

## The Program Today

### Commander Emily Bassett, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer of LCS Crew 214, PCU Manchester (LCS 14)

A native of Seattle, Washington, Commander Emily Bassett graduated from Boston University (BU) with a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Civilizations. She earned her commission through BU's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program. She is a Nuclear trained Surface Warfare Officer.

Afloat, Bassett completed her first division officer tour aboard the amphibious landing dock ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47) as combat information center officer and assistant operations officer. After nuclear power training, she completed her second division officer tour aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as the reactor laboratories division officer. She completed two department head equivalent tours, first as operations officer on USS Ingraham (FFG 61) and then as reactor electrical assistant on USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). She served as executive officer on USS Arlington (LPD 24), certifying every warfare area in the ship's first training cycle and commencing the ship's maiden deployment. Bassett has completed five deployments, to include support in the western pacific, CARAT, Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom.

Ashore, Bassett was selected for an Olmsted Scholarship and earned a Master's degree in Hispanic Studies, taught in Spanish, from the University of Cadiz, Spain. She served as Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic's Force Reactor Training Assistant, and has a Master's degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. She has completed the Air Command and Staff College program for Joint Professional Military Education Phase I.

Currently, she is the commanding officer of LCS Crew 214, PCU Manchester (LCS 14).

## Upcoming Programs & Events

- 12/14/17 Rev. Bry Shields, "Christmas Message"
- 12/21/17 No Meeting - Merry Christmas!
- 12/28/17 No Meeting - Happy New Year!

## Members' Guests

### Week of November 30, 2017

Stephen Potts had Breck Pappas.  
Ken Niemeyer had Cooper Norman.  
Katherine Pitman had Jill Chenoweth.

## Visiting Rotarians

### Week of November 30, 2017

Marshall Shields, Mobile Sunrise.  
Robin Roberts, Mobile West.

## Meeting Make-ups

Lee Phillips, Bart Greer, Hank Cobb, & Joey Betbeze, Mobile West on November 14, 2017.  
Mike Finan, Jackson, AL on November 15, 2017.  
Terry Bassett, Point Clear on November 16, 2017.

## E-Club Make-up

Bob Chappelle



"Billy" Cassidy - 7  
Judicial - U.S. Magistrate  
Judge



Jex Luce, Jr. - 7  
Real Estate - Appraisal,  
Commercial



Robin Luce - 8  
Landscape Management



"Bobby" Williams - 8  
Paint Manufacturing



"Clint" McFerrin - 10  
Facility Services



"Skip" Brown, III - 13  
Accounting - General Business



Tuerk Schlesinger - 13  
Associations - Mental Health

## Minutes of the Rotary Meeting October 19, 2017

By Rob Diehl

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Dukes at 12:15 PM. Bob Chappelle offered the invocation. Tommy Blankenship led the club in song and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Oppenheimer accompanied on the piano. Tom Martenstein welcomed members' guests and visiting Rotarians.

The Student Guest was Kamryn Pigg of Alma Bryant High School. She was introduced by school faculty as a bright star in the community and on campus. Ms. Pigg talked about service above self and was warmly congratulated.

Bill Oppenheimer introduced his son-in-law Staples Wood as a new member of our club. Staples is a native Mobilian and is an attorney with Long & Long.

### Announcements:

• John Dukes announced that there would be a Board meeting immediately following today's regular meeting.

• John Dukes thanked Ernest Ladd for organizing the Gala which was held at the Southern National restaurant. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the food, drink and fellowship.

Program: District Governor Bill Trant

Ken Robinson introduced the Governor.

Bill Trant is a native of Opp, Alabama. He graduated from Opp High School and is a graduate of Gupton Jones Mortuary College in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Trant has been in the funeral business for over 40 years. He lives in Opelika, and along with his son, Coley, owns and operates Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home & Crematory.

This year's international theme is "Making a Difference." The question posed by International is Why Rotary?

The Governor gave examples of various ways all members do and can do to make a difference in people's lives.

Trant talked about some of the projects going on in our District including "planting a tree", Back Pack ministry and others. Trant announced that every club in our District has contributed to the Rotary Foundation this year. The total donated was approximately \$300,000. This is the first year in many when we enjoyed 100% participation.

Trant talked about "Givers vs. Takers" and complimented our group on being givers. A quote he recited was "Be happy with what you have because there are many who have very little but still have smiles on their faces". He reminded us that we all have 1) time to help, 2) words to share and 3) opportunity.....all toward the theme of Making a Difference.

There is a mid-year conference to be held in Dothan on January 12 & 13, 2018 as well as the annual conference to be held in Biloxi on June 7-10, 2018. Trant invited each of us to attend.

John Dukes thanked the Governor for sharing his knowledge with the club and noted that in his honor a donation has been made to the Rotary Children's Foundation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.



## 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.)

#### Wednesday

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

#### 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

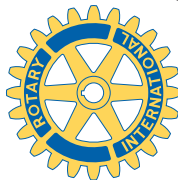
#### Friday

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](mailto:info@mobilerotary.org).



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Today, 12:15 P.M., Thursday, December 7, 2017  
Lunch - 11:45  
Bell - 12:15  
Adjournment - 1:15  
Battle House Hotel



## WELCOME

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