

THE PROGRAM TODAY

Carl Cunningham, Jr., Advisor, Mobile's Kappa League

Carl Cunningham is a Mobile native and graduated from Murphy High School. He received his Masters in Geography and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He is a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile where is a member of their Renovation Team.

For twelve years Dr. Cunningham served as an Adjunct Professor of Geography as well as Director of Multi-cultural Student Affairs at the University of South Alabama. He has served as the Director of TRIO Student Support Services for Coastal Alabama Community College for the past nine years.

Carl is very active in our community and serves on the boards of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Murphy High School Alumni Association and Camp Beckwith. He is the current president of Mobile's Jackson State University Alumni Chapter as well as the national president of that university's Sonic Boom Alumni Association.

He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity where he has served as the Guide right/Mobile Kappa League Director for the past 16 years. Carl has mentored more than 300 young men in his role at the Kappa League and is the author of a book entitled *A Kut Above: Results of Positive Male Mentoring*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- 6/19/18 Member Social at The Cheese Cottage 5-7 p.m.
- 6/28/18 Distinguished Young Women, A Program from Talented "Has Beens"
- 7/5/18 No Regular Meeting. **Happy Independence Day!**
- 7/12/18 Annual Passing of the Gavel,
Welcome President Ernest Ladd, IV!



"Jeff" Zoghby - 21
Associations - Retarded Children



Beth Stafford - 21
Advertising



Claire McCarron - 21
Finance - Commercial Banking



Saty Putcha - 22
Business - Brokerage



"Rob" Diehl - 22
Finance - Commercial Banking



"Bill" Bodie - 24
Physician - Family Practice



John Pisarkiewicz, Jr. - 25
Economist - Education & Consulting



"Bill" Hart - 25
Consulting - Nonprofits



John Dukes - 26
Law - Real Estate

MINUTES OF THE ROTARY MEETING May 31, 2018

By Kathy Miller

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Dukes at 12:00 p.m. Michael Pierce offered the invocation and Tommy Blankenship led the Club in song and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Jeff Zoghby introduced guests and visitors.

Student Guest: Jay Turner presented the 2018-2019 Rotary Scholarship Award winners, Kathrine "Katie" Eubanks of Satsuma High School, who will attend the University of Alabama, and Kamryn Pigg of Bryant High School, who will attend Tulane. He also introduced their parents. John thanked Jeff Luther for coordinating the student guests each week during this Rotary year.

Announcements: Ariel Chavez told the Club about his visit to a Rotary Club in La Paz, Bolivia and presented our Club with a banner from the La Paz Club. John requested that members who need photos for the new Rotary roster or who needed to update their information contact Peggy. John also asked that those interested in volunteering for committees to let Peggy know. He reminded the members that on Tuesday, June 19, there will be a monthly Rotary social at the Cheese Cottage at 5:00 p.m. He also reminded members of the multi-district conference in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage.

Program: James Fowler introduced Chris Curry, Executive Director of the Mobile Airport Authority. Mr. Curry has 35 years of experience and has served in an executive capacity at three airports. In 2016 he was named Aviation Professional of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation. He holds a degree in professional aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and an associate degree from the Community College of the U.S. Airforce. Mr. Curry summarized the operations governed by the Mobile Airport Authority, a five member, self-sustaining board. The MAA owns and operates the Mobile Regional Airport) and the Brookley Aeroplex which includes both the downtown airport (250 acres) and the industrial complex (a 450 acre industrial park). Mr. Curry outlined recent discussions regarding consideration of commercial air travel from Brookley. He noted that Via, Mobile's newest carrier, agreed to come into the MRA with the intent of transitioning to the downtown airport. He noted that the industrial complex has over 80 tenants employing over 4,000 people, including the Airbus assembly line, Airbus Engineering, VTMAE and Continental Motors. He said that MRA ranks as one of the highest fair airports in the country primarily because it is an airport utilized for business travel and is priced for business as opposed to leisure travel. He noted that promoting leisure travel and attracting leisure carriers will bring prices down. He said that approximately 50% of MRA's passengers live within 40 miles of the airport. 30% of the passengers travel from Pensacola and 20% from New Orleans. He noted that Washington D.C. is our area's number one underserved market followed by New York, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Mr. Curry said that the MAA is completing a five year study, which began on February 2, 2018. The study includes evaluation of the cost of moving commercial air traffic downtown versus building better access to MRA from I-10 to the airport. The five year study addresses how commercial service and growth would be accomplished at the downtown airport and which options would attract low cost carriers to our market. The next step will be an airport master plan which will involve public comment and consideration of environmental issues, noise and facilities. Mr. Curry answered questions from members and Mr. Dukes presented Mr. Curry with a certificate for speaking to the Club.

Adjournment: After announcing members' birthdays and the program for next week, John adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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@mobilerotary.org.

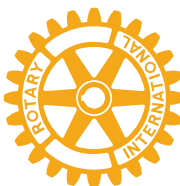
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Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:15
Adjournment - 1:15



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