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Fairhope, Alabama

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OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
- FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS IN OUR CLUB

Bob Callahan Henry Crawford
(2013–2014) (1992–1993)

Linda Mong
(2014–2015)

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

PAST PRESIDENTS IN OUR CLUB

2019–20	Poenta C. Luckie	2001–02	Joseph H. Bullington, Jr.
2018–19	Andrew P. Tubertini	1999–00	N. Cecile Godfrey
2017–18	Chad O. Clark	1997–98	Xavier A. Hartmann
2016–17	Brenda Garrison Hinds	1996–97	Seth W. Moore
2013–14	Howard N. Eddy	1993–94	Carswell M. Walcott
2010–11	Richard M. Phyfer	1986–87	Eugene W. Brabston
2008–09	PDG Bob Callahan	1982–83	Marion E. Wynne
2005–06	Leonard O. Turner II	1976–77	PDG Henry Crawford



MULTIPLE PHFs IN OUR CLUB

In June 2014, the Rotary Club of Fairhope became a **100% Paul Harris Fellow Club**. Listed below are members with **Multiple Paul Harris Fellow** status, indicated by ⁺¹, ⁺², ⁺³, etc.

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Howard N. Eddy ⁺³	Anil K. Vira ⁺¹
N. Cecile Godfrey ⁺¹	Carswell M. Walcott ⁺¹
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Xavier A. Hartmann III ⁺³	Robert V. Walsh ⁺¹
Brenda Garrison Hinds ⁺¹	Gilbert F. Wright ⁺¹
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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today **Dr. Mark Fagan**, Professor Emeritus, Jacksonville State University, will speak on "Economic Development in Baldwin County from 1860 to 1960." Dr. Fagan previously spoke to us in 2016 about the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

January 27, 2021

Next Wednesday is the 83rd anniversary of our club charter date. To celebrate the occasion, **DG Jerry Blacklaw** will be with us for his Official Visit.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 3 Thomas Hospital pediatric hospitalists
February 10 TBA

More information on upcoming programs is posted at <http://fairhoperotary.org/meetings/> as it is available. Give program suggestions to **Salam Lama**.

☺ MAKEUPS (APPLIED) ☺

Attendance at last week's meeting was 22, plus these makeups:

Howard Eddy	1/13	View meeting recording
Linda Mong	1/10-12	Zone Institute planning
Gil Wright	1/13	View meeting recording

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

January 13, 2021

Following the recitation of the Four-Way Test and a few announcements, **Prez Edward** reminded us to encourage inactive members to attend meetings and to be thinking of a local project that would be suitable for a district grant. He then introduced our guest speakers, **Pam Hunter**, Gulf Coast Director of the [Baller Dream Foundation](#), and **Frank DeBlasi**, founder of the foundation. Frank led off by saying that 12 years ago when he was battling testicular cancer in New York City, he had plenty of support from family and friends but realized that many others in the hospital did not and that there is in particular a deficiency of support for pediatric cancer. The end

result was his founding the Baller Dream Foundation, which is dedicated to raising the spirits of children, young adults, and their families battling all forms of cancer. The foundation serves patients ages 0-25 and aims to "make dreams come true." Although Frank lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, and the foundation operates in Arizona, Nevada, New York, and New Jersey as well as now Alabama, he is here every three weeks, and every donation goes to a local hospital; here it is USA Children's & Women's. The foundation provides not only gifts and experiences (such as Disney trips, room makeovers, an above-ground pool, a "Saints experience") but also activities in the hospital such as Lego building, art therapy, slime play, PlayStation games, and the like. It also serves the entire family with, e.g., cleaning services and date nights for parents and gifts for siblings. Supporters have included Guy Fieri, Michael Bubl , and the Dallas Cowboys. The foundation seeks to build long-term relationships, knowing that most cancer patients relapse. More importantly, they are dubbed "Ballers" rather than patients, a sports term for people who are feeling well and living large. The Foundation has supported five local Ballers in the past year (125 nationwide), spending \$5-6,000 on each. Each gift is presented at a formal red-carpet event where the recipient is seated on a throne and "roasted" before receiving the gift. Recipients of the gifts are referred by nurses and social workers. They are often patients with an especially grim diagnosis or those declined by other wish-granting organizations (often on the basis of age, as many limit recipients to 18 and under). Frank noted that it took nine months to find the "perfect candidate" for Pam's job and introduced her as the candidate who "checks all the boxes." A cancer survivor herself (breast cancer a year ago), she had several decades of experience working as a volunteer for the Eastern Shore Art Center and Humane Society and especially with fund raising for Children's of Alabama, plus an MBA and a background in corporate finance. Fund raising has been somewhat sidetracked by COVID, but the foundation hopes to form a Baller Champions program as an advisory support group to help get the word out and create a support network.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Walsh	1/22
Bob Callahan	1/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Sergio D'Oliveira #28)	1/22
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FAMILY OF ROTARY

We have been received the following message from **Bob McGough** in response to a billing inquiry:

Due to COVID our company stopped payment internationally on all non-essential related billing. I was hoping they would pick this back up as time went on. However, the impact of the outbreak has extended further than most thought, and our company still has the stop payment in place. I think it is best if I resign from Rotary, so as to keep things simple on the club's balance sheet.

The club's officers and directors fully understand that these are trying times for all companies and many employees. We will hope that Bob will be able to rejoin the club at some future point.

We have received the following thank-you note from **Rick and Kathy Tubertini**, parents of **Andy**:

This last hurricane snuck up on us at the last minute. Before we knew it, we had no power and the days ahead were going to be tough. A big thank-you for delivery and use of a generator. It allowed us to be a bit more normal and focus on recovery. We hope this small donation will help in your future outreach efforts.

Volunteers are encouraged to turn out at 9 a.m. on January 30 to finish work on **Daryl Wasp**'s deck. This counts as a makeup!

Bob Walsh is looking for housing for five couples for a Warrior Bonfire Program retreat in mid-April. Boats are also needed. The Fairhope Sunset club will provide a barbecue for participants one night of the retreat.

MARK FAGAN

Dr. Mark Fagan earned his B.A. degree in psychology and economics at Alabama's Jacksonville State University (JSU) in 1974. He earned his master's degree in psychiatric social work and his doctorate in social policy, planning, and administration with a doctoral minor in human resources management from the University of Alabama in 1981. He was certified in Rational Emotive Therapy from the Institute for Rational Living in New York City in 1978 and practiced psychotherapy from 1977 to 1979.

He retired from JSU after 32 years of service, during which he earned full professor status, taught 13 different courses, and served as Social Work Program Director and Department Head for Sociology and Social Work for 14 years. He was awarded the title of Professor/Department Head Emeritus in 2012.

Most of his 148 publications and technical writings since 1981 have focused on the economic impact of retirees and retirement places. His six books are *Attracting Retirees for Economic Development*; *Retirement Development: A How-To Guidebook*; *The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail: Its History and Economic Impact*; *Coastal Alabama Retirement Guide*; *Coastal Alabama Economic History*; and *Alabama's Public Pension Fund Growth and Economic Expansion Since 1973*.

Mark has assisted The Retirement Systems of Alabama since 1992 with The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. This work included negotiations for three sites; projected economic impact studies for five sites, and access roads for four sites; booklets on RSA's two resort communities; 31 newsletter articles; 11 professional presentations; 24 news stories; 10 TV programs; and 4 radio programs.

He has been consulted by and quoted in the national media for stories on retirees and retirement places.

For details on his publications and books, follow the links below.

<https://store.bookbaby.com/profile/MarkFagan>

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