

Kiwanis
3/29/12

State of the City begins with the contribution of Kiwanis:

Ecclesiastics 1.8 *“Which has been, is what will be; and that which is done is what will be done* describes Kiwanis in its continuous service to our community year to year, generation to generation since 1930. Dr. Ralph Fowler, my pediatrician, serving as first president in 1930 and meeting in the Georgian Hotel to a Davis Walker President which I attended as Key Clubber for free lunch while at Henderson St. YWCA to current Kiwanis activities of American Flags that adorn our City celebrating our Country, Veterans Parade, and Field of Flags parade and many more both today, yesterday and tomorrow.

1956 remembering two great events. Kids Day with Dobbins at old fair grounds near aviation museum, 3,000 kids. Lot of fun, but did not last.

My favorite was the Southern Premier of the Disney Movie The Great Locomotive Chase at the Strand. 3 day affair, raised \$3,000, Graham Jackson, playing the accordion, B C Yates, then historian and officer of club, Kiwanis with Martin Theatre, Strand, and City sponsored this great event

celebrating the historic event of a Southern Conductor chasing and catching a stolen locomotive heading for Chattanooga.

To

The Re-premier of Disney's "The Great Locomotive Chase" with Fess Parker at the Strand will be on April 12th with this club graciously and historically as a Sponsor. This is the 150th anniversary of the stealing of the General. Besides this gala event, this Kicks off an exciting commemorative week end of the 150 anniversary of the civil war around the Marietta Square with the Museum of Art, Museum of History, Gone with the Wind, Zion Baptist Church Museum, the Strand, and Civil war organizations having events all week end with Disney Radio having an event in the park Sunday from 4 to 6. Something for everyone including Yankees. Russ Bonds author of Stealing the General will give remarks on stage at the Strand and have a book signing; red carpet, gala evening, fun gathering, the Texas 3, premier atmosphere. Just as the Kiwanians did in 1956, a White Dinner Jacket is optional, but come. Go on line to the Strand to buy your tickets to this fun presentation and enjoy the evening and then the week-end.

Dickens: The Best of Times, Worst of Times and how it is true today, but

Marietta is:

Moving Forward, not standing still

- Kennesaw Mountain to Chattahoochee Trail along western side of tracks, then crosses loop at rail road bridge, ties into trails around cemeteries then to civic center, aviation park, to SPSU
- Atherton (Red and Doc Atherton) Square Revitalization Historic Depot, bricks, pavers, street scapes, light posts, tie in with Trail
- **2009 Parks Bond-\$25,000,000**
 - Hickory Hills Park-signature opening soon
 - Aviation Baseball Park-public private partnership with great facilities
 - Laurel Park-Tennis program with public private
 - Custer Park-competitive soccer program
 - Whitaker Park, Victory Park, Merritt Park, Wood Park, Brown Park and soon finalized plans for central downtown park near or at Elizabeth Porter near Turner Chapel Church and First Landmark Bank
 - Dog Parks-2 with Lewis being improved
 - 17 acres on Franklin

- **Completing 2006 SPLOST (\$58,000,000)** with Roswell St. and Round a bout at Fairground and Allgood. Street Scapes out Roswell, Powder Springs, Fairground, Renaissance Area, Square area, Franklin Road. Our Public Works department making our gateways and roads attractive and safe.
- **2011 SPLOST-\$44,000,000** of furthering 2006 SPLOST, public safety, new fire station and training on Sawyer Road. Public Works does this in addition to normal maintance, which is designing, overseeing construction, land acquisition, etc.
- Marietta School Auditorium Bond Issue- Exclamation point on a great school system that just passed and great investment for ojur Future.
- More activity of private investment in stalled projects from Rockford Township to Montgomery St., Brown's Park, historical Manget St. Area.
- Seeing more planning, constructions, and closings.

Moving Forward, How We Manage

- Belt tightning with 10 to 12% decreases in Business License Revenues, Property Tax Revenues, Permit Revenues

- Stay 40 “people” under by maintaining positions and staff doing multiple task, for last 4 years; cutting capital expenditures form \$1,518 to \$300M. Fleet Maintenance one of top 100 in country keeping vehicles and equipment in top condition and useable.
- Stimulus Grants which stabilizes us at the worst of the adjustment
- Restructing areas such as recycling and then taking in house
- Innovated and creative to increase productivity and save money. Employees take pride in effort to maximize funds. The City has created a positive culture of money saving and increase productivity.
- Economic Development
 - Osmotica Pharmaceutical-156 jobs and one of first Opportunity Zones
 - TASQ-400 new employees and impact in area Testimony to our schools: Southern Poly, Life, Chattahoochee Tech, and Ga. Highlands as employers likes our young educated work force provided by these school.s
- Development
 - 10 screen movie theatre on powder springs, million plus
 - Fresh Market Grocery Store by Wal-Mart on Powder Springs

- Wellstar-being the finest medical institution in the state is an enhancement of area as it vitalizes the north part of our city.
- New Hospice off Kennesaw Ave., must see

Moving Forward, How We serve

- **Police**
 - Exceptional Police force with Police chief of the Year, Chief Flynn
 - New crime lab
 - Rapid ID fingerprint scanner for identification in field
 - Shut down pill mill calling themselves pain clinic
 - Gun Safety Seminar
 - Officer Mullis Officer of the Year

- **Fire**
 - No fire deaths with 285 fires in 2011!!!
 - Fire Safety Education Programs
 - 16 acres on Sawyer Award

Sanitation

- Dedicated and delivery every day. Great pride in their delivery service. Standard service, but integral part of what makes a City.

BLW

- \$150,000,000 quality and reliable service.
- Member of MEAG and have most competitive rates in City with partnerships with Georgia Power including two nuclear units nearing full regulatory approval.
- Serves over 40,000 customers
- Maintains lines without major breakdowns. Committed to maintaining lines and not waiting for major breaks
- Extreme upward pressure on rates. Have had to eat portion from electrical providers over the last two years. Can't do this again, and 5% plus rate increases seen in electricity, water, and sewage over coming years.

It

- MYMarietta on your cell phone. Maps, info, take picture of a pot hole and the phone records location. Time line maps are fun.

- As we do in the representative part of government, openness and informative is our goal for web site.
- City News approaches 12,000 people with informative emails
- Innovative and creative with competitive desire to have best web page so as to have demanding users stay interested.
- Informative website

Moving Forward, quality objectives

- Great strides in balancing home ownership/rentals/business
- Historical and Tourism with Marietta Welcome Center and allocations from hotel/motel/car rental taxes to organizations that promote tourism.
- Great effort by our Museums, Theatres, and Arts to work hard to serve with innovated thinking. Marietta will continue to thrive as a cultural center for the arts, museums, theatres, and historical.
- Co-operative effort with Marietta Housing Authority (3 to 4 new apartment buildings for over 62), Marietta School System, DMDA, MRC, etc. to promote enhancement of City.
- Cemetery next year, same channel.

