

## NEXT PROGRAM, Jan. 31st...



In September 2021, The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission voted to make Alabama Treasurer John McMillan the executive director of the commission.

McMillan was chosen after a lengthy search by a subcommittee of the commission. The

subcommittee narrowed it down to three candidates who were interviewed. The subcommittee recommended McMillan to the committee. His hiring was passed unanimously.

McMillan was elected Alabama state treasurer in 2018. McMillan served two terms as Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries from 2011 to 2019. Prior to that, McMillan served as executive director of the Alabama Forestry Association for 20 years and as commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He served two terms in the Alabama Legislature and served on the Baldwin County Commission.

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#### Upcoming Programs

<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>John McMillan – Executive Director for the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission</b> <b>Meeting ID # 830 1292 3354</b> <b>Password: 405460</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>No Meeting – Chamber 60-minute coffee on Tues., February 8th</b>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83012923354?pwd=aG53R1NfTkF0NTdnV3VGWwo2R1dkZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 1292 3354

Passcode: 405460

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kca4pDYs3u>

## Mark your calendar



**February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00-9:00 am**  
**RSA Activity Center**  
**201 Dexter Avenue**

**We are excited to host the first Chamber 60 Minute Coffee in 2022!**

## Jan. 24th Meeting...



Rotarian Mason Bunn.)

Our Rotary guest speaker on January 24 was Dr. Jack Hawkins, the chancellor of Troy University. He has held that position since 1989 and has led the university through tremendous growth and change. (Pictured L to R: Dr Jack Hawkins, President Stacia Robinson and

More than \$350 million has been invested in capital improvements, including new academic buildings on all four of Troy's Alabama campuses, which are in Troy, Montgomery, Dothan and Phenix City. Hawkins led the university's evolution to become an international institution.

Hawkins says these are challenging and disruptive times. He compared this to the early 1900s, when the boll weevil ravaged the cotton crop, forcing farmers to diversify. The advent of growing peanuts, soybeans and sweet potatoes turned out to be good for the agriculture industry.

He says nationally, some higher education institutions have been faced with mergers, closures or realignments. Seventeen colleges closed last year, including Judson College in Marion, which was founded in 1838 and had been the fifth-oldest women's college in the country.

Besides COVID, Hawkins says the challenges facing colleges and universities include declining enrollment, lower birth rates leading to a smaller pool of students, fears of student debt and a lack of confidence that a degree will guarantee a better life.

Hawkins says Troy is well positioned to meet those challenges. He says Troy remains competitive, with a wide range of options for students to pursue. He has told his deans that every student needs an internship in order to be prepared to enter the workforce. Finally, he says Troy maintains good stewardship of its resources, which has limited the need to raise tuition.

### Five guests attended the Jan. 24th meeting...

Essence Drake – Guest of Kimberly Baker

Ray White – Guest of Club

Andrea McCain – Guest of Donna Marietta

Keith Dykes – Guest of Paul Blake

Jamie Brown – Visited from Prattville-Millbrook Sunrise

**Attendance:** We had 51 members in attendance & 11 members on Zoom at our 1/24/22 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. 3

Wetumpka Rotary Club  
Wind Creek Casino

### 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  
RSA Activity Center

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Our Club address: 5015 Woods Crossing/  
Montgomery, AL 36106.



## Meals on Wheels

Thank you Jackie Pittman & Sam Adams who delivered on Wednesday, January 19th. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers!

**We need 2 volunteers to go on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>.** There is a sign-up sheet at the Monday meetings. Please consider helping with this great project and email Brandi Hayes at [office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com](mailto:office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com).

## Rotary Charity Event



Once again, we will hold this year's Rotary Charity Event at the RSA Activity center on **Monday, May 9th** during our normal meeting time. We will celebrate the work and mission of two wonderful organizations: **Service Dogs Alabama** and **That's My Child**. All proceeds will go towards providing much needed transportation for their non-profit.

Lunch will begin at noon but may last a little longer than the usual. RSVP to Brandi at [office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com](mailto:office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com) no later than Friday, April 29th by 5:00 p.m. We are limited in space but want to accommodate everyone.

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