The Mobile Rotary Club
Cordially Invites You and Your Guest to the

Annual Gala
Celebrating 112 years of service

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
National Maritime Museum
155 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama

Enjoy an evening of fellowship,
spirits and hors d'oeuvres,
with live music by
Brandon Rice and access
to the new Jimmy Buffett Exhibit.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Kindly RSVP by November 4th
to 251-432-2362 or info@mobilerotary.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

11/19/26 Jeremiah Newell, CEO, MAEF
11/26/26 NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS - THANK YOU!

Gratefully we acknowledge your contributions to these worthy Rotary projects.

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

Douglas Kearley
Clifton Nelson
Mary Van Brunt

E-CLUB MAKE-UPS

Matthew Fonseca on November 3, 2026.

******SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT******

Community Food Drive: Devin Schaff Rotarian with Prime Realty is hosting their annual Blessing Baskets Community Food Drive to Provide Thanksgiving Baskets to local students and their families in need during the Holidays. Our goal is to donate 250 baskets this year. Please consider contributing a basket of nonperishable foods. Donations are accepted now until November 16th and can also be dropped off at the Gala November 11th or at 1210 Hillcrest Road.





"Dee" Gambill - 12
Finance - Banking, Wealth Managment



Chambliss Brister - 13
Personnel Service



Roger Porter - 15
Religion - Protestant [Episcopal]



"Bert" Eichold, II - 15
Physician - Health Dept.



Peter Martin - 15
Insurance - Employee Benefits

MINUTES OF THE ROTARY MEETING
October 15, 2026

By: Kathy Miller

Call to Order: Ariel Chavez, President of the Rotary Club of Mobile, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge: Bill Kinnaird offered the invocation, and Larry Sindel led Members in the song and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members' Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Tommy Blankenship introduced our Members' guests and visiting Rotarians and led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Rotary Moment: Allen Ladd, on behalf of the Rotary Children's Foundation, gave a short history of the founding of the Foundation and its origins in the polio epidemic and children's polio ward. Allen announced grant distributions to Camp ASCCA in the amount of $20,000.00 for a week of camp for disabled children from the Mobile area; $2500.00 to Dauphin Island Sea Lab Foundation for a marine science camp for disabled children; and $12,000.00 to the Mobile Infirmary Foundation for its Safe Sleep program. Checks were presented to representatives of the recipients.

Student Guest: Whitney Brickner introduced Tiffany Buchanan, Principal of Vigor High School, who introduced the Student Guest, Halle Gaines.

New Member: Helene Hassell introduced Shelley Stephens, who will become Executive Director of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab as of January 1st of next year.

Announcements: Ariel announced that the Annual Gala is set for Wednesday, November 11th at the Maritime Museum. There is a Board meeting today in the Ashland Suite. He also announced that Rotary General Fund grant applications are now being accepted and applications and grant conditions can be found on the Club's website.

Program: Frankie Little introduced the speaker, John Milham, a Certified Mindfulness – Meditation Teacher. John discussed the practice of mindfulness and its benefits. He broke down the core of practicing mindfulness: on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally. He walked Members through the elements of the practice, including anchoring your attention, being aware when your mind wanders (which isn't a failure – it's what the mind does), and returning to your anchor. He also discussed how breathing facilitates practicing mindfulness. He said that mindfulness can be practiced consistently, five to ten minutes a day, or in "mini-moments" and that, with practice, mindfulness will cultivate patience, calm, ease, gratitude, and curiosity. A trained mind will produce better sleep, less reactive emotions, better listening, calmness, more focus and lower blood pressure.

Ariel presented John with a speaker's certificate stating that a donation had been made to Trees for Hope in recognition of his speaking to the Club.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: After recognizing Members' birthdays and announcing the Program for next week, Ariel adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.



Membership is every member's business!



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*	5:30	Firehouse Wine Bar

*2nd & 4th Tues.

Wednesday

Mobile Sunrise	7:00	Country Club of Mobile
Fairhope	12:30	Fairhope United Methodist Church
North Mobile°	12:00	Wintzells, Saraland 2nd Wed.
°2nd & 4th Wed.	12:00	Saraland United Methodist Church 4th Wed.

Thursday

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

Friday

Foley	12:00	Wolf Bay Restaurant

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE

Members can attend a "make-up" meeting via the internet. Visit http://www.rotaryeclubone.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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