementary School

Tanya Lancee

Social Studies

Sprayberry High School

Katie Harmon

4th Grade

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# WALTON LADY RAIDERS CAPTURE TENTH STATE VOLLEYBALL TITLE



n Saturday, October 31, Walton High School's Girls' Volleyball team beat South Forsyth High School 3-0 [25-13, 25-12, 25-21] in the Class AAAAAA state championship to capture its tenth state title. Senior Celeste Fitzgerald led with eleven digs and an ace on match point. Dalaney Hans finished with 38 assists and Tai Bierria had a team-high of 15 kills. Freshmen Gabby Gonzalez and Riley Spurlin added 13 kills and eight kills, respectively. The Walton High School Volleyball team members are pictured above: Back Row (I-r): Coach Matt Staruch, manager Ethan Carter, Riley MacNeill, Riley Spurlin, Meghan Froemming, Tai Bierria, Gabby Gonzales, Katie Crocker and Coach Suzanne Fitzgerald. Middle Row (I-r): Avery Lawrence, Jordan Rush, Dalaney Hans, Grace Ryan and manager Grayson Sanchez. Front Row (I-r): Katie Griffin, Olivia Manzo, Celeste Fitzgerald, Jenna MrKonich and Sam Jones.

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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MAKES A LIFELONG DIFFERENCE

By Ellen Henry, Family Engagement Chair, East Cobb County Council of PTAs

Successful schools across East Cobb encourage active parental involvement in their classrooms. When parents and teachers work together, learning is enhanced. Whether through an email to a teacher, attending a meeting for your Parent Teacher Association (PTA), or volunteering in your child's classroom -- parents have many opportunities to further the learning of their children. As their child's first and lifelong teachers, parents need to 1.) Be Active; 2.) Be Intentional; and, 3.) Be an Advocate in order to ensure a successful education. This article addresses the home perspective and how parents are their child's first and lifelong teachers.

1. Be Active and volunteer your time at your child's school. Your child's teacher and/or principal will appreciate it, and you will positively affect the overall school climate. A traditional way to volunteer is to be present at the school. You can serve as a classroom aide, read stories in the classroom, assist in the library, or find other ways to share your talents at the school. Contact your child's teacher, the room parent, committee chair or PTA president to let them know that you would like to volunteer.

If your time is more limited (work, pre-school children, or other commitments), help after school with school functions such as field day, open house, student government, fund raisers, or summer activities. If you prefer unscheduled time, devote your energy towards activities like calling school alumni, baking goods, translating materials into another language, designing fliers or publishing the PTA or school newsletter, PTA Facebook Page or PTA web site. All of these activities are well worth your time, for they help the school and consequently your child.

2. Be Intentional by incorporating habits into your daily life that provide your child with a rich learning environment away from school. Become familiar with the curriculum (found on the school's district's website) and what your child is learning at school. This way, you can ask your child specific questions, such as, "How did the American Revolution start?" Spark open-ended conversations by asking what was the most surprising thing learned today. Have your child read aloud from a textbook or homework. Make the conversations a casual part of life while sorting the laundry, preparing dinner, or talking on the phone. The objective is to decide what works for you and your family and do it!

Additionally, look for creative ways to reinforce learning at home. Make the subject or topic relevant for your child in their world, today. During vacation time, integrate topics from school into your travel like currency exchange or cultural differences. The Georgia PTA states that children's enthusiasm flourishes when they realize that school learning explains the world and equips them to deal with it successfully. Your efforts to expand school learning will bring learning to life for your child, give it personal meaning and enrich your child's experiences!

3. Be an Advocate for your child and every child in East Cobb. It is easy and every East Cobb school offers numerous opportunities to get involved on multiple levels. Join the PTA. Attend a curriculum workshop offered at your school. Serve on or lead a committee. Work with other parents to champion policies that benefit all students. Talk with a legislator or school board member about the needs of students and schools in your community. You can even help sponsor a forum or Lunch & Learn about district standards, child development, or other school-related issues.

In your neighborhood or at work, campaign to find other volunteers to share their time or talents at your child's school. Ask people in your everyday life from businesses where you shop, civic organizations that you belong to, or groups that you participate in -- to help support your school.

Children realize their greatest academic success when parents are actively involved in learning and decision-making. Engaged families produce students who have higher grades, test scores and graduation rates; better school attendance, motivation and selfesteem; and increased college enrollment. A child's education depends on the important partnership between home and school. Take time this school year to be active, intentional, and an advocate for your child, school, and community.



Ellen Henry lives in the Chadds Creek Subdivision with her husband, Curley, and two daughters who attend Timber Ridge Elementary School. She is the Family Engagement Chair for the ECCC PTA.

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# KELL HS HOSTS GERMAN STUDENTS & TEACHERS



▲ German and American students and teachers at the welcome party hosted by Kell High School.

ell High School recently hosted 16 students and 2 teachers from the Dr. Wilhelm Andre Gymnasium School in Chemnitz, Germany through the German American Partnership Program.

During the first part of the exchange, the German students lived with Kell students and their families, attended school, and experienced life as American teenagers. The Kell students in the exchange program were excellent hosts to their German visitors by sharing their everyday life experiences. While in the Metro Atlanta area, the German students were able to take several field trips, including a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and the Atlanta History Center, and the combined German and American group was able to visit Chickamauga National Military Park and Lookout Mountain. The German visitors also spent a day with students in the German program at Kennesaw State University, and several German exchange students visited local elementary

schools to learn about early childhood education in the United States.

The first half of the exchange program was full of amazing moments for everyone involved. All students are looking forward to the second half of the program, when the Kell students will travel to Germany in June 2016 to live with the families of their German partners, attend school, and participate in local culture. Under the guidance of Timo Snider, Chair of the World Languages Department at Kell, and in preparation for their trip, the Kell group is busy learning more about the Saxony region of Germany, further developing their German language skills, and planning presentations and skits to perform for their German peers.

If you would like information regarding the program, please contact Timo Snider, timo.snider@cobbk12.org, or if you would like to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jamie Basler, jamiebasler@gmail.com.

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## TOYS FOR TOTS SEEKS DONATIONS

s the holidays are upon us and planning for Christmas arrives, it's also time to think about doing something special for children in need. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is again underway giving local residents an opportunity to purchase a toy for a boy and girl outside their family.

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.

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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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 9am until 4pm No other items will be allowed to be dropped off at sites. Cobb County Parks sites will accept trees from December 26 until January 9. All Home Depot sites will accept trees ONLY on Saturday, January 2. To volunteer at a site location, look on the web site at www.keepcobbbeautiful.org and go to the volunteer section for more information.

The following Cobb County Parks will accept dropoffs from December 26, 2015 until January 9, 2016:

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- > Sewell Park 2085 Lower Roswell Road Marietta, GA 30066
- > Fullers Park (Lower Field) 3050 Robinson Road Marietta, GA 30064

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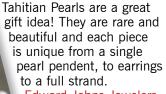
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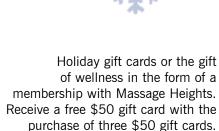
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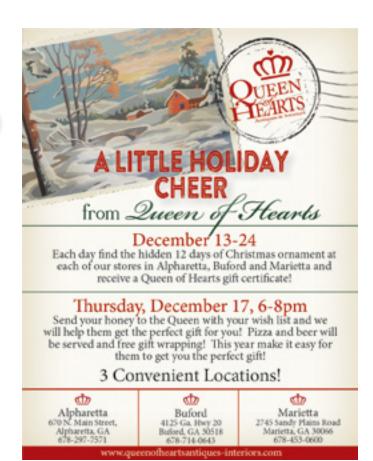








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#### **CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS**

13th 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 13. 11am-1:00pm. 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 12: Peachtree qualifier. 8:30am. \$30. Historic Marietta Square. More info/to register: www.active.com, www.cobbcountybar.org, or www.mariettaga.gov.

A Day With Santa. Santa's arrival begins at noon with a Main Street parade featuring marching bands, decorated floats, vintage cars, and colorfully-costumed characters. The celebration continues with a holiday host of activities including FREE snow tubing, inflatables and amusements, kid's crafts, visits with Santa, stage entertainment, and a holiday market full of gift ideas and unique merchandise. Food vendors will be onsite. December 5: 12-6pm. Admission: Free. Downtown Kennesaw, 2838 Cherokee Street NW, Kennesaw. 770-422-9714 | www.kennesaw-ga.gov

Breakfast with Santa. Presented by Mt. Zion Youth. December 12. \$5/person; \$20/family. 8:30-10:30am. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-971-1465 | www.mtzionumc.org.

Breakfast with Santa. Guess who's coming to breakfast? The Kennesaw-Acworth Optimist Club is hosting an "all-you-care-to-eat" breakfast complete with pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and table-to-table visits with the jolly old elf himself. December 12: 8-11:15am. Seatings at 8am and 10am. Advance tickets: \$6/person or \$8 at the door. Ben Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw. 770-422-9714 | www.kennesaw-ga.gov

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Christmas at Callanwolde. You'll be transported into a magical world in the twinkling of an eye as you enter the magnificent Gothic-Tudor mansion. Transformed by Atlanta's top interior and floral designers, the historic Callanwolde estate captures the spirit and charm of the holidays. December 1-15. Weekdays: 11am-7pm. Saturday and Sunday: 9am-4pm. \$20/general admission. \$15/groups of 20 or more. Free/children 3 and under. Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta. 404-872-5338 | www.christmasatcallanwolde.org

#### Christmas at Piedmont Church Arts & Crafts Show.

Unique arts and crafts exhibitors from all over the southeast that have crafted, arranged, painted, or built all the products themselves, as well as delicious food and local entertainment. December 11-12. Friday: 5-9pm. Saturday: 10am-5pm. Free. Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. 770-423-1330 | www.piedmontchurch.tv

Christmas High Tea at Bulloch Hall served by ladies in period clothing. Reservations: \$45. December 8, 10, 15, 17: 4pm. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. 770-992-1731 | www.bullochhall.org

Christmas Packages. Check out over 20 venues featuring timeless Christmas traditions including carriage rides, music, games, face painting, freeze tag, puppets, trains, reindeer, food and crafts. December 6. 4-7:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-795-3256 | www.johnsonferry.org

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 12, 13, 19 and 20. 10am and 12pm. 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 12: 10am-12pm. \$10. Reservations required. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. 770-992-1731 | www.bullochhall.org

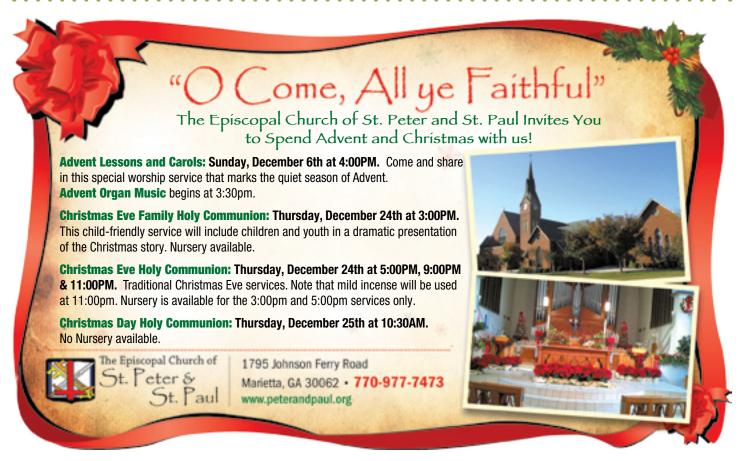
Cookies with Santa at the McCleskey YMCA. All ages are invited to come for a relaxing, fun-filled afternoon of holiday activities. Kids will be able to talk to Santa in a casual environment. Enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, cocoa and tea. \$5/child. Parents are free but must accompany children to this event. December 13: 2-4pm. Register online: Class ID 179041 or at either Y branch. McClesky-East Cobb Family YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. 770-977-5991 | www.ymcaatlanta.org

#### Elf Extravaganza at the Northeast Cobb Family YMCA.

You've met with Santa, now come meet his head elf, Jilly, and enjoy an evening of holiday fun for all ages! Enjoy yummy Holiday Treats as you visit Santa's Workshop, have fun with Jilly's Holiday Photo Booth, Face Painting and Reindeer Games. \$5/child. Parents are free, but must accompany children to this event. Friday, December 18: 6-8 pm. Register online: Class ID 179414 or at either branch. Northeast Cobb Family YMCA, 3010 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 678-569-9622

Holidays at the Avenue. Enjoy complimentary horse drawn carriage rides, holiday music and visits with Santa at The Avenue! December 11,16 & 18. 3-7pm. The Avenue of East Cobb, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta. 678-594-6738 | www.shoptheavenue.com





#### **CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS**

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 6: 5pm. Free. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-591-3160 | www.eastcobbpark.org.

Holiday at the Southern Museum. Kick start your holiday season at the Southern Museum! Bring the whole family to enjoy popcorn and the movie The Polar Express as well as a fun, interactive winter themed train layout at the Museum on Saturday, December 5. Kids- feel free to come in your pajamas! The Museum will be open until 6pm and the movie showings will be at 10am, 2pm, and 4pm. The movie showing is free with normal Museum admission. \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors, \$5.50 for children (ages 4-12), and children 3 and under are free. 770-427-2117 ext 3058 | www.southernmuseum.org.

Light the Night Tree Lighting. WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center hosts its 10th 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. Santa and Mrs. Clause arrive at 4:30 and will be on hand for photo with you and your family. December 6: 4-6pm. Free. WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center Blue Parking Deck – Top Level, 677 Church Street, Marietta. 470-644-0300 | www.wellstar.org.

Pink Pig. A holiday tradition for the whole family, ride Priscilla along the train tracks under the Pink Pig Tent and experience storybook fantasy in real life. Macy's Lenox Square. Through January 3, 2016. Closed November 22, Thanksgiving Day and December 25. Monday-Friday: 10am-9pm. Saturday: 10am-9pm. Sunday: 11am-7pm in December. 10am-7pm in January. Christmas Eve: 9am-6pm. New Year's Eve: 10am-6pm. \$3/ride. 3393 Peachtree Road, Atlanta. 404-231-2800 | www.macys. com/campaign/pinkpig/info.jsp

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 13. 12pm. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

Six Flags Holiday in the Park. More than one million LED lights and dozens of Christmas trees, festive shows, tasty culinary treats and of course, the Big Man: Santa Claus in all his glory. November 21-December 23: 4-10pm. December 26-January 3: 2-10pm. Single visit tickets: \$63.99/ adult. \$43.99/child under 48". Children 2 & under, free. Six Flags, 275 Riverside Parkway SW, Austell. 770-948-9290 | www.sixflags.com.

Tacky Sweater Party. Break out those sweaters or vests from the back of your closets, blow off the age-old dust and sport those tacky nightmares over to Six Flags Over Georgia for the biggest tacky sweater party in Georgia! All guests who arrive at the park wearing a tacky Christmas sweater will be given a Buy One Get One Free coupon for a General Admission ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia's all-new Holiday in the Park celebration. \$63.99/adult. \$43.99/child under 48". Children 2 & under, free. Remember, a regular looking sweater or vest does not qualify. Discretion of a tacky sweater is up to Six Flags Over Georgia staff. December 12-13: 4-10pm. Six Flags, 275 Riverside Parkway SW, Austell. 30168. 770-948-9290 | www.sixflags.com.

The Marietta Pilgrimage, a Christmas tour of six private historic homes all lovingly restored and decorated for the season. December 5-6. Saturday: 9am-6pm. Candlelight tour: 7-9:30pm. Sunday: 10am-6pm. \$20.\$15/candlelight tour. \$25/combination. 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.

Winter Wonderland at The Marietta Square. This Holiday season, The Marietta Square transforms into a nostalgic Winter Wonderland featuring open-air ice skating, Santa's Workshop, multi-story Christmas tree and more! Holiday entertainment will fill the air and the season will conclude with the inaugural New Year's Eve Celebration and Square Drop. Through January 3. Monday-Thursday: 4:30-10pm. Friday: 4:30-11pm. Saturday: 10am-11pm. Sunday: Noon-10pm. \$12 includes entrance and skate rental. More info: www.winterwonderlandmariettasquare.com

#### **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 4-20. 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

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 6. 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.



ASO at KSU: A Very Merry Holiday Pops! Atlanta's favorite holiday tradition comes to Kennesaw State! ASO Principal Pops Conductor Michael Krajewski leads the orchestra in exciting performances of everyone's favorite holiday classics. Local high school choral ensembles will join the orchestra for this special performance. December 18. 8pm. Tickets: \$23-55. Bailey Performance Center, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, Bldg. 30, Kennesaw. 470-578-6650 | arts.kennesaw.edu/music/events.php

**Big Chicken Chorus 2015 Christmas Show** featuring the Big Chicken Chorus and Quartets, Redzone Tennesee Quartet, Song of Atlanta Show Chorus and Marietta High School Blue Devil Chorus. December 12. 7:30pm. December 13: 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 Avenue NW, Marietta. 470-349-0550 | www.bigchickenchorus.org

#### Brian Setzer Orchestra 12th Annual Christmas Rocks!

Tour. Iconic guitarist, songwriter, vocalist and 3-time Grammy-award-winner, is a "Musician's Musician" credited with continually taking chances with innovative and daring musical styles, while single-handedly resurrecting two forgotten genres of music. Along the way, he has scored chart-topping hits, sold 13 million records and received the Orville H. Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award throughout his decorated career as founder/leader of the Stray Cats, his 18-piece Brian Setzer Orchestra, and as a solo artist. December 5: 8pm.Tickets: \$35-\$75. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. 800-745-3000 | www.cobbenergycentre.com

Christmas Behind the Curtain, presented by Atlanta Wind Symphony. A holiday concert featuring jazz influences and holiday favorites. December 15: 7:30pm-9pm. Free. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. 770-594-6232 | http://www.atlantawindsymphony.org/

Carols by Candlelight, featuring the Georgia Festival Chorus and directed by Frank Boggs. December 3. 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 4: 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

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 11: 7:30-9pm. December 13: 3-5pm. Free but tickets required to ensure seating. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. Call 770-594-0512 for tickets.

Cobb Wind Symphony Winter Concert. The Winter Concert is free and is open to the public. Conductor Alfred Watkins, Assistant Conductor Bob Cowles. December 12. 7:30pm. Lassiter High School Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta. 678-305-7148 | www.cobbwindsymphony.org



#### **CONCERTS**

Holiday Pops 2015, Georgia Symphony Orchestra's annual holiday spectacular featuring seasonal favorites performed by the Georgia Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. December 5: 3pm & 8pm. Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. 770-429-2390 | www.cobbsymphony.org

Holiday Music Showcase, presented by the Joseph Wheeler High School band, chorus, and orchestra. December 5. Philarmonia & 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.

Lessons in Carols. A Christmas Cantata by the Chancel Choir and Children's Choir. December 13: 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

Messiah Sing-Along. Join voices with the Michael O'Neal Singers in this annual community event. December 20: 3pm. \$10. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. 770-594-7974 | www.mosingers.com.

Symphony On The Square presents There's Christmas In the Air Holiday Concert. Come out and enjoy this wonderful concert of Christmas music that is fun for the whole family. Bring the family and enjoy a concert of fun and beloved Christmas songs and carols. Friday, December 11. 8pm. Tickets are \$15. Cobb Civic Center, Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway Southeast, Marietta. More info: www.symphonyonthesquare.org

The Johnson Ferry Christmas Festival. December 12: 4pm & 7pm. December 13: 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

There's Christmas In the Air presented by Symphony On The Square. Come out and enjoy this wonderful concert of Christmas music that is fun for the whole family. You'll hear favorites like: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Let it Snow, Christmas Around the World, and many more. Bring the family and enjoy a concert of fun and beloved Christmas songs and carols. December 11: 8pm. Tickets: \$15. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 S Marietta Parkway, Marietta. 770-874-8525 |



Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens. Through January 2. \$28/Adults. \$14/Children 6-12. Ages 5 and under: Free but requires 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 9, 2016. 5-10:30pm. Peak Night Admission: (Thursday – Sunday), \$26 Adult (Member \$21), \$20 Child age 3 – 12 (Member \$15), Child Under 3 Free. Non-Peak Night Admission: (Monday – Wednesday), \$23 Adult, (Member \$18), \$17 Child age 3 – 12 (Member \$12). Experience the Garden as never before when it is transformed into a twinkling winter wonderland. 1345 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta. 404-876-5859 | www. atlantabotanicalgarden.org

Holiday in Lights at Centennial Olympic Park. Through January 10, 2016. 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. 265 Park Avenue West, Atlanta. 404-223-4412 (for skating hours) | www.centennialpark.com

Lights of Life. 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, 6-10pm (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, 1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta. 678-331-4334 | www.life.edu.

Magical Night of Lights at Lake Lanier Islands. Daily through January 3 (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. 770-945-8787 | www.lakelanierislands.com

#### LIVE NATIVITY

**Bethlehem Walk.** Walk through the streets of Bethlehem to a live nativity scene. December 5-6 and 11-12. 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 16. 5:30-8:30pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-971-2880 | www.mtbethel.org

### MENORAH LIGHTINGS

Chabad of Cobb Menorah Lighting. Celebrate Chanukah and come build and light Georgia's Largest Candy Menorah. December 8. Building the Menorah: 5:30pm; Lighting: 6pm. Free. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-565-4412 x.300 | www. chanukahcobb.com.

Menorah Workshop. Chabad of Cobb will present Menorah Workshop at the Home Depot Merchants Walk. Participants can build their own Menorah, Chanukah Treats, music, refreshments and free worker's apron. December 6. 1-3pm. Free, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Chabad of Cobb, 4450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. 770-565-4412 | www.chabadofcobb.com.

Menorah Lighting on Marietta Square. Congregation Ner Tamid will hold a ceremony on the Glover Park Stage at Marietta Square to light a Menorah as part of a Chanukah Celebration which will include holiday music and fun children's games. All are welcome. Chanukah is celebrated this year from sundown on December 6 through sundown December 14. Congregation Ner Tamid, 1349 Old Highway 41, Suite 220, Marietta. 678-264-8575 | www.mynertamid.org.

### **SANTA SIGHTINGS**

#### The Avenue at East Cobb

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#### **Cumberland Mall**

Monday-Saturday: 10am-9pm. Sundays: 12pm-6pm.

1000 Cumberland Mall

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More info: 770-435-2206 www.cumberlandmall.com

#### **Edward-Johns Jewelers**

December 6 & 13: 1-4pm 1205 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 124 Marietta 30068

More info: 770-977-2026 www.edward-johns.com



#### Lenox Square Mall

Monday-Sunday: 10am-9pm through December 17.

December 18-23: 9am-9:30pm. December 24: 8am-6pm. 3393 Peachtree Road NE

Atlanta 30325

More info: 404-233-6767 www.simon.com

#### **North Point Mall**

Monday-Saturday: 10am-8pm. Sunday: 12-6pm through December 10. Monday- Saturday: 9am-9pm. Sunday: 11am-8pm through December 19. Monday-Saturday: 8am-10pm. Sunday: 9am-8pm through December 23.

1000 North Point Circle Alpharetta 30022

Mall hours through December 24

More info: 770-740-9273 www.northpointmall.com

#### **Perimeter Mall**

Monday-Saturday: 11am-8pm. Sundays: 12pm-6pm.

Starting December 12, times change. December 12 and 15-19: 10am-9pm. December 13 and 20, 22-23: 9am-9pm.

December 14: 11am-8pm.
December 21: 11am-9pm.
December 24: 9am-6pm.
4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road

Atlanta 30346

More info: 770-394-4270 www.perimetermall.com

#### Santa on the Square

Saturdays: 10am-6pm Sundays: 11am-5pm December 21- 23: 10am-6pm

December 24: 10am-2pm Marietta Square - Glover Park

Marietta 30060

More info: 770-794-5601 www.mariettaga.gov

#### **Town Center Mall**

Various times. Check website. 400 Ernest W. Barrett Parkway

Kennesaw 30144 More info: 770-424-9486 www.towncenteratcobb.com



#### **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 11-13, 17-20, 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

#### **THEATER**

A Christmas Carol presented by Theatre in the Square. A timeless story comes to life on stage. Ebenezer Scrooge, obsessed with solitude and greed, collides in a nightmare with his own youth and his lost love. December 10-27: 3pm & 8pm. \$20/adults. \$10/kids. Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Ave. SW, Marietta. 770-426-4800 | www.theatreinthesquare.co

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 11-27: 7:30pm. Saturdays at 2pm and 7:30pm. Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. December 24: 1pm. Tickets start at \$25. Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-873-5811 | www.atlantaballet.com | 800-982-2787/Ticketmaster

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. December 21. 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm. \$8/adults.\$7/seniors, students, and military. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 N. Park Square, Marietta. 770-293-0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org





Miracle on South Division presented by CenterStage North. Meet the Nowaks of Buffalo, NY. Clara and her three grown kids have always known they were special, ever since the miraculous night in 1942 when the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa in his barbershop! Since then, the neighborhood has looked upon the Nowaks' 20-foot commemorative shrine as a beacon of hope and faith amidst the urban rubble. And now daughter Ruth unveils her plan to write and star in a one-woman show about the family miracle so the "whole world will know!" However, as her plans for theatrical immortality unfold, the entire family's faith is shaken to the very core when a deathbed confession causes the family legend to unravel. The results are heartfelt and hilarious. December 11-18: 8pm. December 19: 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

Santa After Hours 2015: The Wreck-oning. The miscreants who've sullied each of the last six holiday seasons are back with another show to amuse, frighten, and perhaps disgust their audiences. Leave the kids at home, and enjoy late night fare guaranteed to replace your brain's good wholesome family cheer with our disturbing and hilarious take on the holidays. December 4-December 19. Every Friday and Saturday. 10pm. Tickets: \$20. Out Of Box Theatre. 585 Cobb Parkway South, Marietta. 678-653-4605 | www.travelcobb.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 4-6. Friday: 7:30pm. Saturday: 1:30pm & 7:30pm. Sunday: 1:30pm & 5:30pm. Last performance is a fundraiser for the Disabled American Veterans. \$17-\$45. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. 770-528-0881 | www.georgiaballet.org











Hope Christmas brings you all that you are wishing for . . . and more!

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# December<sup>2015</sup>

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Free Mulch.** Cobb EMC offers free mulch from the clearance maintenance of Cobb EMC power lines. It is available throughout the year and can be delivered when crews are in your area. More info: 678-355-3413.

#### **EVERY SATURDAY**

Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Wintery Snowglobe, Holiday Wreath, Cheerful Card Holders, and Happy New Year Glasses. Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3100 or lakeshorelearning.com.



#### TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

Feeding Time at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Join a naturalist for an in-depth look at one of their resident animals as they are being fed. 4pm. Admission: \$6/Child, \$10/Adult, \$7/Senior 65+, \$7/ Student (Ages 13-18), Children 2 & under are free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

#### **THROUGH DECEMBER 12**

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.

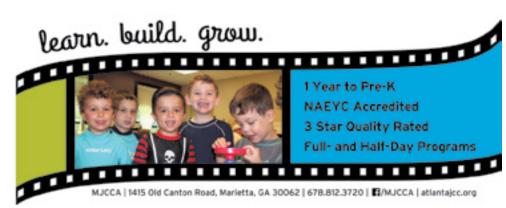
Christmas Tree Fundraiser featuring beautiful North Carolina Fresh Fraser firs. All proceeds benefit Lassiter Band Booster Association. Mon-Thurs: 4-8pm; Fri-Sat: 12-9pm; Sun: 12-8pm. Corner of the Publix shopping center on Sandy Plains and Shallowford Road, Marietta. More info: Andrew Halloran at 770-490-9182.

#### **DECEMBER 5-6**

**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-5pm. Sunday: 11am-4pm. The Art Center, 9100 Fouts Road, Roswell. More info: 770-977-0238 or RFAA.org.







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

#### **DECEMBER 6**

St. Nicolaus Charity Soccer Event hosted by YMCA Cobb Adult Soccer League. 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 cobbsoccer@gmail.com or call 404-317-9245

#### **DECEMBER 7**

**First Monday Breakfast** sponsored by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Speaker: Congressman Barry Loudermilk. Program: Sam Olens Business Community Service Awards. 7:30–9am. Cost of the breakfast: \$30 members; \$65 general admission. Cobb Galleria, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/RSVP: 770-980-2000 or cobbchamber.org.

#### **DECEMBER 8**

**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.







## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **DECEMBER 8, 10, 15, 17**

**High Tea**, a delightful way to spend an afternoon in the 1839 childhood home of Mittie Bulloch. Visit includes a delicious 2-course tea served by ladies in period clothing and a tour of the house decorated for Christmas. 4pm. \$45/person. Reservations required. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. More info: 770-992-1731, ext. 7 or bullochhall.org.

#### **DECEMBER 9**

Artsy Smartsy: School Age Art Club. Fun for ages 5-10. Learn about art and explore paintings, sculpture, and architecture. Each class includes a story, analysis of works of art, and a hands-on art-making experience with a project to take home. 3:30-4:30pm. Gritters Library, 880 Shaw Park Road, Marietta. More info: 770-528-2524 or cobbcat.org.

Inaugural High School Sports Summit. This one-of-a-kind event will focus on the business of high school sports in Georgia and its impact on businesses and the community. Keynote Speakers: John Smoltz and Kevin Butler. 7:30am-12pm. \$85. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: Emily Boyle at eboyle@bizjournals.com or 404-249-1069.



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#### **DECEMBER 9**

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 mariettahistory.org.

#### **DECEMBER 12**

**CAREing Paws with Miss Silver.** Independent readers are invited to register for a 15-minute appointment to read to Miss Silver, Cobb Library's resident reading dog, and Miss Kathy. Great for beginning readers! Registration is required. 3:30-4:30pm. Mountain View Regional Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2725 or cobbcat.org

International Adoption Info Session presented by CCAI Adoption Services. A 501c(3) charitable, non-profit child placement agency. Opportunity to explore adopting a child from China, Haiti, Latvia, or Ukraine. Details include but not limited to: qualifications, fees, services, timelines, and travel requirements. 2-3:30pm. Panera Bread Company, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 678-560-5863 or ga-promo@ccaifamily.org.

#### **DECEMBER 12-13**

Disney Live! Presents Three Classic Fairy Tales. Laugh, sing and dance as you step into a world of wonder where wishing is only the beginning and dreams really do come true. Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald and Goofy as they bring the timeless fairy tale adventures of Cinderella, Beauty and The Beast, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to life in a live theatrical experience that is pure magic. Sat: 7pm; Sun: 11am and 2pm. \$20-\$80 plus applicable fees. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800 or cobbenergycentre.com.

#### **DECEMBER 13**

**13th 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. The Art Place - Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More Info: 770-509-2700 or theartplace.us.







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#### **DECEMBER 13**

Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony Concert (AYMS). The AYWS will perform wind band classics, including In a Nutshell Suite by Percy Grainger, Armenian Dances of Alfred Reed and the "West Point" Symphony by Morton Gould. 4pm. Free. Lassiter Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066. More info: 404-367-5163 or atlantayouthwindsymphony@amail.com.

**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 atlcoin.com.

#### **DECEMBER 13-30**

**Deep in the Heart of Tuna.** Tuna, Texas, a town full of the most off-the-wall characters you've ever met and have always known. The whole town is played by two extraordinarily gifted actors/quick change artists. December 13 & 19: 8pm. December 16, 17, 23, 27, and 30: 2pm. Tickets: \$20/person; \$15/senior. Theatre on the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue SW, Marietta. More info: 770-426-4800 or theatreinthesquare.co.

#### **DECEMBER 16**

**Well Screen Event.** Affordable health screening event, blood pressure, lipid panel, thyroid screening, comprehensive metabolic panel, hemoglobin A1C and more. Price varies. 7:30-10am. East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-956-STAR (7827) or wellstar.org.



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#### **DECEMBER 19**

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Cobb Senior Bowl, Georgia Northwest Bowl, Georgia Southwest Bowl Triple-header. Three football games that feature the best high school football players and their coaches from the metro Atlanta area. 12:30pm. Tickets: \$10 at the gate; Skybox: \$50. McEachern High School, 2400 New MacLand Road, Powder Springs 30127. More info: 404-3319-3833 or americanyouthcouncil.com.

#### **DECEMBER 19-20**

**Eastman Gun & Knife Show.** Get a good deal on firearms, ammo, holsters, and/or knives. 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. Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 229-424-4555 or eastmangunshows.com.

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#### **DECEMBER 19-22**

Christmas Basketball Camp for boys and girls grades PK-8th. Give your child the gift of better basketball this Christmas. No prior basketball experience is needed; just the desire to have fun and practice some skills with Coach Boyd and Mt. Bethel's varsity student athletes! 2-5pm. Cost: \$225 for all four days (or \$75 per day). Mt. Bethel Christian Academy North Campus, North Campus Gym, 2509 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta 30062. More info: Cal Boyd at cal.boyd@mtbethelchristian.org.

#### **DECEMBER 21**

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 (6-18). 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 bullochhall.org.

#### **DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 5, 2016**

Cobb County schools closed for winter break.

#### **DECEMBER 21-23 & 28-30**

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 chattnaturecenter.org.

#### **DECEMBER 21-23 & 28-30, JANUARY 4**

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/East Cobb. More info: 678-569-9622.

#### **DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 2**

Marietta/Cobb Drivers Ed. This course consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction and meets the requirements for Joshua's Law and qualifies for the Teen Driver's Education insurance discount. The classroom portion is intended to teach students in small groups with one instructor. The students should have strong attention, behavior, and test taking skills. Mon-Thurs: 8am-4pm. \$385 and covers both the classroom and behind the wheel portions. Marietta Sixth Grade Academy location at 340 Aviation Road. Marietta. More info: 770-429-3170, 770-429-3171 or mariettacobbdriverseducation.com.

#### **DECEMBER 31**

Dancing With the Stars Live! Dancing with the Stars is taking its all new production on the road giving fans the opportunity to see their favorite stars dance live in their hometowns. Exciting and romantic performances never before seen on the show. 8pm. Tickets: \$37 -\$122 plus applicable fees. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800 or cobbenergycentre.com.

#### **JANUARY 3**

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: eliteevents.com.

#### **JANUARY 11**

Cobb Chamber First Monday Breakfast. Program: State of the County presented by Tim Lee, Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners. 7:30am. General admission: \$60. Member admission: \$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 cobbchamber.org.



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## **NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS**

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

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#### **Polar Bear Plunge**

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. Check in and on site registration begin at 10:45am. Please arrive before 11:30am. 3105 Clarks Bridge Road, Gainesville. 770-287-7888 | www.lckc.org.

#### New Year's Eve at the Strand

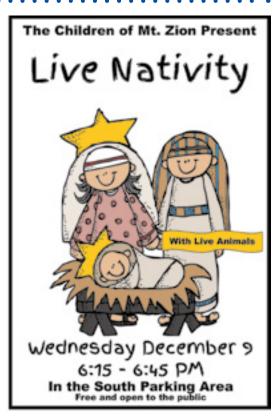
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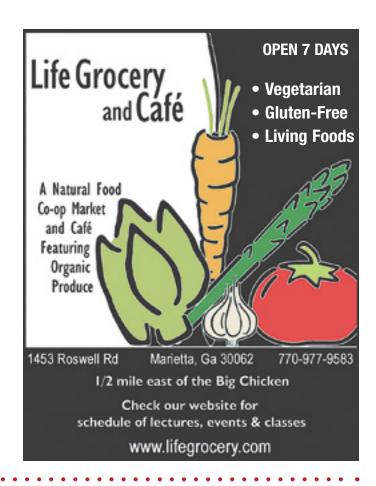
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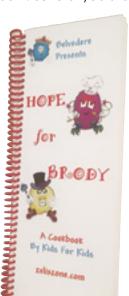




## **EAST COBB MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO PUBLISH** CHILDREN'S COOKBOOK

mother and her daughter have teamed up to create a cookbook that raises money for a family with a disabled child. East Cobbers Kathy Qualey and her mother, Martha Ouderkirk, recently published a children's cookbook titled, "Hope for Brody" that features simple recipes from families who have special needs kids.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will be donated to assist the Jackson family with the special care and medical expenses necessary for their son Brody. Leigh and T.J. Jackson adopted their daughter Hope just after she was born. Several years later, when they found out that



Hope's biological mother gave birth to another baby, they decided to adopt Brody. Brody was born prematurely at 31 weeks and was diagnosed with medical issues including Spastic Cerebral Palsy. Brody is blind, non-verbal and suffers from seizures. Hope has loved to cook since she was just twoyears-old. Hope's love of all things culinary is what inspired the cookbook project.

Kathy Qualey and her mother, Martha Ouderkirk, run a children's website, zelixzone. com, which promotes the creativity of children with



unique graphic characters. These graphic "zelixes" are featured throughout this cookbook. Kathy and Martha teamed up with the Jacksons to publish the book using animated characters from the site and collected recipes from families who also have special needs children. The book is \$21 (plus shipping & handling) and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be donated to assist the Jackson family with the special care and medical expenses for Brody. The "Hope for Brody" cookbook can be purchased at Uppity's in East Cobb and/or online at: www.budgettransfer.com/hope.

Here's a recipe—great for holiday cookie exchanges-from the Hope for Brody Cookbook:

#### Shelby's Nutella Brownies

1 13 ounce jar Nutella

1/4 cup flour

2 eggs, beaten

- > Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- > Coat 8"x 8"baking pan with cooking spray
- > Combine all ingredients and pour into pan
- > Bake for 15 minutes
- > Cut and serve

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Favorite Toy: His skateboard.

Last Seen: Lounging on his ramp.

What makes your pet so special:

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Owner's Name:



## TIPS FOR PICKING THE PERFECT SHELTER PET

Here are some helpful tips for readers who may be thinking of adding a pet to the family this holiday season. Keep these guidelines in mind when choosing a cat or dog for adoption -- your future self will thank you.

#### 1. TAKE NOTES BEFORE YOU GO

Talk to all your household members to clarify what you want in a pet. Identify your dealbreakers before you even begin to look. Write them down, and take the list to the shelter. Often, we become overwhelmed with seeing cats and dogs in cages, or are distracted by looks. Examples of deal breakers might include heavy shedding and drool, high or low energy, or lack of house training. Writing these things down will help you to keep your focus and self-discipline.

#### 2. CONSIDER A TRIAL RUN

Some animal shelters offer "foster-to-adopt" programs, in which you essentially give the animal a trial run in your own home before committing to adoption, in order to decide if the dog will be a good fit. Ask whether your local shelters offer this. If you can try a cat or dog out first, go for it. It only increases the odds of a perfect rescue.

#### 3. DON'T WINDOW-SHOP ALONE

If you are a novice in the dog world, try to bring someone more experienced with you to the shelter. Even if you are a skilled assessor, it can still be helpful to have another's observations. Always bring an objective, dogsavvy friend.

#### 4. ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS

Observe the pets and take notes on their behavior. Talk with the shelter staff about their daily interactions with the cats/dogs and what their impressions are. If an animal was surrendered, the previous owner may have been asked to fill out forms with background information. You'll want to find out whether the cat or dog has ever bitten anyone, is house trained, and is good with kids.

#### 5. CONSIDER A PET BEING FOSTERED IN A HOME

Some rescue organizations, rather than having a shelter or kennel facility, maintain cats/dogs in foster homes while they are awaiting adoption. These rescues may be breed-specific or all-breed. One of the benefits of this

is that it allows the potential adopter to see how a dog behaves in a home setting, as well as in other pet-typical situations like walking on-leash and visiting dog-friendly stores. Also, it allows you to get exactly what you want. For example, you might want a snuggly dog, one who is good with kids, or one who is good with cats. In the last case, you could look for a dog that has been specifically fostered alongside cats.

#### 6. GIVE YOUR NEW PET A GRACE PERIOD

When you bring your new cat or dog home (congratulations!), remember to be patient. The cat/dog does not yet know you, your home, your other pets, your neighborhood, or your routine. Dogs are adaptable and will try hard, but give them a grace period. It's typical, for example, for a solidly housetrained dog to have accidents in a new home. S/he just needs a little refresher course.

A pet is for life, make sure you can make the commitment. Adopting a cat or a dog is a big deal and should never be taken lightly. But like with any relationship, they take time, adaptation, patience, and communication.

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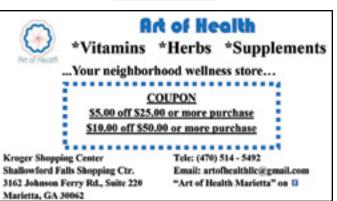
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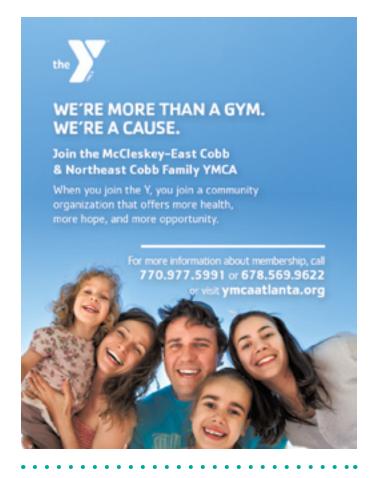
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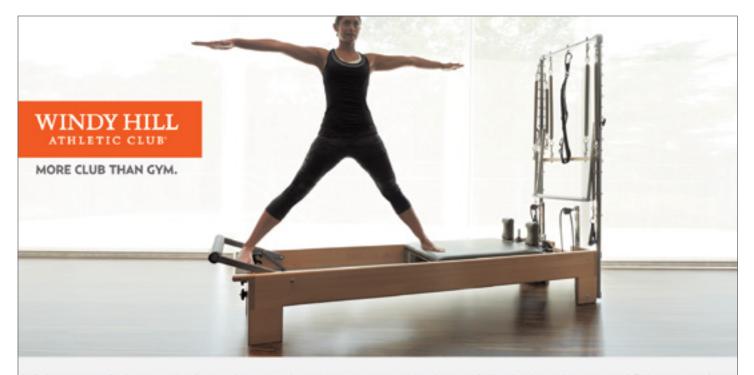
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# POLAR BEAR RUN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016

The 28th annual Polar Bear Run is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016. 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.



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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 packets may be picked up, Friday, January 29: 10am - 7pm at Big Peach Running Company 1062 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 or Saturday, January 30, beginning at 6:30am at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church's

Activities Center, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068. For more information, visit polarbear-run.com.



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Aloha to Aging is a non-profit created to address the social needs of seniors 55 and older with mild to moderate impairments, assist their family members with their changing role as a family caregiver and create volunteer opportunities for the community. Aloha to Aging was founded in August 2009. Their office is located at 4608 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta/East Cobb and is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30am until 4pm. For more information or to RSVP, call 770-722-7641 or email info@alohatoaging.org. Listed below are some activities offered in December:

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group:

oha to Aging December 7 | 10:30am. 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. Call in advance to arrange for care 770-722-7641

Tailor-Made Yoga for Parkinson's **Disease - Mat or Chair:** Mondays 2:30–3:30pm. 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.

Tai Chi - Standing: Tuesdays | 2pm. & Tai Chi -Seated: Thursdays, offered weekly at 2 p.m. Cost: \$35 monthly fee per program or \$10 per class.

**Tango -** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15-1:45pm. Tango to work on mobility and balance. Classes are free to attend.

**Healthy Brain Game Day** Wednesdays

| 11am-12:30pm. Exercise, eating right, and avoiding stress help maintain a healthy body as is ages, but what about the brain? Learn new and engaging ways to stimulate vour brain while havina fun all at the same time! A light lunch will be provided. Donations for Aloha to Aging, Inc. accepted. Program held at McClesky-East Cobb YMCA. 1055 East Piedmont

Road, Marietta, 30062. (Program is open to both YMCA and non-YMCA members). Please RSVP to 770.722.7641 or info@ alohatoaging.org.

Aloha Day Club - Mondays & Wednesdays | 10:30am - 2pm. Dedicated staff (professional & volunteer) provides a stimulating, structured, social & therapeutic program for seniors 55+ who have stopped driving. Program includes snack, lunch, music, exercise & interactive activities. Call 770-722-7641 or email evette@alohatoaging.org.

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# ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER

All Cobb residents age 55+ are invited to participate in activities at various senior centers throughout Cobb. The following is a listing of activities scheduled at the East Cobb Senior Center located at 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066. Call the East Cobb Senior Center at 770-509-4900 for reservations and/or more details.

#### Caregiving: Survive & Thrive

December 8 | 11am-12pm | Free;

Registration required

Whatever life brings, learn to survive and thrive. Caregivers will be given tools to enable them to balance their own lives with the role of caregiver. Presented by Maria Hirschkorn from Hirschkorn Eldercare Consulting.

#### Ice Cream and a Movie: Love Actually

December 14 | 1:00pm

\$4 Cobb residents, \$5 Non-residents;

Ticket required

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The ultimate romantic comedy from the makers of Bridget Jones's Diary and Notting Hill. Funny, irresistible and heartwarming.

#### The 20 Most Ridiculous Super Foods

December 16 | 11am-12pm | Free Registration required

Based on research on the longest living populations, many healthy power foods can claim big bragging rights: They can fend off serious diseases like diabetes, cancer and heart problems; fortify immune systems; protect and smooth skin; help lose weight or stay slim. Any concerns or questions about eating habits will be addressed at this informational presentation. Provided by Senior Provisions.







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Meals on Wheels has been guided by a single goal since the first known U.S. delivery by a small group of Philadelphia citizens in 1954 – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective programs in America, currently helping nearly 2.5 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country.

Cobb County is fortunate to have Meals on Wheels. Each day, Cobb Senior Services (CSS) prepares over 200 meals to be delivered to senior adults in Cobb County. Volunteers make sure that not only a hot, nutritious meal is served, but also that each client is made to feel special with personal visits. At this time, Meals on Wheels has two needs. First, there is a great need for volunteer drivers. CSS is currently looking to individuals, churches, businesses, and civic organizations to "Adopt-A-Route". Second, tax-deductible donations from citizens and organizations help to ensure that Meals on Wheels continues to provide nutritious meals to all in need.

If you have some time to volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver, or if you belong to an organization that would like to "Adopt-A-Route," call Kristie Naylor, Legacy Coordinator, Cobb Senior Services at 770-528-1445.

Donations can be sent to Cobb Senior Services, 1150 Powder Springs Street, Marietta 30061. Secure online donations can be made at www.cobbseniors.org.



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#### **Dermatology Affiliates** Welcomes Dr. Abbott to East Cobb



As the days grow shorter in the fall and winter months, now is the perfect time to how is the perfect time to begin a reparative skin care regimen to correct unfor-tunate summer sun dam-age. This process is now easier than ever, because Dermatology Affiliates recently added Cynthia Abbott, M.D. to its practice. Known for their focus on patient care, the phy

▲ Christine Rhodes

see pat impacting skin, nails or hair. They and treating skin cancer. They al eczema and removing warts or r

Dr. Abbott has always felt at world of science and the world of draws her to the field of dermate both skills to bring out healthy ar "I feel like all my life I have b those two," Dr. Abbott says.

"In college I majored in both mv master's in Medical Illustratio in Cosmetic Dermatology, I am

treatment that I do for a patien thetically pleasing." The visual appeal may have Abbott's interest in dermatology going is the variety of people she

Dr. Abbott also completed at Kosair Children's Hospital in Lo she feels she has expertise in Pea Cosmetic Dermatology.

"What I mostly love about d generational factor," Dr. Abbott kids and World War II vets in the

To get the most out of your matologist, Dr. Abbott recomme medical needs.

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nd her brother Dennis Farrell Jr e Religion jeans with a casual urchased at The Hub Boutique.

by Christine makes you feel you're visiting a friend rather than getting a haircut. Stylist Christine Rhodes has recently moved her business to one of the 12 private suites in Sola Salon Studios, which is located in the heart of East Cobb. Brilliantly lit with

ceiling to floor windows, Christine's cozy corner of the world provides you with just the place for what she alls "personal pampering. It's all about you - no waiting and no scuffling from

chair to chair. The suite gives you privacy and her undivided attention.

A hair color specialist and stylist, Christine has been in the business for 25 years. For the past 13 years, she worked at Van Michael's Salon in Sandy Springs. Wanting to branch out on her own, Christine was looking for both freedom and flexibility. "I want to be flexible for my clients," says Rhodes.
"When you work for a large salon, someone else is handling
your schedule, and the products you use are chosen for you. Now I can offer better scheduling and product choices. The privacy of the suite also gives my clients a personal experi-

Christine considered her current customer base when searching for a new location. The new Johnson Ferry address is convenient for her East Cobb customers. For the Sandy Springs customers, she is just a few miles north of her previ ous location.

Appointments are available on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Christine emphasizes that she is flexible in her scheduling, with Thursdays designated for late appoint

Hair Art by Christine is located at 1062 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite #100, Studio #127, in East Cobb. (The stu are directly behind Goldberg Bagel Company and Deli.) To schedule an appointment, call 678-794-5162



na, East Cobb resident Laura Fanoe full of upscale jeans, cute little tops, e gift items. Laura gave her shop ndma's shop, The Hub Boutique "The he ultimate nod to grandma. She and I were best friends." The Hub Laura's mother-in-law, Dorris, family friend are helping out.

e, I wanted to give local women lity to great designer clothing with-onsuming commute. I want The Hub to" store when you are in need of ck-me-up," shares Laura.

opens for business November 3, just er and the search for holiday aifts! gaes will be able to find high-end ages will be able to tind night-end had both normal and a-bit-heavier eans, until she found the best lat make everyone look great! She e something for everybody...to be perfect fit."

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American Association of University
Women (AAUW) of Cobb County.
Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm.
East Cobb Center, 4400 Lower Roswell
Road, Marietta. More info: Arden
Stone, arden\_stone@yahoo.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. atlantaillini.com or club@atlantaillini.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. Petitle Auberge Restaurant, North Druid Hills Road @ LaVista Road, Atlanta. More info: 770-928-4579 or ikovach2000@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. First United Methodist Church of Marietta, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: Judy Munson, jmteach@bellsouth.net.

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

day of the month. 7pm. North DeKalb Cultural Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Room 2 (second floor in the back), Dunwoody. More info: Nancy Guerine, 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. eastcobbba.com.

East Cobb Civic Association. Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 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. Cherokee Cattle Company, 2710 Canton 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.

Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country
Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta.
More info: Bob Schwale, 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 jerryk623@att.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.mcleague.org

Happy Tails Pet Therapy. Orientation for prospective members 1st Thursday or Saturday of the month. 10:30-11:30am and 7-8pm. Blue Pearl Georgia Veterinary Specialists, 455 Abernathy Road NE, Atlanta. 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.icap-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.cobblp.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 Wellness Club. Last Sunday of the Month. Spm. Sweetwater Creek State Park, 1750 Mt Vernon Road, Lithia Springs 30122. More info: Dr. Suane Cox, 404-558-5006 or Sandy 404-446-6093.  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 Hambrick, 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 for Parents of East Side Elementary and Dickerson Middle School. Mondays 10-11am. 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: 770-971-1719.

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, Augustdessert and fruit). 7-9pm. East Cobb
Government Service Center, 4400 Lower
Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770928-9314 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. Senior Wellness Center, 1150 Powder Springs Road, 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

Y Business Network. Every other Friday. 7:30-8:45am. Local business networking and referrals. Northeast Cobb Y, 3010 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta. Guests always welcome. More info: ybusinessnetwork.webs.com, Michelle

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## GROUPS

A.A./Al-Anon/Al-Anon Beginners/Alateen. Every • Monday.8pm. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2881 Canton Road, Marietta, More info: 770-973-5347 or jpm105@comcast.net.

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@ voicetodav.ora.

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@
- 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.
- Breastfeeding Mommy & Me Group. A lactation consultant is available to facilitate supportive discussions over a variety of topics. Mondays 9:30-11am. WellStar East Cobb Health Park, Marietta Room 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-793-8088.
- 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
- $\textbf{Caregiver Support Group.} \ \textbf{First Monday of the}$ month. 6-7pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.
- Codependents Anonymous. Mondays & Thursdays. 7:30-8:45pm. Unity North Church, 4225 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, More info: 404-213-4482.

- 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.ora
- Divorce Support Group. Every Wednesday. 6:30pm. Mt. Bethel Church (Church Room B106), 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. Bethel 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.
- Family and Friends of People Living with Mental • Illness. 4th Tuesday, 7pm Meets at Lutheran
- Church of the Incarnation, 1200 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, More info; 770 778-6025.
- 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. Second and 4th Sunday. 6:30pm. Call for location. More info: Sandy 404-446-6093
- 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 706-413-3264 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.

- Depression/Bipolar Support Group. First and 3rd
   Grief Support Group Every Wednesday. 6:30-8:30pm from mid-Fall to mid-Spring. An educational grief support group facilitated by two nationally recognized grief experts, a licensed clinical psychologist and an ordained pastor. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.mtbethel.org/support.
  - Grief Support Group for those who have had a family member, friend or other loved one pass away. Third Thursday of each month. 7-9pm. Unity North Atlanta Church, New Beginnings Room, 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 teshuva@aol.com.
  - Loneliness Bereavement Support Group. Every Wednesday except holidays. 11am. Heritage Hospice, 3315 Hilltop Drive, Marietta. More info:
  - 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. 7ion United Methodist Church 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, More info: 770-971-1465 or mtzionmops@gmail.com.
  - 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.
  - Spousal Support Group, Third Thursday of the month. 12-1pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or
  - ACaudell@arborcompany.com. Veteran's Information Referral Office (VIRO). Free help and information for all veterans with VA Dis-
  - ability, VA Healthcare, Employment and Counseling. Second and 4th Wednesday each month. First and 4th Saturday each month, 11am-2om. 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.
  - Women's Weight Loss Support Group. Join a growing group of local women on the path to weight loss in a non-judgmental environment providing accountability (weekly weigh-in), healthy eating/ fitness ideas and activities, and emotional support. Meetings held Tuesdays 6:45-7:45pm. Kroger, 3595 Canton Rd, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Marietta, (New Chastain Corners Shopping Center). More info: Rae Tucker raetucker1@vahoo.com

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