

NEXT PROGRAM, July 26th...



Dr. Richard Bailey, a native of Montgomery, began his study of local history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History as a Kansas State University intern in August 1979. He remained at the archives for 15 months to conduct research for his dissertation. He received the BS and MED degrees

from Alabama State University; MA from Clark Atlanta University; and PhD from Kansas State University. A joint fellowship from Cleveland (OH) State University and the University of Massachusetts enabled him to travel and study in Europe and Africa.

Bailey is the author of two books. The *Montgomery Advertiser* enclosed a 20-page excerpt from *They Too Call Alabama Home: African American Profiles, 1800–1999* for Black History Month in 2012. His *Neither Carpetbaggers nor Scalawags: Black Officeholders during the Reconstruction of Alabama, 1867–1878* was adopted by the Alabama State Textbook Committee and is now in its fifth edition. During the 1990s Alabama Public Television interviewed him for its broadcast of the 1961 Freedom Rides and for its segment on lynching. He was interviewed for PBS' "The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song," which aired February 16–17, 2021. His city-sponsored documentary, "Downtown Montgomery, Alabama: Mark of Distinction" (2019), and its 2020 spinoff, "Moments in Montgomery History," currently air on Troy University Television's Channel 181. He also appears on radio and television to discuss historical and current events.

Dr. Bailey has conducted several local tours beginning in February 1985. He has also led walking tours of Dexter Avenue, Commerce Street, and other historic downtown areas as well as Oakwood and Lincoln Cemeteries. The *Montgomery Advertiser* named him "Community Hero" for February 2021.

He will speak on "A Historic View of Dexter Avenue."

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Upcoming Programs

July 26	Dr. Richard Bailey – Historian/Retired from AWC Meeting ID # 821 9670 8009 Password: 667679
Aug. 2	Cheryl Johnson – Rotary President Montgomery Sunrise Club
Aug. 9	Greg Byrne – Athletic Director at University of Alabama

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82196708009?pwd=ZXNyenJhMnRMVnRQa25oejVoVjVScz09>

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July 19th Meeting...



Our Rotary speaker on July 19 was club member Scott Gregory, who is the executive director for Montgomery Habitat for Humanity. He has held the position since March 1, 2020.

Gregory says just as he was starting in his new position, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, forcing plans to change. But what

has remained the same is the commitment to provide affordable housing for people that his organization serves, either by building homes or rehabilitating existing homes.

Gregory says the Montgomery Habitat for Humanity got its start in 1987 and has helped 85 area families so far. While some homes are scattered around, others are concentrated in two neighborhoods. He says there's a need for homes outside the city limits in rural areas of Montgomery County.

Habitat for Humanity doesn't give away homes for free. A family goes through a screening process. A typical family will have a maximum debt to income ratio of 43%, to help ensure they can make mortgage payments, which are usually \$500 a month or less. Mortgages have a 0% interest rate. A family must be willing to work 400 hours to help Habitat for Humanity in some way. Gregory says the entire process can take two years.

He says a family is usually working, but struggling, often with a single parent as the head of the household. It's not uncommon for that breadwinner to be taking care of elderly parents.

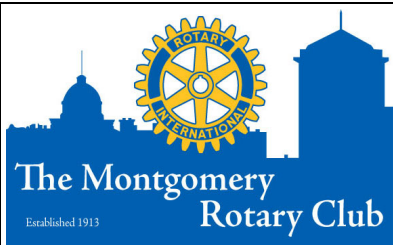
Gregory says volunteers are the work force. They can help with donations, labor or simply buying products at ReStore, which is at 2216 East South Boulevard and features donated items, including antiques and building supplies.

Rotarians can help by cleaning out homes that will be rehabilitated and doing repair work including drywall and flooring. He says people can be assigned to tasks based on age and skill levels. Licensed contractors are used for major plumbing or electrical work.

While former President Jimmy Carter has longtime ties to Habitat for Humanity, he did not found the organization. Gregory reminds us that it was started by Millard Fuller, who had many ties to Alabama. He was born in Lannett, had degrees from Auburn and Alabama and had a wife who was from Tuscaloosa.

Five guests shared in the July 19th meeting...

Liz Land – Wife of Pete Land



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Stoney Beavers – Guest of Vic Wilson

Brent Wills – Guest of Bonita Heartsill

Brandon Cleggs-Burns – Guest of John Bowman

Cedric Varner – Guest of Scott Gregory

Attendance: We had 59 members in attendance & 11 members on Zoom at our 7/19/2021 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.

Meals on Wheels



Thank you to John Griffin and Maitri Chandrasoma who delivered on Wednesday, July 21st. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers!

We need one volunteer on Aug 4th and on Aug. 18th. There is a sign-up sheet at the Monday meetings with dates for July – December. Please consider helping with this great project and email Brandi Hayes at office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com.

Message from Service Projects Chair, Jerry Gantt:

SERVICE HOURS CONTEST UPDATE

If your last name begins with A through L, you are on the **Blue Team** and will report by the end of each month to President Elect **Larry Carter**. All others are on **Gold Team** and report to Past President **Donna Marietta**. Use their respective email addresses in this newsletter roster.

Only hours spent on Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, and the Dictionary Project are currently eligible.