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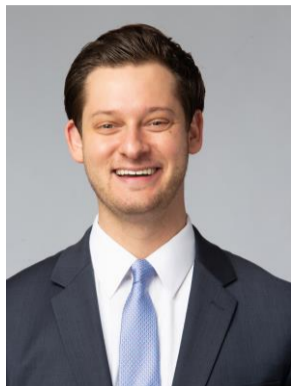
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NEXT PROGRAM, Jan. 10th...



Phillip Ensler is a lawyer who serves as the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama. He previously worked as the Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Steven L. Reed where he led efforts around public-private partnerships, education, public health, support for small businesses, and more.

After graduating the George Washington University in DC, Phillip was a Teach for America corps member in Montgomery at Lee High School. Since 2012, he has led a program for traditional Montgomery public high school students to achieve their college and career goals. He is a 2017 graduate of Cardozo School of Law and a member of the Alabama Bar.

WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN PROUDLY EVERYDAY!

Upcoming Programs

Jan. 10	Phillip Ensler – Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama Meeting ID # 831 4748 3470 Password: 768196
Jan. 17	No Meeting – MLK Day
Jan. 24	Dr. Jack Hawkins – Troy University

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83147483470?pwd=R2JhMlY0cVVYR29uaFc5VThxYWdHdz09>

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Find your local number:

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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**
- Matt Fridy – Jan. 17th**
- Leslie Cowell – Jan. 28th**
- Wes Littlefield – Jan. 28th**
- Amy Johnson – Jan. 30th**
- Larry Kloess – Jan. 30th**



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.

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

Dec. 20th Meeting...



Our Rotary guest speaker on December 20 was Catherine Coleman Flowers, a local environmental activist. She joined us via zoom. Flowers was featured on the CBS News

program "60 Minutes" this month for her work to solve wastewater issues in Lowndes County and elsewhere.

While Flowers is known internationally, she says she is a country girl who loves land and people. Unfortunately, she says sanitation inequities plague families in many rural areas who don't have the money or influence to fix the problem.

She gave several examples of raw sewage backing up in homes, a condition that can spread disease. Her goal is to get people away from using septic tanks.

Flowers says Alabama could lead the way in solving a problem that others treat with complacency. She says the top research experts in Huntsville are an untapped resource. Ideally, she'd like sewage to be treated in homes, turning it into drinking water to eliminate the need for sewer pipes or systems.

At the very least, Flowers says homeowners should not be responsible for septic tank problems over \$1,000. She wants manufacturers to offer 10-year parts and service warranties, just like the makers of other household products.

Flowers says the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that Congress passed last month contains about \$175 million to help rural communities. She says that amount won't solve wastewater problems in Lowndes County, much less in the rest of the state or in other states. She is hopeful that in Montgomery, the city council will work to get people off of septic tanks.

Three guests attended the Dec. 20th meeting...

- Chad Cater – Son of Richard Cater
- Joey Merritt – Guest of Paul Blake
- Tyler Cobb – Guest of Paul Blake

Attendance: We had 42 members in attendance & 8 members on Zoom at our 12/20/2021 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org): 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.
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SOCIETY OF 1913
THE MONTGOMERY
ROTARY CLUB

Please consider The Montgomery Rotary Club Foundation at year's end. At our centennial celebration we established the Society of 1913 that designates a Rotarian as a Founding Member of the Society with a donation of \$1,913.00. A donation can be made either through an irrevocable will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance or cash. It also can be paid over 4-5 years. For a donation \$19,130.00, you will be forever known as a Patron of the Society.

All money donated to the Society of 1913 will remain as a permanent endowment. Only the interest earned from the principal will be spent on charities in the River Region. Please contact Brandi Hayes with any questions at office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com or call Rick Pate 334.300.0700. Thanks for your consideration.

Patron: Sam Adams / **Founding Members:** Paul Miles, Bob Seibels, Young Boozer, Larry Kloess, Richard Cater, Rick Pate, Dod Hamre, Taylor Williams, Mark Dierlam, Jess Reed, Dick Brown, and Martha Demere.