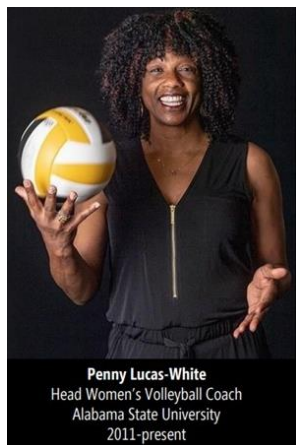


NEXT PROGRAM, Jan 30th...



Penny Lucas-White
Head Women's Volleyball Coach
Alabama State University
2011-present

After a stellar collegiate playing career at Louisiana State University, where she garnered first-team All-SEC honors in her first season, Penny Lucas-White would embark on a professional career in the United States Volleyball League and internationally in Italy and Germany. While competing professionally, Penny began her coaching career as an assistant coach at Auburn University from 1987-89.

In 1991, White took over as head coach at Memphis, leading the program to back-to-back Great Midwest Conference titles in 1993 and 1994. For the team's success, she earned back-to-back conference Coach of the Year honors.

In 1996, as the head coach at the Air Force Academy, Lucas-White ushered the Academy's volleyball program into their first year of NCAA D-I competition in the highly competitive Western Athletic Conference. While at the AFA, the program had a total of 18 cadet-athletes earn conference all-academic honors, including one Scholar-Athlete of the Year honoree. This maintained Coach White's hard fast stance and emphasis on excellence in the classroom and on the court.

Since 2011, Penny has been at the helm of Alabama State University women's volleyball where she has made them a perennial college volleyball power. Lady Hornets volleyball has won seven Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) including back-to-back 18-0 conference records in 2016 and 2017. With those seven championships, Penny and Alabama State volleyball have made seven trips to the NCAA D-I Women's Volleyball Tournament since 2011 (2013, '14, '16, '17, '18, and '19). With this amount of success, Penny and the program have garnered much deserved recognition with Coach Lucas-White being named conference coach of the year in 2014 and 2016. In 2018, three Lady Hornets were named all SWAC first team – Bayle' Bennett, Kori Kutsch, and Candace Martin. For her stellar play under the leadership of Coach White, Candace was named the 2018 SWAC Co-Player of the Year.

In addition to a highly decorated playing and a coaching career spanning 40 years, Penny has always demonstrated her dedication to the sport of volleyball and to the development of her student-athletes and colleagues in the sport. Penny has represented the United States as a member of the U.S. Women's National volleyball team at the 1985 NORCECA Games, coached athletes that earned MIT, Rhodes, and Alberta Bart Holaday Scholarships, been featured as a speaker/clinician at the AVCA Convention and at clinics in the U.S and internationally and in 2003 played an integral role in helping the AVCA receive an NCAA minority grant for a program entitled "Volleyball: Live It! Love It! Coach It!", the precursor to the AVCA's current Diversity Awards program.

In July 2021, Penny was elected as the coach representative on the USA Volleyball Board of Directors. This organization is the national governing body for volleyball in the US, beach, indoor, and sitting. Click here to be inspired; UNPLUGGED with Coach Penny Lucas White (19:26)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cc4f5CDH23c>

Monday's Greeter

Hal Bloom – Past President 2009-10
Scott Rizer – New Member

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN PROUDLY EVERYDAY!

Upcoming Programs

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| Jan. 30 | Penny Lucas-White – Head Volleyball Coach ASU |
| Feb. 6 | Patrick Aitken – Mid Alabama Coalition for the Homeless |

Jan. 23rd Meeting...



Our Rotary guest speaker on January 23rd was Montgomery County Commissioner Daniel Harris, Jr. Mr. Harris represents District

I and has served on the commission since 2012. His motivation for serving on the County Commission is to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Montgomery county.

Commissioner Harris informed club members of the economic development successes during the past year. Partnerships with state and local agencies in 2022 netted capital investments of approximately \$1.4 billion and 1500+ new jobs. FedEx is doubling its presents in Montgomery with a \$252 million capital investment and adding another 150+ jobs. Hyundai is investing \$300 million for electrical vehicles and Hyundai Mobis is adding another \$200 million investment for its battery plant, adding 100+ new jobs. Amazon's capital investment of \$100 million will add a new distribution center and 500 new jobs. There is new construction on the Air Force base surrounding the arrival of the F-35 to Montgomery.

A game changer for Montgomery and the state will be the Montgomery Water Park which is expected to bring 300,000 new visitors to Montgomery with another 66,000 visitors for Olympic level competitions. The overall economic impact could be between \$30 to \$150 million a year. In partnership with the Alabama Port Authority a \$65 million Inland Port project and revitalization of I65 will improve access to downtown and provide a new entrance to the city of Montgomery. Commissioner Harris spoke about the need to retain young people and ensure that every student is learning at the level they are capable of. He commended Superintendent Brown and his plans to raise the standards of education for students. While recognizing that the Commission has little authority over education, he expressed his excitement about public education and the changes that are coming.

Commissioner Harris addressed the issue of juvenile crime and the need to bring back community centers for the youth. The revitalization project will provide \$13million for Community Centers for families, young people and the elderly. In addition, there are projects for improving sanitation, expanding Broadband internet access and installing camera to improve safety and aid Law Enforcement. Another \$6 million will help train all deputies about dealing with individuals with mental health issues and to provide a place for these individuals to go instead of jails.

Rotarians thanked Commissioner Harris for the updates and all that he is doing to serve Montgomery County.

Two guests attended the Jan. 23rd meeting...

Andrea McCain – Guest of Donna Marietta
Ken Ward – Guest of Club

Attendance: We had 58 members in attendance & 4 members on Zoom at our 1/23/23 meeting.



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Other Rotary Club Meeting Times for Makeup's:

Monday 7 a.m.

Prattville-Millbrook Sunrise Club
Hampton Inn

Tuesday 12 p.m.

Wetumpka Rotary Club
Wharf- 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Tuesday 12 p.m.

Prattville Rotary Club
Prattville Country Club

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Montgomery Sunset Rotary Club
Goat Haus

Thursday noon

Montgomery Capital Rotary Club
Wynlakes Country Club (upstairs meeting room)

Friday 7 a.m.

Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club
Commerce Café (in Trustmark Bldg.)

Make-up Online: www.rotaryclubone.org
For directory of members & other club information please visit www.dacdb.org and register. (Use your email & last name or RI number as password)
Also visit www.rotary.org, www.montgomeryrotary.com (The password for the members only page is – tmrc) and www.rotary6880.org for useful information about our club and district.
Our Club address: 5015 Woods Crossing/ Montgomery, AL 36106.

Important Reminder on Parking at RSA

The city does not want to leave the parking gate up for an extended period of time. Our Rotary club was given one PERMANENT NUMBER, which we can use to enter when the gate is down between 10:45 am and 12:30pm. That CODE remains:

897745

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87640251286?pwd=ZoFrRzZQUUZTR1JJVzJpVDlCTEUxOT09>

Meeting ID: 876 4025 1286

Passcode: 420197

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdHmLDei2>

Mark your calendar!



February 14th /8:00 am – 9:00 am
RSA Activity Center
201 Dexter Avenue

****We will not have the regular Rotary meeting on Monday, February 13th.**

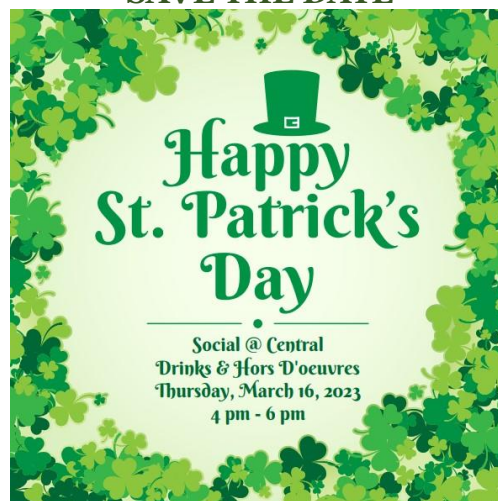
****Proposed New Member****

Name: Andrea McCain

Classification- Banking: Officer

Proposed by: Past President Donna Marietta

SAVE THE DATE



Social @ Central
Drinks & Hors D'oeuvres
Thursday, March 16, 2023
4 pm - 6 pm

More details to follow soon...