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NEXT PROGRAM, July 12th...

member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India.

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN PROUDLY EVERYDAY!



We will begin the New 2021-22 Rotary Year hearing from our new President Stacia Robinson as she shares her plans for the upcoming rotary year.

Stacia Robinson is the Agency Principal of *BeneChoice Companies, LLC*, a Benefits and Financial Choices Company and the District Manager of Colonial Life Insurance Company. She helps businesses and organizations design benefits programs and cost savings strategies to boost employee loyalty and retention. Her business involvement includes Employee Benefits Design & Administration, Advertising Consulting, and Professional Speaking. She is a contributing author to the New York Times and Wall Street Journal Bestseller, *Masters of Networking*. She recently sold her BNI-Business Network Int'l Franchise, which she owned for nearly 25 years. Stacia enjoys public speaking and fine-tuned her skills through her involvement in Toastmasters International, a communications and leadership organization. She holds the title of "Distinguished Toastmaster," one of the highest levels of achievement.

Stacia is actively involved as a director on the boards of the Montgomery Rotary Club, Business Council of Alabama, Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce & Industrial Development Board of The City of Montgomery. Stacia is the chair of the board of the Fortitude Foundation for the Montgomery Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, Stacia was elected to be on the Board of Directors as the first African-American female. Stacia is committed to doing her part in the community and since 1988, serves as a commissioner and Chairman on the Commission for the 15th Judicial Court Pre-Trial Diversion Program. Her other community involvement includes boards and participation on the Habitat for Humanity and Central Alabama Community Foundation. She is a member of Leadership Alabama Class 11 & Leadership Montgomery Class 14.

Stacia is a native of Denver, CO. She attended Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. She received a B.S. in Mathematics and spent seven years in the Air Force as a communications-computer officer. She completed a M.S. in Counseling and Human Development at Troy University in Montgomery. She separated from the Air Force Standard Systems Center, at the rank of Captain, in Montgomery in April 1991 and began her marketing business. Her husband, Toy Robinson, is the Chief Engineer at Business Enterprise Systems at Maxwell-Gunter AFB. They have two adult children, Dr. Maurice Robinson, PhD and Jaylin Robinson.

Rotary 2021-22 Presidential Theme

Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urges members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own. President Mehta is a



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Upcoming Programs

July 5	No Meeting – 4 th of July holiday
July 12	Rotary President Stacia Robinson Meeting ID # 837 9885 2042 Password: 390516
July 19	Scott Gregory – Executive Director Montgomery Habitat for Humanity

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83798852042?pwd=KzFrOEN1VEJDNVdLRmZqYjJoYlYzUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 9885 2042

Passcode: 390516

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kjWWnmM11>

June 28th Meeting...



Our Rotary program on June 28 was our annual Club Assembly, with the passing of the gavel from President Donna Marietta to our new President Stacia Robinson.

Donna took time to share her reflections on a Rotary year unlike any other. While the Board decided to restart in-person club meetings, decisions had to be made on food, badges and social distancing. Zoom was introduced for the first time to allow members to attend meetings remotely.



But Donna notes that no one ever said that we couldn't do projects. Instead, changes were made to make them happen. An example was International Night, which couldn't be held in person. A video was produced to share with the international officers to expose them to Montgomery and to Rotary.

Donna took time to thank the Club and individuals for working on the Service Above Self Award, the Purple Pinkie Project, the 60-Minute Coffee, the charity event, new member orientation, weekly programs and everything that made the 2020-21 Rotary Year such a success.

Donna took special note of all the work that Brandi Hayes does -- not just to get ready for the weekly meetings -- but throughout the week to help the Club function. Donna says her job as president was easy, thanks to Brandi's help.

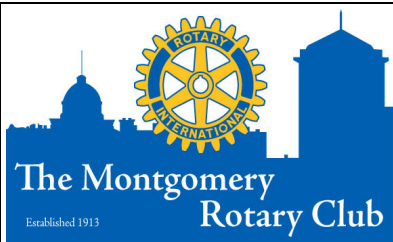
Six guests shared in the June 28th meeting...

Liz Land – Wife of Pete Land

David Hector – Grandson of Hank Hector

Jennie Grant – Guest of Jeff Gold

Mackenzie Caver – Guest of Jeff Gold



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Frank Barnes – Guest of Paul Blake

Cheryl Johnson – Visited from Montgomery Sunrise

Attendance: We had 62 members in attendance & 12 members on Zoom at our 6/28/2021 meeting.

2021-22 Officers

President	Stacia Robinson, stacia@benechoicecompanies.com	356-0243
President Elect	Larry Carter, carter.lg@gmail.com	356-2278
Vice President	Taylor Williams, taylorwilliams@powersouth.com	324-4410
Immediate Past President	Donna Marietta, dmarietta@macoa.org	782-0595
Treasurer	Hank Hector, hjhector@netzero.net	279-6575
Executive Secretary	Brandi Hayes, office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com	467-0742

Directors

Jerry Ingram	300-4273, Jerry@LandinAlabamaForSale.com (2019-2022)
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Jerry Gantt	220-5508, jerrygantt@knology.net (2020-2023)
Will Fuller	256-496-7001, wfuller@capitolresourcesllc.com (2021-2024)
Rodney Cousin	316-518-0261, rodney.cousin@scouting.org (2021-2024)
Meredith Wills	221-0547, meredithpbrown@gmail.com (2021-2024)

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.

New Member



On Monday, we welcomed new rotary member **Ron Simmons**. Ron is the President/CEO of River Region United Way. John is pictured with his sponsor President Donna Marietta.

We are excited to have you join Ron and look forward to your fellowship & service in the club!

****Proposed New Member****

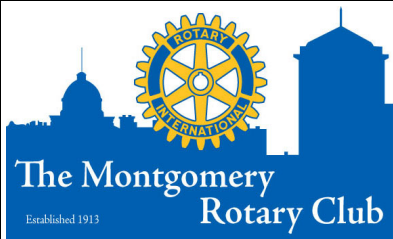
Name: **Jennie Grant**

Classification- Sales: Management

Proposed by: Jeff Gold

Happy Birthday to our Friends celebrating in July!!





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Jerry Gantt – July 3rd
Scott Gregory – July 4th
John McMillan – July 6th
David Woods – July 7th
Hank Hector – July 8th
John Zeigler – July 12th
Elizabeth Crump – July 15th
Mary Darby Coleman – July 17th
Larry Carter – July 24th
John Kline – July 24th
Elliot Knight – July 24th
Stacia Robinson – July 29th