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Honored Guest Speaker
Hank Klibanoff
Veteran Journalist and
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author

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Today's Speaker:

Hank Klibanoff

Hank Klibanoff a veteran journalist who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for a book he co-wrote about the news coverage of the civil rights struggle in the South, is the creator and host of Buried Truths, a narrative history podcast produced by WABE (NPR) in Atlanta. The podcast is drawn from the Georgia Civil Rights Cold Cases Project (coldcases.emory.edu), which Klibanoff directs and teaches at Emory University in Atlanta. The second season of the podcast was launched in February.

A native of Florence, Alabama, and now an Atlanta resident, Klibanoff joined Emory at the close of a 36-year career in newspapers in Mississippi and at *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, where he was managing editor for news. He is a professor of practice at Emory.

The Georgia Civil Rights Cold Cases Project engages undergraduate students in examining Georgia history through the prism of unsolved or unpunished racially motivated murders that occurred in the state during the modern civil rights era. By using primary evidence - including FBI records, NAACP files, personal archives, medical records, family photographs, old newspaper clippings, court transcripts and more - and by immersing themselves in the scholarship of historians, journalists, and memoirists, students come to see and understand a history that is little known from the inside looking out and long forgotten from the outside looking in.

Klibanoff and his co-author, Gene Roberts, won the Pulitzer Prize in history for their book, The Race Beat:

The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle and the Awakening of a Nation, published by Knopf (2006), Vintage (2007) and Brilliance Audio (2007). The Race Beat explores news coverage of civil rights from the 1930s through the late 1960s, particularly the impact of the black press, the Northern press, the Southern liberal, and segregationist press, television, and photojournalism. He was featured earlier this year in *Hope and Fury*, a 2018 NBC/MSNBC documentary on news coverage of civil rights.

Klibanoff serves on the John Chancellor Excellence in Journalism Award Committee at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and the advisory board of the Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Fellowships.

He earned his bachelor's degree in English at Washington University in St. Louis and his masters in journalism at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Both universities have honored him as a distinguished alumnus. He was recently inducted into the Atlanta Press Club Hall of Fame.

Klibanoff spent six years as a reporter in Mississippi, three years at *The Boston Globe* and 20 years at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, three of which were as the Midwest correspondent based in Chicago. Between Mississippi and Boston, he took a year to backpack in Europe and the Middle East. He joined *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as managing editor for news in 2002 and left the paper in 2008.

Klibanoff and his wife Laurie A. Leonard have three daughters.

FROM OUR LAST MEETING



President Jesse Evans, Renee McCormick, David Ragsdale and Tyler Driver

WHEN WE LAST MET

Minutes from the March 6 Meeting

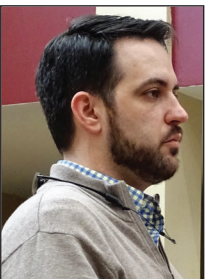


JESSE EVANS

President **Jesse Evans** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Extension for the club's weekly luncheon meeting. He introduced Tyler Driver the Extension Director who in turn introduced Pastor Bruce Cerbone to provide the invocation. Bruce has served as a volunteer chaplain for the Extension residents in the past and plans on starting a church in the area for the disadvantaged.

President Jesse made several announcements including: The March springtime Marietta Reads program will commence the week of March 25th. Volunteers are needed to read to 2nd graders at Marietta Schools. Sign-up sheets will be available on luncheon tables.

The District Conference is scheduled in Sand Destin, Florida April 25-28. The regular meeting on April 24th is being canceled to encourage good attendance at the conference.



THOMAS SHERRER

Mark Barbour announced that a new Rotary Club, named the Atlanta Brazil Club, is being chartered on March 20th. This is the 15th club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Marietta.

Thomas Sherrer announced that plans are underway for our major fundraiser- the joint golf tournament at the MCC with the Marietta Metro Rotary Club. The event will be held on May 20th.

Reuben Green introduced the speakers for the meeting, Tyler Driver and Renee McCormick, Director of Communications for the Extension. Tyler is a former member of Marietta Rotary. Tyler has provided the leadership to develop one of the most



P.P. REUBEN GREEN WITH BILL DUNAWAY

effective programs for the addicted homeless in the state. Renee is a Mercer graduate and former missionary. **Paul Stewart** was also recognized as being the Chairman of the Extension Board.

Before turning the podium over to Tyler, Judge Green announced that **Bill Dunaway** is upon his 80th birthday. Mark Barbour led everyone in a rousing Singing of "Happy Birthday". Tyler welcomed the Rotarians to the Extension and gave an overview of the services provided. He said that the center currently had 82 beds which includes 20 for women at another location. He said this is one half of the beds for the homeless addicted in the county.



DAVID RAGSDALE

Tyler introduced David to the club. David, who has a masters degree, has been a resident of the Extension and successfully completed the program. He came from a well to do family and had been through numerous rehab programs only to relapse. Today he has a place to live and has successful employment. He has been free of drugs and alcohol for 2 years. He expressed his gratitude to all those who have helped him back to a sober life. He said the Extension "saved my life".

Renee indicated that the Extension puts the residents through an assessment and offers housing, meals, counseling, and educational opportunities. Residents are required to work 35 hours a week. She said drug abuse is the biggest growing problem. 72,000 overdosed last year on drugs with opioids being the big problem. She said the Extension gets 60 calls a week needing help. Eighty percent of those that complete the whole program remain free from addiction.

Both Tyler and Renee expressed appreciation for the club's financial and volunteer support.

President Jesse thanked Tyler and Renee for the information and hospitality. He indicated that a children's book will be placed in a city school to honor their presentation.

Dan Kirk led the members in the pledge to the flag and President Jesse led in the 4-way test recitation. The meeting was adjourned. 🌐

~ Warren Gordon, Scribe
~ Dale Covington, Photos

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 14, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Mayor Bill Dunaway; Reflections on Marietta: Then and Now
Wednesday, March 27, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Benjamin Fischer-Valuck, MD Emory Winship Cancer Institute/ Proton Therapy Radiation Oncologist
Wednesday, April 3, 2019		NO MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Dr. Jere Morehead, President, University of Georgia
Thursday, April 11, 2019	10:30 AM	Cook and Serve at MUST Ministries
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	12:15 PM	Luncheon Meeting – Ron Sifen – Transportation in Cobb County
Wednesday, April 24, 2019		NO MEETING
Thursday - Sunday, April 25 – 28, 2019		District Conference – Sand Destin, Florida

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