

FAIRHOPE ROTARY NEWS

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today **Rick Miller** of Hatch Fairhope will give us a progress report on Hatch's move to the K-1 Center.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM March 13, 2024

Next week we will be meeting at the Rotary Youth Club (19128 Young Street), where director **Charles Durgin** will give us a tour and tell us about what the RYC does.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 20 **Jeff Molby**, cancer prevention
March 27 **Rhayan Wasp**, small business program

More information on upcoming programs is posted at <http://fairhoperotary.org/meetings/> as it is available. Program suggestions are always welcome. Give suggestions to Program Chairman **John Bowman** or Executive Secretary **Suzanne Barnhill**.

Club Service assignments for today:



Greeter: **John Bowman**
Fund Raiser: **Gene Brabston**
Speaker Host: **Trinka Brabston**
Alternate/Backup: **Peggy Brandes**

Club Service assignments for March 13: **Len Breitfeller**, **Joe Bullington**, **Bob Callahan**, and **Dave Chilelli**. Please read your instructions and **be on time!**

ATTENDANCE AND MAKEUPS

Attendance for February 28 was 45 members and 7 visitors and guests including the speaker. The following makeups have been applied:

Edward Schnell	2/15	Point Clear
Edward Schnell	2/15	Fairhope Sunset
Edward Schnell	2/21	Seattle

Just 66 days till the **eighteenth** annual Fairhope Rotary Steak Cookoff on May 11, 2024! It's not too soon to keep talking it up and recruiting new teams and sponsors!

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM February 28, 2024

After an invocation by **Necie Borroni** and other preliminaries, **Prez Brian** reminded us that the steak cookoff is approaching, and we need new teams and sponsors. He then handed off to **Bob Callahan**, who presented a PHF+4 pin to **Howard Eddy**, in recognition of his giving to the The Rotary Foundation. Bob noted that the Peru project we would hear about was to be funded by a TRF global grant sponsored jointly by the Rotary clubs of San Isidro in Lima, Peru; Gibraltar, Mobile, Lee County Sunrise, and Fairhope. Our guest speaker, **Arturo Castro-Guerra**, president of the San Isidro club, had worked over a year on this \$80,000 project, and about one more year will be needed to complete it. **Arturo** then took the floor and, with interpretation by **Ariel Chavez**, assured us that San Isidro is the most important club in Peru! The dam project is a very ambitious one, he said, noting that Peru is divided into three very clear zones: coastal plain, jungle, and mountains. Hundreds of years ago, Incas built these dams at an elevation of over 13,000 feet. They had been abandoned, but archaeologists believed they could be restored, and the project is to restore one of them. But what he was really here for, **Arturo** said, was to find support for another project: \$107,000 to rebuild a damaged school in Pachacamác, abandoned for ten years. The new school, dubbed Mi Pequeño Paraiso (My Little Paradise), will serve 100 children ages 3-6. Funds are needed mostly for materials since engineering and labor are being provided by volunteers. **Arturo** showed photos of the current unusable condition of the old school and renderings of the planned new one.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Ariel Chavez	Mobile
DG Earl and Rebecca Ingram	Troy
Frank Harkins	Mobile
Kent Zimmerman	Des Moines, IA

GUESTS

Cathy Shoots	w/	Peggy Brandes
Gerald Tipton	w/	Andy Tubertini
Bill Morgan	w/	Gil Wright



BIRTHDAYS

No birthdays this week

WEDDING AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this week

Fund Raiser **Jerry Blacklaw**, assisted by **Gil Wright**, collected \$105. Lucky winner of the \$52 pot was **Daryl Wasp**. In addition, Sergeant-at-Arms **Milin Vira** collected H\$65, beginning with H\$5 from **Anil Vira**, who reported that, after three martinis, **Becky Jones** had requested pizza for lunch (it was from Ravenite). **Rob Clark** had returned from a 16-day Caribbean cruise and had H\$5 for having won \$3,000 in a poker tournament on the ship. **Andy Tubertini**, with H\$1, quipped that it was the first time he'd known a district governor to visit the club without giving a speech. **Mike Dodd** had H\$2 for his birthday but recalled that two weeks after 9/11 he had a Harley wreck and broke both knees, both legs, and both arms, had 14 operations, was in the ICU for 30 days, and was down to 130 pounds. He was told he wouldn't live, then that he wouldn't walk, but then they told him he could stand, and he stood on his birthday. They told him it would take him six months to walk, but eight days later he was walking. So that was both his worst and best birthday! **Linda Mong** was \$5 happy to have **Arturo** with us but had to agree with **Andy's** comment about the DG. **Howard Eddy** was H\$1 happy to have the DG with us but also that he was about to hit up **Frank Harkins** to be an Assistant Governor. **Becky Jones** said that **Arturo** had come to breakfast at 8:30 every day until that day, when she had to go wake him up. **Peggy Brandes**, with H\$1, was happy to have gotten a great couch from an estate sale for \$162 but offered \$1 more because she needed someone to help her get it from her garage to her living room. **Bob Callahan** had H\$20 in anticipation of his planned two-week second honeymoon with **Maria** in Ireland. **Brian Lorenzato** had H\$1 for his Rotary anniversary, saying the best program was the Christmas one, and the worst was

when **Mark Martin** used up all the program time, leaving **Chris Shrader** with none for his part of the program. **Matt Blevins** said the steak cookoff follow-up was his favorite program and the worst "anything **Andy** has to do with."

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Congratulations to **Andy Tubertini**, whose Coastal Alabama Hearing received Gulf Coast Newspapers' Best of Baldwin Award for audiologists.

Congratulations also to **Bob Callahan**, who received from **Arturo Castro-Guerra** a certificate and medal for "Orden Paul Harris en el Grado de Gran Cruz," a recognition **Arturo** described as the highest honor of his (San Isidro) club.

GOOD NEWS

2023 ended with just 12 cases of polio, an almost 45% drop from 2022 totals. Once again, these cases were in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In better news, countries will soon have easier access to the novel oral polio vaccine type 2, also known as nOPV2, a crucial new tool for stopping outbreaks caused by variant poliovirus. The World Health Organization made this possible by issuing a key approval for nOPV2 in December. This is the first approval of its kind for a vaccine being used under the WHO's Emergency Use Listing.

With nearly 1 billion doses administered already, this next-generation vaccine will continue to play an important role in tackling Type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, also known as Type 2 variant poliovirus, and in protecting millions of children against illness and paralysis.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Visit to Rotary Youth Club

Wednesday, March 13 ~ 12:30 p.m.
19128 Young Street, Fairhope

Join us for lunch at the RYC, with info and a tour by club director Charles Durgin.

5th Annual Eastern Shore Classic Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, April 27 ~ 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
W. O. Lott Park Pickleball Courts
2000 Main Street, Daphne

Sponsored by Daphne/Spanish Fort Rotary

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Troy, Alabama

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Ex Officio (District Governor Elect)Howard Eddy
Ex Officio (Assistant Governor).....Edward Schnell

PAST PRESIDENTS IN OUR CLUB

22–23	Christopher J. Shrader	10–11	Richard M. Phyfer
21–22	Mark J. Martin	08–09	PDG Bob Callahan
20–21	Edward C. Schnell	05–06	Leonard O. Turner II
19–20	Poenta C. Luckie	01–02	Joseph H. Bullington, Jr.
18–19	Andrew P. Tubertini	97–98	Xavier A. Hartmann
17–18	Chad O. Clark	96–97	Seth W. Moore
16–17	Brenda Garrison Hinds	93–94	Carswell M. Walcott
13–14	Howard N. Eddy	86–87	Eugene W. Brabston
12–13	Sheila Denise Borroni	76–77	PDG Henry Crawford

PAST PRESIDENTS OF OTHER CLUBS

Bill Ainsworth: Indianola, MS 1987–1988, Laurel, MS 1994–1995
Jerry Blacklaw: Gulf Breeze, FL 2004–2005
Bob Roberts: Preston Center (Dallas), TX 1990–1991
Edward Schnell: Melbourne, FL July–December 2015
Bob Walsh: Denver Mile High, CO 2012–2013

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS IN OUR CLUB

Henry Crawford (1992–1993)	Bob Callahan (2013–2014)
Linda Mong (2014–2015)	Jerry Blacklaw (2020–2021)

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS IN OUR CLUB

Anyone who donates (or in whose name is donated) \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is designated a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2022, our club became a 100% PHF Club. Each additional \$1,000 donation increases the level of Multiple Paul Harris Fellow status. Members of our club with **MPHF** status are indicated by ^{+1, +2, +3}, etc. Those whose personal donations exceed \$10,000 are recognized as Major Donors (*).

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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?

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.



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