

THE PROGRAM TODAY

Chief Lawrence L. Battiste, IV Mobile Police Department

Today's speaker is Mobile's Chief of Police, Lawrence L. Battiste IV. He received his appointment in April of 2017 after serving as the department's Assistant Police Chief. In that capacity he commanded several divisions.

After serving in the United States Navy, Chief Battiste began what has become a 28 year career in law enforcement. He has had a wide range of experiences including the fields of narcotics and vice, SWAT, and both General and Major Crimes Investigations. He previously served the city of Prichard as its police chief.

Chief Battiste earned his BA in Human Resources Management as well as his MA in Justice Administration from Faulkner University. He has received numerous awards and citations over the years including the Mayor's Eagle Award, Deputy of the Year, Commander's Citation and the Combat Cross Award.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

5/3/18	Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper
5/10/18	Leon Hirsh, Polio's Downfall
5/17/18	Graduate Day, speaker t/b/a
5/24/18	Elizabeth Stevens, Mobile's Downtown District
5/31/18	Brian Belcher, Mobile Airport Authority

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Barney March, Jr.	Ken Robinson
Mimi Bell	Brenda Litchfield

MEMBER'S GUEST Week of April 19, 2018

Elizabeth Stevens had Fred Rendfrey.

VISITING ROTARIANS Week of April 19, 2018

Laura Johnson, Mobile Sunrise.
Victoria Williams, Panama City, FL.

**BRING A FRIEND TO
ROTARY THURSDAY!**

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Hank Cobb, Steve Setterstrom, Dan McDaniel, Bart Greer, Lee Phillips, and Joey Betbeze, Mobile West on April 10, 2018.

E-CLUB MAKE-UPS

Bob Chappelle and Rebecca Byrne.

New Member

"KELLIE" HOPE

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Arts - Performing, Opera



Norman Pitman, III - 5/2
Finance - Financial Planning

MINUTES OF THE ROTARY MEETING April 12, 2018

By Tom McGehee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Dukes at 12:15 PM. Bry Shields offered the invocation and Tommy Blankenship led the club in song followed by Jeff Zoghby who welcomed visiting Rotarians and members' guests.

Youth Merit Award: Jeff Luther introduced Mathilde "Mattie" Naman who was accompanied by her parents. Miss Naman is Senior Class President at McGill Toolen Catholic High School and in talking about Service Above Self cited her father, Judge Edmund Naman as her role model.

Announcements:

- John Dukes announced that the Rotary District Conference will be held at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi on June 7th through the 10th.
- John reported that May 17th has been designated Graduate Day when we invite our members to bring seniors to the meeting to hear an inspirational talk.
- A board meeting will follow next week's meeting on April 19th.
- John introduced Chris Eddings from El Papi restaurant on Dauphin Street. He said the restaurant is looking forward to hosting members of our club on Tuesday April 17th from 5-7PM with special hors d'oeuvres and happy hour prices.

Program: Cart Blackwell: The Mystique of the Mystic

Tom McGehee introduced Cart Blackwell, Executive Director of the Mobile Carnival Museum who presented a power point program focusing on some of the collections of the museum and the colorful history of our Mardi Gras.

Cart looked back over the city's long history noting that before the Civil War Mobile had been the second largest center for banking in the South and was dubbed "the Paris of the South." Reconstruction left the economy in a shambles and the 1872 founding of the Mobile Carnival Association was an attempt to promote the city's carnival season and bring in tourist dollars. It worked then and it works today. He noted that Mardi Gras had a \$227 million impact on the city this year.

Cart announced that the Carnival Museum will be offering visitors a quarterly changing exhibit in the main building beginning in July of this year. The first exhibit will focus on "The Spirits of Mardi Gras" with artifacts ranging from mid-19th century silver julep cups to a prohibition era martini shaker with a Mystic organization's emblem. Future planned exhibits focus on the work of talented artists and designers of Mardi Gras art and parade floats.

He was especially pleased to announce that New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art has recently put in a request to borrow the emblem goat from the Striker's Independent Society (1844) for an exhibit planned for 2021.

After answering a number of questions, Cart was thanked by John Dukes who presented him with a certificate noting that a donation has been made in his honor to the Rotary Children's Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

PARKING REMINDER

On Thursdays Rotarians are invited to park at the city's parking garage for just \$3. The building has easy access from Water, Dauphin and Royal Streets and is just a block south of the Battle House.



ATTEND ROTARY WHEREVER YOU GO!

ROTARY MEETING MAKE-UPS

Monday

Daphne/Spanish Fort 12:00 Daphne United Methodist Church, Daphne

Tuesday

Robertsdale 12:00 MaMa Lou's Restaurant
 Mobile West 11:45 Briquettes (Montlimar Dr.)
 Mobile Sunset* 4:15 Tavern on the Hill

*Every other Tues

Wednesday

Mobile Sunrise 7:00 Country Club of Mobile
 Fairhope 12:30 Victorian Inn & Conference Center
 North Mobile° 12:00 Catfish Junction

°1st & 3rd Wed

Thursday

Point Clear 7:30 Marriott's Grand Hotel
 Pleasure Island - 12:00 Jalapeno's Restaurant
 Gulf Shores/Orange Beach
 Fairhope Sunset 5:30 Fairhope Yacht Club
 Central Baldwin Sunset 5:30 Ivey's Fine Dining

Friday

Foley 12:00 Gift Horse Restaurant

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE

Members can attend a "make-up" meeting via the internet. Visit <http://www.rotaryclubone.org> and check out this method to keep up attendance percentages when you're unable to visit one of the other local club's meetings. It takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes and is a convenient way to maintain attendance.

Be sure to send a copy of the Make-Up Verification to the Rotary Club Office by fax or either to the following e-mail address: info@mobil Rotary.org.

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 Lunch - 11:45
 Bell - 12:15
 Adjournment - 1:15



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