

NEXT PROGRAM, Jan. 24th...



Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., a native of Mobile, Alabama, was named Chancellor of Troy University Sept. 1, 1989. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Montevallo and his doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree in 1967, Hawkins was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon leader during the Vietnam War. For his combat duty, he received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and a citation from the Korean Marine Corps.

Hawkins has overseen an era of change and growth at TROY, as he led the merger of the worldwide Troy State University System into the unified Troy University, an initiative called "One Great University." More than \$350 million has been invested in capital improvements by the Hawkins Administration, including new academic buildings on all four of TROY's Alabama campuses. Chancellor Hawkins served as the catalyst for the University's evolution to an international institution, as TROY has attracted record numbers of students from other nations and established teaching sites around the world. During his tenure, academic standards for admission have been increased, new degree programs were established in all academic colleges, and intercollegiate athletics joined the highest level of NCAA competition.

Hawkins' professional background includes his service as an assistant dean at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1971-1979) and as president of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega (1979-1989).

In 1985, he was honored by the University of Montevallo as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and was the recipient of the 2003 All-American Football Foundation's "Top College President" Award. In 2005 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama. In 2007 he was recognized as the "Alabama Citizen of the Year" by the Alabama Broadcasters Association. In 2011, Dr. Hawkins was recognized with the Chief Executive Leadership Award presented by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and as the March of Dimes River Region Citizen of the Year. In 2012 he received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Secretary of the Air Force for his service on the Air University Board of Visitors from 2004-2012. In 2014 he was one of nine university presidents/chancellors worldwide—and the only one in North America—to receive the World Confucius Institute's Individual Performance Excellence Award. In October 2016 Dr. Hawkins was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

Dr. Hawkins is married to Janice Hawkins, and they have two daughters, Katie, a former officer in the USAF who is married to Air Force Col. Dan Beall; and Kelly Godwin, an attorney and member of the Troy University faculty who is married to Adam Godwin, a former professional baseball player and a member of the Troy University baseball staff. Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins are the proud grandparents of Noah and Ellyotte, who live in Maryland, and Micah Mae, who lives in Montgomery.

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Upcoming Programs

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| Jan. 17 | No Meeting – MLK Day |
| Jan. 24 | Dr. Jack Hawkins – Troy University Meeting ID # 851 3664 9696 Password: 957220 |
| Jan. 31 | John McMillan – Executive Director for the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission |

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136649696?pwd=U3lzRGVHZEcwZFFOcDZIT3FneENIQOT09>

Meeting ID: 851 3664 9696

Passcode: 957220

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kpLI6Jle0>

Jan. 10th Meeting...



Our Rotary guest speaker on January 10 was Phillip Ensler, the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama. He previously worked as senior policy advisor to Montgomery

Mayor Steven Reed.

Ensler spoke about his work with Teach for America. He has helped high school students achieve their college and career goals and has mentored students at Lee High School.

He says he found the work to be very challenging and sometimes exhausting. He says he found himself taking on the role of a social worker as he taught subjects. At Lee High School, the facilities and equipment presented their own challenges.

Ensler found that many of his students had never been out of the Montgomery area. If they had, they had only been as far as the beach or maybe Atlanta. Most had never been on an airplane.

He led them on trips to Washington, DC. Once they arrived, they did more than just visit tourist sites. He made it a business trip, with students wearing business attire as they met members of Congress and toured colleges. He says it was especially meaningful for the students to make the connection between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work in Montgomery and his accomplishments in Washington.

Ensler says more mentoring, tutoring, and paid internships need to be offered to students in Montgomery. He is hopeful that the next superintendent of Montgomery Public Schools will be innovative, with a long-term vision to help students by rethinking curriculum.

Three guests attended the Jan. 10th meeting...

Lee Herman – Wife of David Herman

Daimion Roberts – Guest of John Bowman

PDG Skip Dotherow – Visited from Montgomery Sunrise

Attendance: We had 58 members in attendance & 7 members on Zoom at our 1/10/22 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

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.montgomeryrotaryclub.com and

www.rotary6880.org for useful information about our club and district.

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



Meals on Wheels

Thank you Cindy Davis & Sam Adams who delivered on Wednesday, January 5th. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers!

We need 2 volunteers to go on Jan. 19th and February 2nd. 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.

Mark your calendar



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

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