What We Do

Rotary Club of Fairhope "The Fun Club with a Rich History"



We Write a Lot of Checks

For a lot of good causes





In 2005, we supported the new library.





Earlier projects included trees for the City and for Fairhopers Community Park...





...furnishings for the Welcome Center...





...and a flowerbed "traffic calmer" in front of City Hall.



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In 2007, we contributed over \$10,000 to shade a playground.





This is the cover at Fairhope Elementary School.





We support the Interact Club at Fairhope High School.



FAIRHOPE ROTARY CLUB 3123 DATE 16/15 PAY TO THE Fairhope Booster Club AMT. Forty One Thousand and ? FOR: Donation Elizabet

This was for the "Pirate Galley" concession stand.





The plaque recognizes Interact and Rotaract as well.





"Pirate Galley" concession stand at Majors Field





Dedication of the Fitness Trail at Stimpson Field





Although we partnered with the Fairhope Sunset club to build part 1 of the fitness trail, we funded part 2 alone.





The trail is inside the running track at Stimpson Field.





In 2016, we donated \$10,000 to myTeam Triumph.





Special myTeam Triumph wheelchairs allow disabled children and adults to participate in races.





Most recently, we funded playground equipment at Volanta Baseball Park.





This highly visible playground is at the entrance to the park.





Kids enjoy the slide...





...and the swings





...and the rings





...and the slide again.





This was for a handicapped playground at Fairhope Intermediate School.



Fairhope–Point Clear Rotary Youth Club

is one of the primary beneficiaries of the funds we raise.





Originally founded as a Boys & Girls Club, it was adopted by Rotary in 2002 and later became independent.





We have often (as here in 2006) celebrated the end of the summer session with a pizza party.





Kids enjoy pizza.



3123 FAIRHOPE ROTARY CLUB DATE 1-26-06 FOR: SCHOOL SUPPLIES Paul Harris

At the party, we present a check.





Another pizza party in 2007





And a 2007 check





Christmas party in 2009



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The 2011 check (a little more each year)





By 2013, we had worked up to \$10,000 annually.





This 2015 check was actually for 2014.




This one was for 2015.





At the Pancake Breakfast, RYC members and parents provided entertainment.





Mike Zoghby joins the choir.





Even the mayor got into the act.





Our Christmas 2017 check (there was one in 2016, too)



We Participate

in community activities





In 2006 we set up at an art festival to hand out water and balloons to promote Rotary's water projects.





Our club initiated water projects in Honduras that installed 30 filtration units between 2008 and 2011.





In 2097, we fielded a team in Ecumenical Ministries' Chili for Charity Cookoff.





We were back in 2008.





Chili cooks Tim Simmonds and the late Dick Charles





The Fairhope Sunset club's 2014 BBQ & Brew fundraiser was a good opportunity to promote our upcoming cookoff.





DG Bob Callahan assists President Howard Eddy.





Since at least 1998, we've provided float marshals for Fairhope's Christmas parade. Here Rotarians and Interactors are ready for marshal duty in 2011.





The 2012 group of float marshals





2014 float marshals





After providing float marshals for many years, in 2017 we had our own float, featuring our new inflatable steer, Big Ben!





For several years we've manned the VIP gate for Polo at the Point, here in 2014.





Part of our 2016 Polo at the Point team





In 2015, we had a table at Arts & Crafts to promote Rotary's campaign to End Polio Now. Club of Fairhope, Alabama





Sid Vogel and Paul Stanley dauntlessly handed out brochures to passersby.



We Foster Education

Every year we give a dictionary to every third-grade student in Fairhope public schools.





Ready to hand out dictionaries in 2012





Amelia Pope addresses a third-grade class in 2009.





In 2010, a student personalizes her dictionary.





In 2011, girls examine their new books.



We Have Interesting Programs

Every week!





A presentation on historic guns





Revolutionary War uniforms and gear





A fascinating presentation on the life of a Civil War soldier





Civil War gear





More Civil War gear





A demonstration of ballroom dancing





A demonstration of Irish dancing by Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Shannon Cantwell





Part of a presentation on Fairhope's Hogwarts Camp





Fundraising hijinks by Charlie Baumhauer and John Brandon




The 2015 appearance of cast members from the University of Alabama Department of Theatre & Dance's SummerTide program





Another SummerTide Theatre cast presentation in 2016





Jerry Blacklaw and Becky Jones entertain with music.





Another Blacklaw-Jones musical production





Necie Borroni croons with B. G. Hinds and Leslie Mulcahy as backup singers/dancers.





Mike Zoghby and Gene Brabston join Becky for a song.



We Love to Eat

For a good cause





On World Polio Day last October we had a party to raise funds for PolioPlus





Rickie Richey's shrimp and grits was one of the highlights of the menu.





In November we enjoyed pancakes with all the trimmings at a fundraiser for the Rotary Youth Club.





Behind the scenes, Rotarians made the pancakes...





...and grilled the sausage and bacon.



We Celebrate

Club anniversaries and other special events





For several years we hosted a booth at the City's New Year's Eve event (here in 2009).





In 2013, we celebrated our 75th anniversary with a party at the Eastern Shore Art Center.





A highlight of the celebration was a Skype visit with Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka.





Of course, there was champagne! With commemorative flutes.





In 2013, we were proud to see our own Bob Callahan installed as governor of District 6880





A huge banner and poker chip "challenge coins" reminded us to be "all in" for Howard Eddy's year as president.



We Present Awards

To honor members and community volunteers





In 2016, our Community Volunteer Award (here received by Nancy Raia) was renamed to honor Ben Barnhill.





The Gravlee Award, which recognizes "Excellence in Gratuitous Self-Promotion," is a fun part of our annual meeting.





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The first three recipients of the Thomas S. Scoggins Memorial Scholarship: Erin Norris, Amanda Floyd, and Lauren Moran





Four Scoggins Scholars in 2012: Valerie Lanier (2009), Samantha McGregor (2010), Tres Ledson (2011), and Carly McRae (2013)





In 2008 we sponsored Samantha Williams (left) as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to study in South Africa.



We Work Hard

to raise funds to write those big checks





One of our previous fundraisers was a chicken dinner. We also held yard sales and even a music festival.





Amelia Pope and Becky Jones serve Tom Scoggins.





Since 2005, our annual steak cookoff has become our signature event.





First, we collect sponsors and prepare for many months.





Setting up is hard work.





A forklift is a big help!





Some competitors go all out to decorate their booths.





The VIP area is for our sponsors.





The band sets up in the big tent.





This team brings a ladder truck, too!





Ready to welcome our patrons





A cook team offers an added inducement to secure a patron's vote.





There is entertainment in the big tent after the meal.





The coveted rotating trophy (more or less permanently held by the Fairhope Sunset club)

