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NEXT PROGRAM, Jan 23rd...



Commissioner Daniel Harris, Jr. was elected District 1 Commissioner on November 6, 2012 and was elected Vice Chairman of the Montgomery County Commission by his fellow commissioners during the commission's organizational meeting on November 14, 2012. He was re-elected as the

Commissioner of District I in 2016 and again in 2020.

Mr. Harris was born and raised in Montgomery. After graduating from George Washington Carver High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the height of the Vietnam War. Upon his return home, he enrolled in Alabama State University while working full-time for the ICG (GMO) and L&N Railroads. He also worked as a Deputy in the Montgomery County Sheriff Department.

Upon graduation from ASU, he attended law school and upon graduation accepted a position as Corporate Attorney in the Law Division of the Mutual of Omaha Companies where he rose to the position of Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, the position that he held when he retired in 2003.

Since retiring, Dan has earned a Master of Science degree and has generously volunteered his time and talents to various municipal, county, community and church boards. He is married to the former Deborah E. Mitchell they have 6 adult children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. They are members of United Evangelical Lutheran Church where he is an Elder.

Monday's Greeter

Graham Champion – Past President 2019-20
Karlyn Edmonds – New Member

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN PROUDLY EVERYDAY!

Upcoming Programs

Jan. 23	Dan Harris – County Commissioner
Jan. 30	Penny Lucas-White – Head Volleyball Coach ASU
Feb. 6	Patrick Aitken – Mid Alabama Coalition for the Homeless
Feb. 13	No Meeting – MRC will host the Chamber 60 Minute coffee 2/14

Join Zoom Meeting – January 23rd

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85840360666?pwd=bzcrRkZWVmdONDliendzUUkybEltUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 4036 0666

Passcode: 280431

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ki8WfFVPM>

Jan. 9th Meeting...



Our Rotary guest speaker on January 9 was Will Ratliff. He is a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club and is the chairman of an upcoming International Peace Conference to be held in Birmingham.

The conference is hosted by Rotary with help from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the UAB Institute for Human Rights. Several corporate sponsors are also involved.

Ratliff reminded the club of Rotary's seven areas of focus, which all fall under our motto, Service Above Self:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economy
- Protect and improve the environment

For generations, Rotary International and Rotarians worldwide have worked on those areas. That includes being involved in the founding of the United Nations.

Today, one way that is happening in Alabama is through the NewGen Peacebuilders Program. It gets schools and youth organizations to dedicate themselves to peace projects in their communities. This is the third year for the program in the Birmingham area and the second year in Tuscaloosa.

This all leads up to the 2023 International Peace Conference, which will be held May 4-6 in downtown Birmingham. The goal is to attract 1,500 adults and 500 youth. It is part of Birmingham Peace Week, which runs from May 1-7.

Ratliff says our club can support the conference by attendance, promotion and donations. It will include several sessions and even a march downtown. Ratliff says as Rotarians, we have a shared responsibility to bring goodwill and understanding to the world.

Attendance: We had 61 members in attendance & 6 members on Zoom at our 1/9/23 meeting.

Mark your calendar!



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

****We are in need of a few door prizes. Please let Brandi know if you are able to donate. Thank you!**



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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](http://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

Service Above Self Essay Contest Winner – Pizza Party



Terecko Moore had a Birthday Pizza Party on Wednesday, January 18th. It was attended by members of his family, Mrs. Spencer, his teacher, his principal, Commissioner Isaiah Sankey, his sister, and other teachers. It was a wonderful party that lasted about an hour!

