

# The COGnition

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# NEXT PROGRAM, Jan 9th...



Will Ratliff recently stepped down after serving 34 years as CEO of Collateral Holdings, a company founded by his grandfather. He passed the CEO role to his nephew, Jonathan Ratliff. Collateral's businesses are in employee benefits, insurance services, and commercial real estate.

Will attended Amherst College, earned a doctorate in Applied Behavioral Science at UMass Amherst, and worked as a teacher, counselor, and school director before joining Collateral. He has been active in many community organizations, including YouthServe, which he helped found; Rotary Club of Birmingham; the National Conference for Community and Justice; St. Mary's Sewanee; Good News Children Education Mission in Kolkata, India; the Society of International Business Fellows; and A+ Education Partnership. Civic activities take up an ever-increasing share of his time. He is chair of an International Peace Conference taking place in Birmingham in 2023 initiated by Rotary.

Will and his wife, Carolyn, are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and have three grown children. His son Tom is married to the former Melody Gillezeau of Trinidad, whom he met while they were both working in Costa Rica. Tom also works at Collateral. His daughter Cassie lives and works in Atlanta. His daughter Lillie lives and works in New York and recently married Sam Breslow.

## **Monday's Greeter**

Chris Dunn – Past President 2006-07 Morgan Laird – New Member

# WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN PROUDLY EVERYDAY!

## **Upcoming Programs**

Dec. 26

No Meeting – Christmas holiday

Jan. 2

No meeting – New Year's holiday

Will Ratliff – Rotary Peace
Conference

Join Zoom Meeting

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89075480240?pwd=WHNY WUtPOVdZR2tJRkN1UjV3SzMyQT09

Meeting ID: 890 7548 0240

Passcode: 310095 Find your local number:

https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb9R7jhrgl

# **Meals on Wheels**



Thank you to Marcus Morgan & PDG Skip Dotherow who will deliver on Wednesday, Jan. 4th. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers!

We need 2 volunteers on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Monday meetings with dates. Please consider helping with this great project and email Brandi Hayes at office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com.



Our Rotary program on December 19<sup>th</sup> was the Booker T. Washington String Ensemble. They performed a collection of Christmas favorites to get us all in the spirit. String Ensemble: Shoronda Charles-Director, Alfons Lopez-violin, Caleb Osborne-violin, Camille Campbell-cello, Chloe Campbell- cello, Xola Brown-cello and Harrison Conely-bass.



We also had a special presentation. Past President Clare Weil presented the Ensemble's director, Shoronda Charles, with a donation from the Montgomery Rotary Foundation for the ensemble's needs. (Picture on left)



Rotarians enjoyed the fellowship at numbered tables and sitting at different seats.

#### Several guests attended the Dec. 19th meeting...

Kathy Smith – Son of Scott Gregory Parents of String Ensemble – Guests of Club

**Attendance**: We had 41 members in attendance & 2 members on Zoom at our 12/19/22 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.rotaryeclubone.org

For directory of members & other club information please visit <a href="www.dacdb.org">www.dacdb.org</a> and register. (Use your email & last name or RI number as password)
Also visit <a href="www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>,

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 Update on Parking at RSA\*\*

We received notice that they do not want to leave the parking gate up for a long period of time anymore. Our Rotary club has been given one permanent number that you will need to use from now on. This is only good

from 10:45 am-12:30pm. CODE: 897745

# Dictionary Project



Picture of
Past
President
Bob Seibels
and Past
President
Hal Bloom
(not
pictured)
delivering
dictionaries
to Nixon
Elementary
on October
6th.

Happy Birthday to our Friends celebrating in January!!



Bob Seibels – Jan. 2nd Robert Allan – Jan. 7th Cristen Bozeman – Jan. 9th Henry Davis – Jan. 10th Charlie Edwards – Jan. 11th Wes Littlefield – Jan. 28th Amy Johnson – Jan. 30th Larry Kloess – Jan. 30th Bart Reeves – Jan. 31st