

## The Program Today

### Rebecca Byrne, President & CEO, Community Foundation of South Alabama

Rebecca has devoted her career to serving others whether it is to her family, her community or her work. She now serves as President/CEO of The Community Foundation of South Alabama after serving as Executive Director of United Way of Baldwin County. She is a cum laude graduate of Auburn University.

Rebecca has served in leadership roles for numerous civic, cultural and church organizations including serving as Chair of the Mobile Public Library, Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, and Baldwin County Trailblazers. In addition she has been a member of the Thomas Hospital Foundation, Alabama Archives and History Foundation, Mobile Historic Development Commission and other area arts and education organizations. In 2005, Thomas Hospital honored Rebecca with one of their Women's Best Awards, the Motivator Award, for her contribution to arts education. She is a graduate of Leadership Alabama.

Rebecca is a member of Mobile Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Rebecca is married to Bradley Byrne, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (AL-01). This year the Byrnes will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary with their four children and grandchild. They are members of St. James Episcopal church in Fairhope.

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### May Program Chairs: Eddie Brister & Art Forward

5-28-15 Pam Patterson, Executive Director  
Distinguished Young Women Program

### June Program Chairs: Bill Watts, Bill Haffner & Art Forward

6-4-15 Matt Armbruster  
Founder / Ransom Ministries, Inc.  
"The Ransom Cafe"

6-11-15 Dean Mosher  
"History of Fairhope"

6-18-15 TBA  
6-25-15 Chief James Barber  
Chief of Police, Mobile, AL

## Generous Contributions - Thank You!

Gratefully we acknowledge your contributions to these worthy Rotary projects.

### Excellence in Scholarship / Rotary Children's Foundation, Inc.

Kay Korb  
Rebecca Byrne  
John Holler

## Members' Guests Week of May 7, 2015

Douglas Kearley had John Sledge.  
Earl Jackson had John Pisarkiewicz.  
Loka Mistretta had Clint McFerrin.  
Tom McGehee had John McCall.  
Ken Niemeyer had Bill Bowman.

## Visiting Rotarian Week of May 7, 2015

Robin Roberts, Mobile West.

## Meeting Make-ups

Paul Sousa, Bill Bodie, Joey Betzeze, Richard Brinson, Virginia Edington, Sandy Stimpson, Bart Greer, Sujin Kim, Ed Witherington, John Witherington, Ernest Ladd, Frank Brown, Robert Greer, and Lee Phillips, Mobile West on April 28, 2015.  
Ken Robinson, Michael Chambers, Robert Greer, Les Greer and Bart Greer, District Conference in Orange Beach on May 1-2, 2015.

## E-Club Make-up

Bob Chappelle



"Skeet" Morris, Jr. - 22  
Real Estate - Appraisals,  
Commercial



Donald Kunstadt - 24  
Religion - Jewish



"Tom" Martenstein - 25  
Bldg. Supplies - Retailing



"Ken" Neimeyer - 25  
Law - Trusts & Estates



"Les" Greer - 26  
Veterinary Medicine



Ralph Hargrove - 26  
Engineering - Industrial



Danny Patterson - 26  
Information Resources -  
Computing Systems



"Steve" Dill - 27  
Religion - Protestant [Methodist]

## New Members

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Introduced by: Dan McDaniel 5-7-15

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Birthday: 9-27-66 Auburn, AL  
Introduced by: Robert Greer 5-7-15

929-1023

## FOR YOUR APPROVAL

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Mobile, the following membership application is reported. If no written objection, stating reasons, is received from any member of the club within seven days following publication, membership will follow.

### "Melanie" R. Susman

Classification: Real Estate - Residential  
Realtor / Roberts Brothers  
Proposed by: Les Greer

## Minutes of the Rotary Meeting April 30, 2015

By Monde M Donaldson

### Invocation, Song Music and Pledge

Ken Robinson called the meeting to order. Richard Wilkins gave the invocation.

Tom Martenstein led the song and pledge. He was accompanied by Les Greer.

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## Student of the Week

Ernest Holloway of Lillie B Williamson High School was recognized as the Student of the Week. He was introduced by Saty Putchu.

## Program

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile

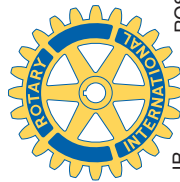
Archbishop Thomas Rodi gave an overview of the Archdiocese of Mobile. The archdiocese is comprised of the 28 southern counties in Alabama, and encompasses half the state. The Cathedral parish was established in 1703 making it the oldest in the Mississippi Valley. There are 30 churches in Mobile and 12 in Baldwin County. Catholic Social Services serves 11,000 in Mobile County and 5,000 clients in Baldwin County both Catholic and non-catholic. This year, the Archdiocese has broken ground on St. Michael's Catholic High School, the first Catholic high school in Baldwin County and McGill-Toolen Catholic High School is in the midst of second phase of building for their capital campaign. There is also a new social services center under construction on Florida Street.

The archbishop noted that when Bishop Michael Portier, Mobile's first bishop came to Mobile he faced several major challenges. They were: serving the poor, passing on the faith to families and youth, finding priests, serving immigrants, raising money for ministries, the scandalous behavior of clergy and laws facing the country troubling to the teaching of the church. Ironically, these are the same issues facing the church today, he said.

Archbishop Rodi focused his talk on religious liberties. They have been a core value of our American and religious history, he said. Today, there are troubling times where respect for these values has come into question under the US Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, he said. The Constitution says we are entitled to free exercise of religion, he said. In the months to come, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be challenging the right of the government to impose certain laws and mandates.

In the past century, the Catholic Church has had outstanding men such as, Pope Benedict and Pope John Paul II who experienced fascism and Communism in their countries, he explained. The political climate of their home countries promoted that your dignity came from the state. Courageously, these bishops would remind their countrymen and the world that your rights and your dignity were given to you by God. The founders of our country made it clear where our rights came from, he said. The Bill of Rights is to be respected by the government. The archbishop's plea for respect for fundamental rights was met with a standing ovation.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Today, 12:15 P.M., Thursday, May 21, 2015  
Lunch - 11:45  
Bell - 12:15  
Adjournment - 1:15  
Battle House Hotel



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