

FAIRHOPE ROTARY NEWS

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Today **Adaina Biggs** will give us a report on last weekend’s district conference in Orange Beach.

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM July 9, 2025

There will be **NO MEETING** next week, but on July 9, AL.com editorial cartoonist **J. D. Crowe** will speak to us about his work.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 16 **Adam Sealy**, Baldwin Prep. Academy
July 23 **NO MEETING** (preempted by banquet)
July 30 **Jason Mann**, Women’s Care Medical Ctr.
August 6 **Tanner Hammond**, Mushroom Man
August 13 **Justin Hammers**, COF Urban Forester

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

Club Service assignments for today:



Greeter: **Poenta Luckie**
Fund Raiser: **Monica Magusen**
Speaker Host: **Dana Maloney**
Alternate/Backup: **Mark Martin**

Club Service assignments for July 9: **John Miller, Linda Mong, Seth Moore, and Josh Myrick.** *Please read your instructions and be on time!*

ATTENDANCE AND MAKEUPS

Attendance for June 18 was 43 members and 8 visitors and guests. The following makeups have been reported:

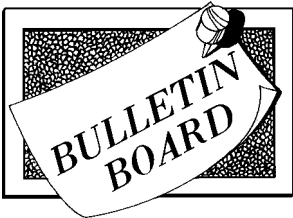
Joe Allinder	6/25	View meeting recording
Seth Moore	6/18	View meeting recording
Sid Vogel	6/19	View meeting recording
Sally Wall	6/18	View meeting recording

LAST WEEK’S PROGRAM June 18, 2025

Following an invocation by **Gene Brabston**, the Pledge led by **Rick Phyfer**, and the Five-Way Test led by **Gil Wright** and other preliminaries, **Rick Schrand**, filling in for **Prez Anil**, handed off to **Lot Turner** of The Native Nursery Landscaping to talk about how landscape design affects ecology. He began by saying that he had been greatly influenced by *Bringing Nature Home*, by Douglas W. Tallamy, who wrote, “What is the use of a house if you don’t have a tolerable planet to put it on?” Native plants are species that naturally occur in a particular region and have adapted over thousands of years to the local climate. All organisms, Lot said, have three goals: to survive (make it to the next day), to grow (create new cells to make future life), and to reproduce (create offspring to pass on their genetic protein). Native plants have the best chance of doing this, but they can be discouraged by invasive species that displace them. Most organisms benefit from others’ existence—for example, host plants with pollinators and mycorrhizal fungus with plant roots. A higher volume of plants discourages predators, but invasives, with no natural predators, have an unfair advantage and must be caught early: while it took 80 years for Japanese honeysuckle to expand to ⅔ of the United States, 120 years for popcorn trees to infest the Southeast US, and 320 years for sycamore maples to spread across the UK, it took no time at all for camphor trees to take over the southern Southeast and Hawaii. To combat diversity loss caused by development and invasive plant displacement, you can plant native varieties such as live oak, hydrangea, beautyberry, liatris, and rudbeckia. You can harvest these from nature, bringing soil from the site and leaving at least 10% of plants in any area.

GUESTS LAST WEEK

Sandra Bishop	w/	Clarence Bishop
Jo-Anne Crawford	w/	Henry Crawford
Bill Purvis	w/	Betty Purvis
Barry Shiflett	w/	Jim Solomon
Mark Zippin	w/	Lee Turner
Pam Turner	w/	Len Turner
Nancy Walsh	w/	Bob Walsh
Rob Gourlay	w/	Gil Wright



BIRTHDAYS

Adaina Biggs	6/28
B. G. Hinds	7/5

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Steven Lagarrigue (#20)	6/25
Bob Callahan (#45)	7/5

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy Brandes (#2)	7/1
Jacob Brock (#1)	7/1
Terry Cook (#11)	7/1
Ed Davidson (#10)	7/1
Chris Shrader (#7)	7/1
Randy Staton (#1)	7/1
Ken Wells (#10)	7/1

Fund Raiser **Steven Lagarrigue** collected \$67. Lucky winner of the \$33 pot was **Mike Zoghby**. In addition, Sergeant-at-Arms **Dave Chilleli** collected H\$140. **Clarence Bishop**’s birthday was acknowledged, and **Randy Staton** said he planned to celebrate his anniversary with a trip to North Carolina to visit his grandchildren. **Suzanne Barnhill** had H\$58 for her anniversary. **Bob Roberts** had H\$5 for his 42 years in Rotary (three of them with us) and said what he valued most was the camaraderie. **Terry Cook** had H\$20 to honor **Rob Clark** on his retirement and a sad \$1 because he was losing his dermatologist. **Mike Zoghby** had H\$5 to promote the upcoming Mobile Opera season and to celebrate the impending visit of his daughter and her six children; he apologized for having his phone on because he was awaiting a call from Mediacom. **Lee Turner** had H\$20 to honor **Clarence Bishop** on his 92nd birthday. **Sally Wall** had H\$1 for having a cousin get to play the harp in the Louisiana Philharmonic with **Andrea Bocelli**. **Sergio D’Oliveira** had H\$2 for the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and **Sir Paul McCartney**’s 82nd birthday. **Betty Purvis**’s H\$20 was also for **Clarence Bishop**’s birthday. **Austin Greer** was \$1 glad to be alive and sane after the spring gardening season and having

his Auburn student son to help him. **Len Turner** noted that his 84th birthday had been observed with brunch at the Grand Hotel, fishing, and dinner for the whole family at the Wash House Restaurant, courtesy of son **Lee Turner**. **Howard Eddy** was \$2 glad and sad about **Rob Clark**’s retirement. **Trinka Brabston** was \$3 happy about the imminent arrival of her three grandsons for “Camp Brabston.”

FAMILY OF ROTARY

We have received with great regret the following message from **PP Xavier Hartmann**, a member since 1992, a PHF+3, who served our club as president in 1997–1998.

After many years of having the opportunity to participate in one of the finest Civic Organizations in Baldwin County and for that matter the World, I find it necessary at this time to tender my resignation as a member.

I am very thankful to **Gene Brabston** and **Tim Simmonds** for allowing me the opportunity to join and participate in what became the most active Service Club in the Area.

My best wishes to the Club and all its Members for all the success in the future.

CHANGES COMING

Please refer to last week’s bulletin for full details on the changes in membership types and dues effective July 1.

PHOTOS TODAY

If you have not had your official Rotary photo made (or if you are dissatisfied with what you got), there will be a makeup photo shoot today before and after the meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Disaster Response Workday

Saturday, June 28 ~ 8:30 a.m. until 9895 County Road 11, Fairhope (Andy’s house)
Come out and help us clean out the DR trailer and prepare it for hurricane season.

Installation & Awards Banquet

Thursday, July 24 ~ Southern Grove Vineyard
Save the date and stay tuned for more details and times. Spouses and guests included.

**SHARE ROTARY WITH A FRIEND—
SOMEONE SHARED IT WITH YOU!**

Stephanie A. Urchick Howard Eddy
PRESIDENT GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 6880
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL Fairhope, Alabama

2024–2025 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PresidentAnil Vira
Vice President/President Elect..... Adaina Biggs
Secretary Rick Schrand
Treasurer..... Memorie Martinez
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Family of Rotary: Fellowship Gerald Tipton
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Club Foundation Liaison Trinka Brabston
Ex Officio (District Governor).....Howard Eddy
Ex Officio (Assistant Governor).....Edward Schnell
Ex Officio (Vice Governor)..... Linda Mong

PAST PRESIDENTS IN OUR CLUB

23–24	Brian E. Lorenzato	10–11	Richard M. Phyfer
22–23	Christopher J. Shrader	08–09	Robert B. Callahan, Jr.
21–22	Mark J. Martin	05–06	Leonard O. Turner II
20–21	Edward C. Schnell	01–02	Joseph H. Bullington, Jr.
19–20	Poenta C. Luckie	97–98	Xavier A. Hartmann
18–19	Andrew P. Tubertini	96–97	Seth W. Moore
17–18	Chad O. Clark	93–94	Carswell M. Walcott
16–17	Brenda Garrison Hinds	86–87	Eugene W. Brabston
13–14	Howard N. Eddy	76–77	PDG Henry Crawford
12–13	Sheila Denise Borroni		

PAST PRESIDENTS OF OTHER CLUBS

Bill Ainsworth: Indianola, MS 1987–1988, Laurel, MS 1994–1995
Joe Allinder: Pell City, AL, 2000–2001
Jerry Blacklaw: Gulf Breeze, FL 2004–2005
Linda Mong: Daphne–Spanish Fort, AL 2006–2007
Bob Roberts: Preston Center (Dallas), TX 1990–1991
Megan Savage: Daphne–Spanish Fort, AL 2023–2024
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 (*).

Warren Bill Ainsworth ⁺³	Salam Singh Lama
Joseph Glenn Allinder ⁺²	Brian Edward Lorenzato
Suzanne Scoggins Barnhill*	Poenta Chavers Luckie ⁺²
Charles E. Bassett ⁺²	Mark Jamey Martin ⁺¹
Allan R. Beck ⁺¹	Linda G. Mong*
Adaina Potter Biggs	Seth W. Moore ⁺⁴
Clarence H. Bishop ⁺⁵	Joshua Paul Myrick ⁺¹
Jerry Blacklaw*	Xian Chu Ou ⁺¹
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THE FIVE-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?
5. Will it be **FUN** for 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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