

2014-2015 Smyrna Speaker Rotation Biographies

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7/1/14 – Scott Auer, President, Smyrna Rotary Club

Scott was born in Eden, North Carolina and moved to Asheville, North Carolina when he was four years old. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and worked in the family garden most Saturdays. Scott was also active in athletics from age nine and played various sports, including football, baseball, basketball and wrestling. He moved to Atlanta in 1993 and has lived in Smyrna since 2001.

Scott attended North Carolina State University where he obtained a BA in Religion and Philosophy. He also played football there and was captain of the football team his senior year. After graduating from college, he became interested in home building and began a career in that field in 1990. For the past 19 years he has worked for several small custom builders in the Asheville area and a large builder/developer in the Atlanta area, where he worked for 12 years. In 2008, Scott started his own residential construction company, CrestHaven, LLC and is currently focused on residential remodeling, additions, basement finishes and outdoor living projects.

He was married in 2007 and recently they gave birth to a lovely daughter. Scott enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and biking, sporting clays, bird hunting and amateur landscaping at their residence.

7/8/14 - William P. Marchione



Dr. William P. Marchione is a retired history professor who moved to Smyrna from Boston, Massachusetts in 2009. He is the author of the recently published (September 2013) "A Brief History of Smyrna, Georgia" and coordinates the popular "First Sunday of the Month" lecture series at the Smyrna Public Library.

A lifelong supporter of public libraries, Bill serves on the board of the Friends of the Smyrna Library and helped initiate a project to expand the library's local history collection with funding from the Friends of the Library. He also serves on the board of Smyrna's Golden K Kiwanis Club. He has lectured widely on aspects of local history over the past three years, and in 2012 was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Smyrna Historical & Genealogical Society. He is currently at work on a slide/ lecture on the history of the Western & Atlantic Railroad which he plans to give in late 2014.

Bill's educational background includes a B. A. from Boston University, majoring in history and government; an M.A. from George Washington University, majoring in American diplomatic history; post graduate studies in the history of the American South at the University of Tennessee; and a Ph.D. from Boston College, with concentrations in urban history, the history of American education, race and immigration history, and modern European history.

Bill taught at both the public school and university levels for over 40 years, and has received numerous awards and certificates of commendation for his work as an educator and public lecturer. His approach to the teaching of history was always highly innovative. In 1993 he was named the "outstanding American History Teacher in Massachusetts" by the national order of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1998 he received the coveted "Boston History Award," conferred annually by the Bostonian Society, for his work as a teacher, writer and Boston historian. In 2002 he received the "I Migliori Award" from the Pirandello Lyceum for his contributions to promoting Italian history and culture; and in 2008 he was named a fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He has been active over the years in promoting oral history and has plans to inaugurate an oral history project in the local schools later on this year.

Bill has served in a number of elective and appointive positions. In 1983 he won election to Boston's School Board, representing the city's Allston-Brighton neighborhood, and headed the board's "Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee" during his period on that body. His appointive positions have included service on Boston's U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights Bicentennial Commission and on the Boston Landmarks Commission (the historical commission of the City of Boston), a post he held from 1995 to 2008, winning wide recognition as one of the city's strongest historic preservation advocates.

Bill has written seven books altogether as well as hundreds of articles for historical journals and the local press. In the period 1998 to 2002 he penned regular historical columns for several Boston area newspapers.

Bill also helped found several Boston area organizations, including the Friends of the Boston City Archives, serving as its Treasurer for several years. He was instrumental in the establishment of two state-of-the-art Boston-area museums--- the Brighton-Allston Heritage Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of the Waterworks. He has carried his interest and success as an exhibitor and curator to Smyrna, where he is working on a committee, established at the mayor's suggestion, to overhaul and expand Smyrna's outmoded and overcrowded History Museum.

7/15/14 – Paula Bevington

Paula Lawton Bevington owns Bevington Advisors, LLC, a philanthropic consultancy. Her primary client



is the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and a director of Latham Time. A graduate of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame magna cum laude and the Yale Law School, she was a Fulbright scholar in Venezuela. La Grange College awarded her an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 2012.

Paula spent most of her professional life at Servidyne, a company founded by her late husband. Initially a compressor remanufacturer, Servidyne evolved into an energy engineering company offering energy-conserving services to owners and managers of existing buildings. After the company was sold, she became a professional development officer, first at Scitrek and later at The Marcus Institute, now the Marcus Autism Center.

Active in the non-profit sector in areas ranging from health to legal services, children's issues, the arts, business, education, international affairs and civil rights, Paula was the first woman president of the Rotary Club of Atlanta. Currently she chairs the boards of the Flannery O'Connor-Andalusia Foundation and the Justice Center of Atlanta and serves on several other boards, including the Task Force for Global Health and her high school, Luralton Hall, in Connecticut. She is a former chair and Life Member of the Carter Center Board of Councilors.

7/22/14 – Georgia State Senator Hunter Hill



Born and raised in Cobb County, Hunter attended The Westminster Schools in Buckhead where he excelled at football. He played the sport at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where upon graduation he underwent Ranger training and led troops in Iraq and Afghanistan in three separate tours, achieving the rank of Captain, and later serving as a General's aide.

Upon his return Hunter entered the private sector, where he currently works as a Director of New Business Development for the security firm SecurAmerica. Previously he worked as a Real Estate Developer in Atlanta, with projects including Atlantic Station, as well as complexes at several local schools.

Hunter has a wife, Shannan, who is from the Atlanta area, as well as two young children, Hunter Jr. and Annie. He and his family attend The Church of the Apostles in Buckhead. Hunter was elected as the State Senator for the newly drawn District 6 in November of 2012. The 6th District includes parts of both Cobb and Fulton Counties,

encompassing Smyrna, Vinings, Buckhead, Brookhaven, and Sandy Springs.

7/29/14 – Lydia Jones, The Georgia Small Business Development Center



Lydia Jones, senior public service associate with the University of Georgia, serves as the District Director for The Georgia Small Business Development Center. Her leadership supports consulting and educational activities of a large team of SBDC professionals and facilitates innovation throughout Metro Atlanta and north Georgia on behalf of small business communities.

Ms. Jones has extensive experience in all phases of organizational operations, including finance, marketing management and human resources. Her work experience includes upper management and executive-level functions in several mid-sized companies as well as business ownership and service on corporate boards. She

facilitates discussions and speaks regularly to business and corporate groups around the country. She is a recipient of statewide awards and national recognition for consulting, development of CPEs for CPAs programs and committee leadership for the Georgia Women Entrepreneurs' Conference. In addition to general core competencies in numerous areas of business operations, Ms. Jones specializes in funding assistance through both traditional lending and equity. She has assisted with the preparation of almost \$100 million in loan and equity packaging in her time with the GA SBDC.

Her education includes an MBA (marketing concentration) from Emory University, graduate courses at the London Business School, a BBA in Accounting from Georgia State University, Price Babson Entrepreneurship courses at Babson College, and she is currently in the Vivian Fisher Leadership Academy at the University of Georgia.

She is a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association and she has been interviewed by media and quoted in publications all across the U.S. such as *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *the New York Times*, and on *MSNBC*. She has written numerous articles that have been published by local sources and by one as far away as Scientia, South Africa.

8/5/14 - District Governor Alicia Michael

Alicia Michael is the owner of Carrollton Collision Center in Carrollton, Georgia. After working as the office manager of her company for two years, she became a partner in 2000. She went on to become the sole owner in 2002.



After spending several years focusing on her business, Alicia began looking for a way to serve her community and was introduced to Rotary by her sponsor, Herbert Hatton. She joined the Rotary Club of Carrollton Dawnbreakers in March 2005. Since her induction she has served the club as Service Projects Director, Fundraising Director and President in 2008-2009. She has been recognized by her club with the Dawnbreakers Rotarian of the Year, Dawnbreakers Leadership Award, John T. Lewis Mentor Award and the Dawnbreakers Excellence Award. Alicia was also honored to receive the District 6900 Sheffield Award in 2008-2009.

While working as Service Projects Director of the Dawnbreakers, the club introduced RADD: Rotarians Against Distracted Driving. This initiative was

designed to raise awareness amongst teens and adults of the dangers of distracted driving.

Alicia served District 6900 as an Assistant Governor from 2010-2013. She is a Sustaining Member, a Benefactor, and a Paul Harris Fellow and in February of 2011 joined the Paul Harris Fellow Society.

Other community involvement includes service on the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 2010-2013, the Carroll County Women's Business Alliance Board of Directors in 2009 and 2010 and current Executive Director of Carroll County's Certified Literate Community Program, LIFT (Literacy Is for Today and Tomorrow, Inc.). Alicia was named the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year in 2010.

Alicia is married to Matt Metts and together they have two children, Joshua Michael and Mikayla Metts.

8/12/14 - Brenda Erickson – District 6900 Literacy Chair

Brenda Erickson is an Association Montessori Internationale (A.M.I.) certified Montessori Primary teacher with over three decades of experience teaching children to read. She is the founder of Counterpane Montessori School, a non-profit 501(c)3, in Fayetteville, GA.

Brenda is a member of the Rotary Club of Peachtree City in District 6900. She has been a Rotarian since January 2006, was the District Literacy Chair for three years under District Governors Bill Wolfin, Casey Farmer, and Roy Strickland, initiating a district wide literacy conference each of those years. She was twice the recipient of the North American Literacy Award. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society and has slowly but surely become a major donor.

She is the developer of Souns – a Montessori-minded, early literacy program that teaches the fundamental tools of print. Through Rotary, the Souns program has been the basis for District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, and Global Grants hosted in South Africa, Puerto Rico, and the USA. Brenda serves Rotary by volunteering to train for this program.

Most importantly, Brenda is the mother of three amazing children who have (thus far) added four equally amazing grandchildren to the mix.

8/19 – June Deen, American Lung Association



June Deen, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Health Promotions

American Lung Association in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina

June has been with the American Lung Association for many years with much of that time devoted to the Lung Association's policy issues. She worked to pass many of our state laws curbing tobacco use by kids, restricting public exposure to secondhand smoke and increasing taxes on cigarettes. She tracks air quality regulations and has expanded Mothers and Others for Clean Air throughout the Southeast. The American Lung Association has recently

launched LUNGFORCE, a new national to unite women in the fight against lung cancer and for lung health.

8/26/14 – Malaika Rivers, Cumberland Community Improvement District



Executive Director, Cumberland Community Improvement District

Malaika Rivers is responsible for leading the efforts of the Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID) in the Cumberland submarket in northwest Atlanta, Georgia. The Cumberland CID is the mechanism by which the area's commercial property owners advance roads, streetscapes, trails, beautification, and other infrastructure enhancements that improve their property values as well as the greater community.

With 21 years experience, Rivers works with commercial investors, developers, government partners and other stakeholders by raising seed funding through the CID's local commercial property assessments, leveraging them against public funds, and reinvesting them back into the community's infrastructure. Since its inception in 1988, the CID has successfully leveraged \$100 million local dollars into an

estimated half billion dollars in constructed projects. This has helped grow real estate assets in the CID to more than \$4 billion, with \$3 billion of that in commercial real estate value. A testament to the success of the CID, in 2013 the Atlanta Braves announced their intent to relocate to Cumberland and develop a billion dollar stadium and mixed-use development by 2017.

Rivers began with the Cumberland CID in 1996 when she was brought on to develop and manage the Transportation Management Association ("Commuter Club" TMA) which was also the first in Georgia. In 2006 she was named the first full time Executive Director of the CID to oversee the CID's growing portfolio of projects, including road, streetscape, trail, transit, commuter services, land use planning, beautification, parks, and more.

Under Rivers' leadership, the CID and its initiatives have been recognized and awarded nationally and internationally by the US EPA, US DOT, International Downtown Association, Georgia Planning Association, Association for Commuter Transportation, as well as notable coverage by the Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio, ABC World News and more.

Rivers has been named a “40 Under 40” by both Georgia Trend and the Atlanta Business Chronicle, a “25 Power Women to Watch” by Atlanta Woman magazine, and a “Woman of Achievement” by the YWCA. Rivers sits on the Board of Directors for the Council for Quality Growth, the Livable Communities Council, and is active with the Urban Land Institute. She is a committee member of the region’s Environment and Land Use Committee and a graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute as well as Leadership Cobb. Rivers has also been an appointment of the Speaker of the House for a study committee related to the horse racing industry.

Prior to her current position, Rivers was with the Atlanta Regional Commission and before that, with private industry in Washington, DC and Northern Virginia. Rivers is a graduate of Virginia Tech and lives in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia.

9/2/14 - Gordon L. Jones, Atlanta History Center



Gordon L. Jones is the Senior Military Historian and Curator at the Atlanta History Center in Atlanta, Georgia, where he has worked for the past twenty-one years. Gordon is responsible for the care, exhibition, and research of approximately 12,000 objects of military origin, most of which relate to the American Civil War.

He was the writer and curator of the 9,200 square-foot signature exhibition *Turning Point: The American Civil War*, which opened in 1996, as well as a number of temporary exhibitions since that time, including *War in Our Backyards: Discovering Atlanta 1861-1865*.

Gordon holds a Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts at Emory University, specializing in the Civil War in popular culture and the processes of remembering, commemorating, and recreating the past. Gordon also holds a B.A. in history from Furman University and an M.A. in applied history and museum studies from the University of South Carolina. He was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina.

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9/9/2014 – Judge Reuben M. Green

Judge Reuben Green presides over the Veterans Accountability and Treatment Court in Cobb Superior Court. Judge Green is a former enlisted United States Marine. While serving as a Marine, Judge Green received the Good Conduct and National Defense Medals, was meritoriously promoted twice, and was Honorably Discharged in 1993 after four years of active duty.

After serving in the Marines, Judge Green received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. He then graduated with Honors from Emory University School of Law.

Judge Green began his legal career at King & Spalding where his practice focused on employment discrimination, product liability, and general civil litigation. After September 11, 2001, he felt called to return to public service and became a prosecutor. Judge Green has served at all levels of prosecution including as an Assistant Solicitor, an Assistant District Attorney, and finally as a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

In 2010, Judge Green was appointed to the Cobb Superior Court bench by Governor Sonny Perdue and then was elected to a full term in 2012.

9/16/14 – Jim Kelly, Noted Author



James Floyd Kelly is a technology writer from Smyrna, GA. He received degrees in Industrial Engineering (Florida State University) and English (University of West Florida).

James began working in the IT industry in 1996 in Jacksonville, Florida. With his engineering and writing skills, he was hired to document the buildout of a multi-million-dollar data center. This duty required him to take almost six additional months of training related to networking, TCP/IP (the language of the Internet), data security, and other topics. After completing the job, James was hired by an

IT consulting firm in Houston, Texas as its lead systems/network administrator, responsible for maintaining all technology services for the 300+ employee firm.

In 1999, James was promoted to a Jr. IT consultant position; for two years, James traveled both locally and abroad to provide assistance to Fortune 500 corporations with assistance in benchmarking data centers for either purchase or sale. As a junior consultant, his primary duties were to document all technology related statistics and translate it for easier understanding by upper-level management teams. It was during this time that James began to develop his own methodology for structuring and writing large technology-related documents.

James left the IT consultant position in 2001 and partnered with two colleagues to start a small consulting business in Houston. The company provided technology training and network/security duties to small to medium-sized businesses. James provided some consulting duties but his primary job was documenting procedures, creating user manuals/instruction guides, and writing advertisement copy for white papers, brochures, and websites.

In 2004, James relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and opened his own company, Blue Rocket Writing Services, Incorporated, to provide customers with original technical content such as white papers, brochures, instructional manuals, and more. In 2006 his first technology book was published by Apress

and since then he has written over 25 books on a number of technology subjects that include building LEGO robots, programming, 3D printing, and 3D modeling CAD software.

During summers, James teaches electronics and robot building camps to students. He is a frequent writer for GeekDad.com and Makezine.com, and he and his wife, Ashley, live in Smyrna with their two young boys, ages 7 and 4.

10/7/14 – Bob Ott, Cobb Co. Commissioner

Bob Ott works for Delta Air Lines as an international and domestic pilot. He is also the president and owner of DBO Software. Ott has served in the U.S. Air Force and as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher.



His public service activities include serving on the Cobb County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Trustees for Friends for East Cobb Park, as president for East Cobb Civic Association, Terrell Mill Homeowners Association, Transportation SPLOST Oversight Committee, Neighborhood Safety Commission, Vinings Corridor Study, Blueprint Cumberland and Powers Ferry Corridor Study.

Ott holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Bucknell University and a master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California. He is married with two children and a member of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church.

Commission District Two (Southeast Cobb) includes Cumberland, a major metro employment center bordered by three interstates. Convenient to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, the area is home to major corporations such as

Home Depot, IBM and US Sprint and includes a nationally-ranked convention facility, the Cobb-Galleria Centre. The district is enjoying a resurgence in upscale residential development, which includes the Vinings and Smyrna communities.

10/14/2014 – Congressman David Scott

In 2002, David Scott was elected to the United States Congress. He is currently in his sixth term representing Georgia's Thirteenth Congressional District, which includes 6 counties around metro Atlanta: Cobb, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton and Henry.

United States Congress



In Congress, David Scott is a strong voice for jobs, healthcare, education, our veterans, our children, and transportation. He serves on the Financial Services Committee, Agriculture Committee, and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He has passed several laws including student loan repayment assistance for law students who become public prosecutors and defenders so that top attorneys will be attracted to public service. He also recognized the importance of Fathers by adding Father's Day to the U.S. Flag Code as a day of special significance. He also bridged political gridlock to achieve National Heritage Area designation for the Arabia Mountain in metro Atlanta.

As a Member of the Financial Services Committee, Congressman Scott has stood with homeowners and neighborhoods during the financial crisis. He worked to enact the program to provide

struggling homeowners who are unemployed with up to 18 months mortgage assistance. He also helped create the mortgage assistance program Home Assistance Mortgage Program (HAMP), the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), and the Making Home Affordable Program. After major flooding hit metro Atlanta in 2009, he obtained financial support for his district and wrote the law to allow for flood insurance premiums to be paid in monthly installments rather than one lump sum. He ensured that Georgians receive two free credit reports each year, rather than the one annual report available to most of the country.

As a Member of the Agriculture Committee Congressman Scott recognizes that Georgia's largest industry is agriculture and he fights to protect the interests of Georgia's farmers, ranchers, and food processors. He also works to ensure that America's agriculture sector continues to grow and remains globally competitive. Scott currently serves as the Ranking Democratic Member on the General Commodities and Risk Management Agriculture Subcommittee, which oversees our nation's farm support system, commodity exchanges, and derivative swap financial regulations to prevent another national economic meltdown. Congressman Scott has sponsored legislation to keep food and nutrition prices down for consumers. He supports land grant universities (such as the University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University), recognizing the significance they play in fostering research and education, and improving the agricultural economy.

As a Member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Congressman Scott supports a strong American military and robust foreign policy and has demonstrated a firm commitment to America's relationships abroad particularly, with Israel and our NATO allies. Congressman Scott has provided strong leadership in passing a resolution at the 2012 NATO meeting, gaining the support of 27 other nations, to join the United States and Israel to stop Iran from securing a nuclear bomb.

Back Home in Georgia

Congressman David Scott spearheads a wide range of local initiatives that benefit his constituents. He sponsors annual jobs fairs that have secured over 7,000 jobs for his constituents. Congressman Scott also hosts an annual health fair, bringing free healthcare exams to help reduce breast cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, AIDS, and other healthcare issues. He has hosted major home foreclosure prevention and mortgage assistance events, helping over 4,000 constituents find help keeping their homes. Congressman Scott has secured over \$367 million in federal funds for transportation projects in his district.

Congressman David Scott chairs the Georgia State Society and chaired the Georgia Inaugural Ball during President Barack Obama's Inauguration in 2013. He sits on the board of the Dean Rusk Center for International Law and Policy at UGA. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha (Beta Nu), a Mason and a Member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. He received a "Trumpet Award" in 2008, the Urban League's "Congressional Leadership Award" in 2010, and has been recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" in multiple years.

Early Years

David Scott was born on June 27, 1945 on a farm in Aynor, South Carolina to Mamie Polite Scott and Albert James Scott. Soon after he was born, David's mother and father moved up north to take work as live-in domestics (maid/ cook and chauffeur/butler) for wealthy families, leaving David in the care of his maternal grandparents, Helen and James Burroughs, on the farm.

At age 5, David Scott was relocated to Scranton, Pennsylvania where he lived with his paternal grandparents, Minnie and Charles Scott. He attended Washington Street Elementary School in

Scranton. At age 10, his paternal grandmother died and David was moved back to the care of his maternal grandmother on the farm in South Carolina for one year.

Then at age 11, David Scott was relocated to Scarsdale, New York where his parents found another job as live-in domestics for a wealthy family. However, this family allowed David to live with his parents in Scarsdale, marking the first period in his life that he actually lived day-to-day with his parents. David attended Fox Meadow School and Scarsdale Junior High School.

At age 13, David moved with his parents to Daytona Beach, Florida where they bought a home and his father started a garbage collection business. David worked with his father on the garbage truck; and worked his way through school as a busboy, waiter and dishwasher at hotels and restaurants along Daytona's famous beach. David Scott graduated with honors from Campbell High School in Daytona Beach, Florida in 1963.

Higher Education

David Scott received several academic scholarships and attended Florida A&M University where he earned his BA degree and graduated with honors in 1967. During the summers of his junior and senior years at FAMU, David was selected to serve as a management intern in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor Management Relations in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation, he was awarded scholarships to the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and he earned his MBA degree with honors in 1969.

Business Career

Upon earning his MBA from Wharton, David Scott moved to Atlanta, Georgia and started his own advertising business, Dayn-Mark Advertising. He represented several major corporations as clients. He created and performed in the Georgia PBS Emmy-award winning television production "Langston!" about the poetry and life of the great African-American poet and playwright Langston Hughes. He also created and was the voice for the award-winning national radio program "Inside Black America," which was heard on radio stations across the United States.

Georgia State Political Career

David Scott began his political career in 1972 by working on Andrew Young's successful congressional campaign. In 1974, he was elected as a Georgia State Representative, where he served from 1975 to 1982. As State Representative, he authored laws to provide for gun safety, including creating background checks for gun purchases. He also made it a felony to knowingly sell or provide a firearm to a child or minor and held parents and guardians responsible for keeping their firearms away from children. Representative Scott helped create Peachcare, the health insurance program for children.

In 1982, David Scott was elected as a Georgia State Senator, where he served from 1983 to 2002. In the Senate, he successfully passed several major laws including a moment of silence for reflection or prayer in Georgia's public schools. He wrote the Georgia law that gives women with breast cancer surgery the

right to determine their length of stay in the hospital and level of medical care in consultation with their physician, rather than having insurance companies make such critical health decisions. He authored the law to limit and restrict landfills in residential neighborhoods, cleaning rivers and streams, and protecting underground water aquifers. He also passed the state law to provide sex education and AIDS prevention instruction in Georgia public schools.

Family

David Scott is married to Alfredia Aaron Scott. Their family includes two daughters, Dayna and Marcy; two grandchildren, Kimani and Kaylin; a son-in-law Kwame; and brother-in-law and good friend Hank Aaron. David Scott is the son of a minister and a man of strong faith who loves the Lord. He regularly gives guest sermons in area churches.

10/21/2014 – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2016-17

John F. Germ



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John is Chairman of the Board of Campbell & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the US Air Force. In Chattanooga, he has been active as the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement and campaign chairman of the United Way.

He also serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Orange Grove Center, Inc., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga School of Business Advisory Board, Executive Committee and Board of Directors Public Education Foundation, Treasurer CSTCC Foundation, Chairman Blood Assurance, Inc. and President of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation. He has served on several community boards and is a past president of the Tennessee Jaycees. He was recognized as Tennessee Young man of the Year for 1970, Engineer of the Year and is a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year in 1992, and is a recipient of the Arthritis Foundation Circle of Hope Award. He was recognized as the Tennessee Community Organizations Volunteer of the Year in 2009.

John joined Rotary in 1976 and has served R.I. as district governor, committee member, delegate to and Chairman of the Council on Legislation, task force zone and area coordinator, Aide to 2007-08 RI President, Chairman of the nominating committee 2011-12 , 2012-13 & 2014-15, International Assembly Training Leader (two years), Vice Chair of TRF Stewardship Committee, Chairman of TRF Investment Committee and TRF Finance Committee, Vice Chairman of the Bangkok Convention Committee, Chairman of Rotary's U.S.\$200 Million Challenge Committee from 1 December 2007 thru 30 June 2012, as well as 2014 Chairman for IPPC and an advisor to the RI Communications Committee.

He has received RI.'s Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society of the Rotary Foundation. They have four children and five grandchildren.

10/28/2014 – Andre Jackson, Editorial Editor, AJC



Andre Jackson was named editorial editor of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution in April 2009. In that role, he oversees the newspaper's Sunday editorial page and daily opinion pages.

Prior to being named editorial editor, Jackson, for nine months, was senior editor for business, federal and state news at the AJC. He was hired by the AJC in April 2008 as an editorial writer covering business and the economy.

Until March 2008, he was assistant managing editor/business of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He also worked there as Sunday editor and suburban editor. Jackson joined the Post-Dispatch in 1987 as a general assignment reporter, covering events ranging from presidential campaigns to a Ku Klux Klan rally. His work earned him local, state and national journalism awards.

Jackson began his career as a reporter at the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader and also worked at the old Kansas City Times. He first entered a newsroom as an intern at the old St. Louis Globe-

Democrat.

Jackson holds an MBA degree with majors in marketing and management/competitive strategy from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications/journalism from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, with minors in television-radio and business administration.

11/4/2014 – Tim Echols



Tim Echols was elected to the Commission in the general election of November 2010 after spending 15 years in the non-profit sector. Echols founded "TeenPact" and grew the mock legislative youth program to 38 states in his tenure. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors.

Tim's campaign focused on consumer protection, clean energy, and accountability. He travels the state speaking to students, civic groups and businesses about the importance of the PSC's responsibilities especially providing accountability to those the agency regulates.

Commissioner Echols has been outspoken about Georgia's nuclear waste--still sitting on both sites. He supports a Heritage Foundation plan that would privatize the reprocessing and disposal of commercial nuclear "material." Believing if the space program can be privatized, then certainly nuclear waste disposition can too.

Tim has three degrees from the University of Georgia and still makes his home in the Athens area with his wife Windy and their seven children.

11/11/2014 – Joe Kirby – 70th Anniversary of WWII

Joe Kirby has been Editorial Page Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal since 1992 and has won the



prestigious Freedom of Information Award and Public Service Award from the Associated Press (Georgia) and the Georgia Press Association numerous times, as well as winning awards for Best Columnist, Best Editorial, Best Editorial Pages and Best Feature from those groups.

He is the Southeastern Region 2008 winner of the First Place “Green Eyeshade” Award for Editorial Writing from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Kirby worked in the late 1980s and early 1990s as a city hall/general assignment reporter for the MDJ. Prior to that, Kirby was a reporter/anchorman for radio stations in northeast Georgia, including CBS Affiliate WNGC in Athens.

He has a B.A. from James Madison University in History and Communication Arts. He also was a 1973 graduate of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va. (“Remember the Titans!”)

He has served on the boards of the Marietta Museum of History, the Cobb Library Foundation, the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association, and the Marietta Kiwanis Club.

Kirby is a longtime Contributing Editor to Civil War News.

In summer 2012 he helped lead 25 Cobb residents on a tour of the D-Day and Battle of the Bulge sites in Europe, and led a similar tour to WWII sites in Italy last fall. He’ll be leading another tour back to Normandy this July.

He and his wife and two children live in west Cobb.

He is the author of “The Lockheed Plant,” “The Bell Bomber Plant” and co-author with Damien A. Guarnieri of “Then & Now: Marietta” and “Then & Now: Marietta Revisited.”

11/18/2014 – Matt Jarrard, Booth Western Art Museum



Born and raised in Indiana, Matt attended Franklin College where he was a 4 year member of the men's tennis team and Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity. A life-long Scouter and Eagle Scout, Matt began his professional career with the Boy Scouts of America serving as a District Executive in Indianapolis Indiana and Savannah Georgia.

He relocated to the Atlanta area in 2008 to accept a position as Campaign Consultant with The Laurus Group, where he raised over \$6 Million to build and renovate fraternity and sorority houses on college campuses across the country.

During his 4 years with The Laurus Group, Matt also served as Assistant Director of Development for the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation and as a member of the board of directors for HazingPrevention.org, a non-profit dedicated to eliminating hazing within Greek organizations.

Matt is an active member of the Vinings Rotary Club, and is a member of the board of directors for the Georgia Planned Giving Council.

Since 2012, Matt has served as Development Director for the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville Georgia. He is responsible for directing the museum's fundraising efforts, and planned giving program and securing annual financial support through direct gifts, museum memberships, grant funding, and corporate partnerships.

Matt and his wife Abby live in Smyrna and have been married for 8 years; she is an anesthesiology assistant at the Wellstar Hospital in Austell. They enjoy playing in year round ALTA tennis leagues and getting to the beach as much as possible.

12/2/2014 – Cobb County Superintendent Chris Ragsdale



Mr. Chris Ragsdale is interim superintendent for the Cobb County School District, the second largest public school system in Georgia and 24th largest in the United States. He previously served as Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support from 2011-2014 and Chief Technology Officer from 2006-2014 managing plant operations, safety, transportation, maintenance, and overseeing technology integration. Mr. Ragsdale has more than two decades of experience in school operations and information technology in the public and private sectors, including roles as Chief Information Officer for nearby Paulding County Schools and in network and database management for Bellsouth (AT&T) and IBM.

December 23, 2014 meeting cancelled.

December 30, 2014 meeting cancelled.

Jan. 6, 2015 – Smyrna Fire Chief Roy Acree



Roy Acree is a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Fire and Emergency Management services and most recently led his agency as the first municipality in the US to adopt and implement a national, whole community, awareness-to-action campaign known as *PrepareAthon*.

Chief Acree is a Nationally Certified Fire Officer and is a Master Certified Emergency Manager. He holds numerous certifications from the Georgia Fire Academy, the National Fire Academy, the Emergency Management Institute, and both the Federal and Georgia Emergency Management Agencies. Chief Acree is an adjunct instructor for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and is the current President of the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation.



Smyrna Economic Development focuses on business retention, business recruitment, redevelopment, and annexation initiatives. Jered Sigmon served four years as the city's Economic Development Coordinator. In that role, he worked as a liaison between the city and the local business community. Jered worked to put in place the city's Opportunity Zone and Enterprise Zone, two tax credit programs for new and expanding businesses. He also started the City of Smyrna Quarterly Business Workshop Series, a program designed to bring free business training to local business leaders. Jered graduated with a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Arkansas. In November, he transferred from the Economic Development Office to the Finance Department, where he currently serves as Budget Officer. Jered lives in Smyrna with his wife Betsy.

1/20/2015 - Jacob Levy, MD

The Emory Clinic, Smyrna



Raised in Kingston Ontario in the beautiful Thousand Islands region, Jacob attended medical school at the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. He completed his residency, chief residency and fellowship in cardiology at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. After completing his training he moved to Atlanta and joined Emory as faculty in September 2010. He's been practicing with the Emory Clinic in Smyrna since then.

Jacob enjoys baking, pilates, ju jitsu and spending time with his wife and children. His wife Yael is an author, completing her Masters in law this past fall at Emory University School of Law.

1/27/2015 - JERI BARR, CEO -The Center for Family Resources



Jeri has been the CEO of The Center for Family Resources since 1984. Under her guidance, the organization has grown from a small financial assistance agency to a multi-function human service organization, serving the needs of the whole family in order to help them attain self-sufficiency and responsibility for their family. In 1984, the organization employed 11 staff, had a budget of \$250,000, and rented 3,000 square feet from Kennestone Hospital.

Today, The Center for Family Resources, a United Way funded organization, employs 25 staff, has a budget of near \$3,500,000, and owns property valued at \$10,000,000 to include a one-stop center with 60,000 square feet, offering office space to nonprofit tenants and a meeting and conference space for the general public and a two bedroom condo. The organization operates 5 apartments off-site for short-term housing and 16 for transitional housing.

Prior to coming to The Center for Family Resources, Jeri served as the Director of Volunteer Cobb, a United Way service, and as Agency Relations Director for United Way. Born in Iowa to a career Navy officer, Jeri lived throughout the Midwest and Eastern United States. She moved to Cobb County in 1973.

Since becoming part of our community, she has been very active in many civic and volunteer activities. She has been Chairman/President of the East Cobb Newcomers Club, Cobb Christmas, Cobb County Rape Crisis Center, and Cobb County Community Council. She has taken an active leadership role with Special Olympics for Cobb, Junior League of Cobb/Marietta, Council of Volunteer Administrators, United Way Advisory Committee, and Cobb County Children's Center (now the Center for Children and Young Adults).

Currently, Jeri is the Past Chair of the Cobb Community Collaborative, member of the Advisory Boards for Kennesaw State University's Master in Public Administration and MSW programs, Past Chairman of the Cobb Community Transit Advisory Board, member of Wellstar's "First Steps" Advisory Board, and was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity. She is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta (currently President-Elect), Leadership Cobb (Class of 1985-1986), Cobb Chamber of Commerce, CEW, and Cobb Republican Women's Club.

Jeri was chosen as the 1993 "Woman of Achievement" by the Cobb County YWCA and Mrs. Cobb County by the Smyrna-Oakdale Moose Lodge #1917 for 1996. Most recently, she was honored as one of Atlanta's 25 Power Women To Watch in 2006 by Atlanta Woman magazine, was chosen by Family Connection to receive the 2007 Community Achievement Award for her role as Chair of the Cobb

Community Collaborative, and was chosen in 2008 as one of the 75 Women Leaders of Cobb by the Junior League of Cobb/Marietta.

Previously, Jeri was a panel speaker for the Cobb Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Cobb County School District and the Cobb Schools Foundation and a speaker at The Nonprofit Centers Network's 2007 Collaborating For Success National Conference in San Francisco. She was accepted into the Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders at Stanford University in 2002, Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Organizations sponsored by the Goizueta Business School at Emory, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University and the Georgia Center for Nonprofits in 2007, and the Regional Leadership Institute sponsored by Atlanta Regional Commission in 2007.

Jeri was appointed by the Cobb County Commission to serve on the Regional Commission On Homelessness, representing the interests of Cobb County.

Jeri is married to former US Congressman Bob Barr and lives in Smyrna. They have four children, eight grandchildren, and two Airedales.

2/3/2015 – Bill Strickland, 6910 District Governor

Bill was born and raised in Cartersville, Georgia. Bill was first touched by Rotary when he joined Boy Scout Troop 24, which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cartersville. He is a graduate of Cartersville High School. He continued his education and graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Economics. He started his career in the Lighting Business and later joined the Bartow Financial Center.



He is now the majority owner of WSF Properties LLC.

Bill joined the Rotary Club of Bartow County in 1995 and was President in 2000-2001. He has held other positions in his club both before and after.

He was honored by his club in 2002 with the “Avenues of Service Citation”. He is a Major Donor, Paul Harris Society, Benefactor and Bequest Society member. He is a Will Watt, Hue Thomas Jr, Kendall Weisiger and a Ronnie Waller Fellow in the Georgia Rotary Student Program. In 2011 he was presented with The Rotary Foundation District Service Award.

He has been working the Thanksgiving Day Marathon for the last 24 years. In 2013, he was selected as Road Race Volunteer of the Year for the Atlanta Track Club. If you run the Peachtree Road Race, you might see him in Piedmont Park supervising the security.

Bill has also been active in his community. He joined the Smyrna Housing Authority in 2002 and is now Vice- Chairman. He is also on the Downtown Development Task Force. He has given over 10 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

2/10/2015 – Keith Blackwell, Ga. Supreme Court Judge

Keith Blackwell is an associate justice on the Georgia Supreme Court. He was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal in June 2012 to succeed Justice George H. Carley.[1] Blackwell was elected to a full-term in 2014 after running unopposed. His current term expires in 2020.



Blackwell received both his B.A. in Political Science and his J.D. from the University of Georgia.[2][3]

Blackwell served on the intermediate appellate court from his appointment by former Governor Sonny Perdue in 2010 until joining the Georgia Supreme Court in July 2012.[1] Prior to joining the Court of Appeals Blackwell served as an associate in the private law firm of Alston & Bird, LLP.[3] Blackwell was also an associate and then partner with Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP.[3] Before that he served as assistant district attorney for Cobb County.[2] From 1999 to 2000 Blackwell served as a law clerk for judge J.L. Edmondson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.[3]

Member of the Cobb Bar Association

Member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

Adviser to the House Judiciary Committee

Member of the governor's Judicial Nominating Commission.[3]

He and his wife Angela have three lovely daughters.

2/17/2015 – David DeLugas, Parents' Rights

David S. DeLugas, Esq. is a parent and the Founder and Executive Director of the National Association of Parents, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable member association, that is the voice in the USA for all parents, mothers and fathers, married and unmarried, and that uses only the U. S. Constitution as the basis for its positions on such parents' rights issues as a child "unattended" at a playground and the drafting of parenting plans and the attendant custody issues. David is also a family law attorney, parenting coordinator, mediator and guardian ad litem. He earned his B.A. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. Early in his legal career, David was with Thompson Coburn's St. Louis office and Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton's Atlanta office. A frequent radio talk show guest on issues of parents' rights, he reinforces that parents are not required to be perfect to have the right under our Constitution to be present in his or her child's life and to decide how to raise his or her child, so long as not causing harm to the child shown by clear and convincing evidence.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an international humanitarian service organization.

- Rotary members are business and professional leaders who volunteer their expertise, compassion, and power to improve communities at home and abroad in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.
- Rotary is a worldwide network of 34,000 clubs comprised of inspired individuals who translate their passions into social causes that change lives and improve communities.
- Our track record of success is demonstrated by the millions of people who have achieved and sustained a better quality of life through Rotary.

Rotary's top goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.

- Rotary, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and national governments, is close to eliminating the second human disease in history after smallpox with a 99 percent reduction in polio cases worldwide since 1985.
- Rotary members have contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.
- Rotary has nearly reached its milestone of raising an additional \$200 million to match a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary is on the forefront of tackling major humanitarian issues facing the world today.

- Maternal and child health, clean water and sanitation, literacy, and disease prevention and treatment are among Rotary's top areas of focus.

- Rotary's goal-oriented business model approach has attracted other organizations to partner with us to address these shared humanitarian priorities.

Rotary invests in people to generate sustainable economic growth.

- Rotary supports grassroots entrepreneurs and helps prepare young people and women for meaningful work.

- Rotary helps communities increase their capacity to support sustainable economic development.

Rotary builds peace and international understanding through education.

- Rotary's Peace Centers program offers graduate degrees and professional development certificates in peace studies to more than 110 applicants each year at seven campus-based centers worldwide.

- Today, more than 600 Peace Fellows are in key, decision-making positions in governments and organizations around the world.

- Rotary's Youth Exchange program fosters international goodwill by enabling 8,500 high school students to live and study abroad each year in 115 countries.

2/24/2015 – Dr. Paul Voss, President of Ethikos

Dr. Paul J. Voss is President of Ethikos (a consultancy specializing in culture, leadership, paradigm shifts, and ethical decision making), the Co-Founder and CEO of Arete Leadership Group (offering Executive Leadership memberships), and an Associate Professor at Georgia State University. A gifted public speaker and award-winning teacher, Dr. Voss offers courses on Shakespeare, Dante, Machiavelli, Business Ethics, Renaissance Literature, and the History of the Book. He publishes on a wide variety of topics (for both academic audiences and for the popular press) and regularly appears on television and radio programs. He is a member of the Downtown Atlanta Rotary Club and serves on the Board of Directors for Primus Builders.

His work on leadership, culture, business ethics, coaching, public service, and corporate stewardship builds on 2500 years of intellectual history. His dynamic seminars, coupled with a compelling and thought-provoking curriculum, receive among the highest evaluations in the industry.



His clients include the FBI Lab, Cox Communications, General Electric Energy, McKesson, Mizuno USA, Home Depot, PotashCorp, Boral, Best Buy, Chubb Insurance, Global Payments, McKenney's and many others. Professor Voss, his wife Mary, and their five children live in suburban Atlanta.

3/3/15 – Jack Halpern

Jack Halpern is the Chairman of Halpern Enterprises, Inc., which owns and manages more than 30 shopping centers throughout the southeastern United States. Jack is a native of Atlanta and a graduate of Westminster High School, Harvard College, and the University of Georgia Law School.

After practicing law for 3 years, Jack joined the commercial real estate business founded by his late father, Bernard Halpern, and has worked at Halpern Enterprises since 1978.

Jack currently serves on the Boards of The American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, and The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta. He previously served as President of The Board of Trustees of The Epstein School, and as President of The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

Jack and his wife, Lynne, have 3 children – Beth (who is married to Dr. Gavin Brown), Benjamin, and Rachel – and two grandchildren, Zachary and Zoe. When not at work or raising money for non-profit organizations, Jack enjoys traveling, biking, playing golf, and hanging out with his grandchildren.



3/10/15 – Judge Ann Harris



Judge Harris was elected to the Superior Court bench in July of 2014. She earned her Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University in 1994, and her bachelor of science degree in finance from Auburn University, where she graduated with high honors in 1984. Judge Harris is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. She and her husband Jim have been married for 29 years and live in Smyrna with their two rescue dogs Willie and Bert.

Legal Experience

After finishing law school, Judge Harris served the people of Cobb County as an assistant district attorney for 19 years. As a senior assistant district attorney, she prosecuted all types of serious felony offenses in Superior Court, including murder, rape, armed robbery, drug trafficking and child cruelty. She prosecuted a double homicide that resulted in the jury's return of a death penalty verdict, as well as the first case of felony elder abuse in the state of Georgia.

While in the District Attorney's office, she served as an instructor for both law enforcement and fellow prosecutors in principles of constitutional law and trial practice and procedure. Judge Harris sat for

several years on the regional Human Trafficking Taskforce and has lectured state and local prosecutors, governmental organizations and civic groups on the subject. In conjunction with federal prosecutors, she traveled to the Baltic region to introduce their prosecutors to the adversarial system of justice and effective criminal investigations and prosecutions. Judge Harris is admitted to practice in the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court (Northern District) and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Cobb County Bar Association.

Business Experience

After graduating from Auburn, Judge Harris worked as a senior consultant with Andersen Consulting, an international management consulting and technology services company (now operating as Accenture), where she managed the functional review and analysis of business information needs for clients in a variety of industries, and directed the development and implementation of integrated software solutions. Several years later she joined Atlanta-based Equifax, where she managed the Information Systems Audit Department in reviewing the security and effectiveness of software systems supporting the company's operations.

Civic Involvement

Judge Harris is active in the Cobb community, particularly in the Smyrna Optimist Club, where she is a past president and member of the board of directors, chair of several committees and recipient of the Service to the Community Award. She serves on committees for the Cancer Society Swordsman's Ball and 100+ Women Against Domestic Violence. She was a member of Honorary Commanders (2012) and Leadership Cobb (2004), and remains active with both groups. She has served as an attorney-coach for Campbell High School Mock Trial Team and as a judge for the Georgia High School Regional Mock Trial Competition. Judge Harris is a member of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, as well as several business associations in the county.

3/31/15 – Congressman Bob Barr

Bob Barr represented the 7th District of Georgia in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003, and now practices law in Atlanta, Georgia. Bob is Chairman of Liberty Guard, Inc. a non-profit and



non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting individual liberty. He also heads a consulting firm, Liberty Strategies, Inc., also headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Bob is a registered Mediator and Arbitrator. He has taught constitutional law at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, and has also served as an adjunct professor at Kennesaw State University. He serves on the Board of Advisors for law reviews at Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Texas School of Law.

Bob serves on the Board of Directors for the National Rifle Association and the Interactive College of Technology headquartered in Atlanta. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board for Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

From 2003 to 2008, Bob occupied the 21st Century Liberties Chair for Freedom and Privacy at the American Conservative Union. He is a member of The Constitution Project's Initiative on Liberty and Security. From 2003 to 2005 Bob was a member of a project at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government addressing matters of privacy and security. Barr serves as a board member for Privacy International, a privacy watchdog group headquartered in London. Recognizing Bob Barr's leadership in privacy matters, former New York Times columnist William Safire called him "Mr. Privacy." Barr was the Libertarian Party nominee for President in 2008.

Bob has appeared on virtually every major cable and network television program dealing with public policy matters, and has served as a regular contributor for CNN. He writes regularly for Townhall.com, and has been a columnist and blogger for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and The Daily Caller. Congressman Barr writes occasional pieces for other publications as well, and has hosted a nationally-syndicated weekly radio show. He is the author of three books: "The Meaning of Is: The Squandered Impeachment and Wasted Legacy of William Jefferson Clinton," "Patriot Nation: Bob Barr's Laws of the Universe Volume One," and "Lessons in Liberty."

Bob was appointed by President Reagan as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia (1986-90), and served as President of Southeastern Legal Foundation (1990-91). He was an official with the CIA from 1971-78. Additionally, he has served as an official member of the U.S. delegation at several United Nations conferences on firearms.

Bob Barr was awarded his law degree from Georgetown University, his master's degree from The George Washington University, and his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California. He and his wife Jeri live in Smyrna, Georgia just outside Atlanta, and are long-time members of the First United Methodist Church of Marietta.

4/7/15 – Smyrna Councilman Ron Fennel

Ron Fennel is co-founder and President/CEO of Georgia Capitol Associates, a business and public affairs consulting firm serving primarily hospitality clients. He has also served in various political positions over his 33-year career, including two terms as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, representing his hometown of Brunswick (1988-1992). While a member of the Legislature, he co-authored the Ethics in Government Act, River & Mountain Protection Act and Solid Waste Management Act.



Fennel worked for nearly four years as Executive Assistant to then Lt. Governor Zell Miller (1979-1982), prior to starting his career, later working to help him win the governorship. Three Georgia Governors appointed him to key leadership positions: Zell Miller (1990-91); Joe Frank Harris (1984), George Busbee (1982).

Fennel has served as a Board member and volunteer leader for several organizations, including: the Atlanta Convention & Visitors' Bureau (1999 - present); Atlanta's Table of the Atlanta Community Food Bank (1995-present, Chairman in 1999-2000); TEAM Georgia, a statewide safe driving and safe boating program (1995-present, 2008 - currently Chairman); Atlanta's Inn for Children (1995-2002); the Atlanta Fire Foundation (founding Board member, 2009-present as Chairman), Hills Park Neighborhood Association (2000- 2008, 2005-8 as President), Vinings Estates Community Association (President, 2008 - present), and many others.

Fennel has been active in many industry and business groups, including the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Economic Developers Association, Regional Leadership Foundation, Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association, Cobb Chamber of Commerce, Cobb Honorary Commanders Program, Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, and Committee for A Better Atlanta, among others.

Fennel is a graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute (1998), Global Leaders of the South (1996), and Certified Hospitality Industry Executives (1996). He has taught seminars and programs for the Georgia/Alabama Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Georgia Municipal Association, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, Southeast Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Southeast Tourism Society, Marriott Business Council, and more.

Ron is an alumnus of Georgia Southern University, with a B.S. in Chemistry. Fennel resides in the Vinings Estates community with his wife Cindy and their two young sons Hunter (5) and Walker (4).

4/14/15 – Israeli Consul General Opher Aviran

Ambassador Opher Aviran was appointed in August 2010 to serve as the Consul General of Israel to the Southeast United States. Aviran joined Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983, and has previously served in Burma, the Netherlands and Australia. In October 2014, Aviran was promoted to the rank of Ambassador.



In his postings abroad, Ambassador Aviran works to strengthen local relationships with the State of Israel in the fields of economics, academics, media, culture and politics.

Between international postings, Ambassador Aviran worked in Israel in a variety of high level national security positions, including as Director of the Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese Affairs Department in Jerusalem and as Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Israel Defense Forces Planning Branch in Tel Aviv. In 2007, Aviran was tapped to head the Bureau for

Personnel Training and Development within the Foreign Ministry.

Ambassador Aviran holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in International Relations from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has a Masters Degree in Political Science with a specialty in National Security Studies from the University of Haifa and National Defense College.

Ambassador Aviran is joined in Atlanta by his wife, Talyah, and daughters, Adi and Noa. The Aviran's eldest daughter, Reut, is a professional dancer in the Netherlands.

4/21/2015 – Georgia Air National Guard's Colonel Dwayne Wilson



Commander, 78th Aviation Troop Command

COL Dwayne Wilson assumed command of the 78th Aviation Troop Command, as well as the duties of the State Army Aviation Officer (SAAO) for the Georgia National Guard on Aug 3rd, 2014.

A native of Murphy, North Carolina, COL Wilson began his military career in 1987 as a Combat Engineer. In 1993, after serving in both the Army Reserve and the North Carolina National Guard, he received a Regular Army commission from North Georgia College as an Aviation Second Lieutenant.

He has held various leadership positions in both the active and reserve components. Previous command assignments have included two Aviation Unit Maintenance (AVUM) companies, an Air Ambulance company and a General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB). Additionally, he has held primary staff positions at the battalion, brigade and state Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) level. Prior to being selected for brigade command, COL Wilson served the Georgia National Guard as the organization's Deputy Chief of Staff (Logistics)/J4.

His deployment and contingency operation experience has included participation in Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia and Iraq (1990-1991); Operation Allied Force and Task Force Hawk in Albania (1999); Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo and Macedonia (2000); providing installation medical evacuation support for III Corps (2003-2004) and Operation New Dawn in Iraq (2010-2011).

COL Wilson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from North Georgia College, as well as Masters degrees from Webster University (Management) and the United States Army War College (Strategic Studies). Additionally, he has attended the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, and the Command and General Staff College. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Army's Airborne School, Air Assault Course and is a Master Army Aviator, rated in both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.

COL Wilson and his wife Samantha are blessed with four children: Nathanael (21), Hannah (19), Noah (17), and Sarah Grace, (10). The Wilsons currently reside in Canton, GA.

5/5/15 - Sam D. Heaton – Dir., Cobb Dept. of Public Safety

Director – Cobb County Department of Public Safety



Director Sam Heaton leads the 1700 personnel of Cobb County Department of Public Safety agencies. The DPS Mission Statement is to provide law enforcement services, Fire and Emergency Services, and Enhanced 911 Services in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner to both citizens and visitors of Cobb County. Ingrained in that philosophy of service is a commitment to teamwork and excellence combined with a responsive, problem solving philosophy that fosters daily interaction with the citizens we serve in a compassionate, positive manner that encourages public involvement and leads to public confidence in the county's Public Safety departments.

Director Heaton began his career with Cobb County Fire in October 1985. He has worked his way through the ranks of firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief of Response and was appointed as Fire Chief on

May 27, 2008. He worked as the Acting Director of Public Safety for Cobb County from September 2010 until January 2013. He returned in January 2013 to head Fire & Emergency Services, but was asked in January of 2014 to return to his role as Director of Public Safety on a permanent basis

Chief Heaton is a state certified firefighter and paramedic, has an Associate's degree in Fire Science, and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration. He is a 2009 graduate of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership Institute and a 2012 Leadership Cobb graduate. He has completed National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800, as well as Incident Management/Unified Command for Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism Incidents.

He has commanded several emergency incidents throughout his career in the fire service, assisted Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the Joint Operations Center during the G-8 Summit, and acted as fire liaison during the National Disaster Medical System incident at Dobbins Air Reserve Base during hurricane evacuations.

Heaton previously chaired the Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Executive Group, is the past District 7 Vice-President of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, Past Chair of the Metro Georgia Search and Rescue Executive Board, and a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Georgia State Firefighter's Association, Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, Georgia Mutual Aid Group, and the Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association. He serves as a member of the Kennestone Regional Hospital Health Board, the Board of the Marietta Youth Museum, and is the past Chairman of the Chattahoochee Technical College Fire & EMS Advisory Committee.