

## THE PROGRAM TODAY

### John Eads, Executive Director, Light of the Village

John Eads grew up in New Mexico, and at the age of 14, became a cadet at New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) where he graduated from high school four years later. Between his junior and senior years, in July, 1983 he became a Christian and began his walk with Christ.

He continued at NMMI on a boxing scholarship and earned a junior college diploma and a commission as an officer in the United States Army, he then completed Airborne School. Following his military service, John earned a Masters of Business Administration degree from New Mexico State University in 1994, the same year he married his wife, Dolores, who served as a public school teacher.

They moved to San Antonio, TX where he earned a Masters in Hospital Administration from Trinity University and from 1998 through 2007, he served as Chief Executive Officer in two different hospitals for the Infirmary Health System. In 2005, he was awarded the Distinguished Early Career Healthcare Executive award for the state of Alabama.

From 1997 to 2001, John and his wife, Dolores, served with *Prison Fellowship Ministries* and conducted in-prison seminars in prisons throughout Alabama. They established Prison Fellowship seminars in the State's juvenile facilities in 1998 and continued to serve inside both adult and juvenile correctional facilities until 2001.

In 2001, John and his wife founded *Light of the Village*, an inner-city Christian ministry in Prichard's Alabama Village and served there part-time while pursuing their careers. This community is one of Alabama's most impoverished and violent.

In 2007, John decided to leave the healthcare field to devote full time to his work as Executive Director at Light of the Village. John traveled to East Los Angeles and learned about gang intervention at *Homeboy Industries*, considered to be the nation's Best Practice for gang intervention. Additionally, he and his wife traveled to Camden, New Jersey to learn about youth programs from *Urban Promise*.

In 2007, John began to serve as an adjunct lecturer at Spring Hill College for the Business Division. He was hired as a regular part-time lecturer for Spring Hill College in 2016.

Currently, the Light of the Village offers a six day a week presence inside the Alabama Village and surrounding communities. It serves children, teenagers, and adults. Since 2014, the ministry has expanded to five summer camp sites, and five after-school programs. We serve over 400 inner-city children a day for eight weeks during the summer and over 100 a day during our after-school programs. Additionally, we offer job placement, ACT College prep tutoring and a variety of other programs to meet the needs of our community.

The Light of the Village was the topic of the National PBS documentary, "The Good Road" in 2020 and is the subject of several upcoming books discussing urban community Christian ministry.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

5/2/24	Jim Nagy, Executive Director, Resse's Senior Bowl
5/9/24	John Kilpatrick, Founder & CEO, Vet's Recover
5/16/24	Jon Carfagno, Executive Director, Mobile Museum of Art
5/23/24	Karen Hong, CEO, Continental Aerospace Technologies
5/30/24	To Be Announced

## GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS - THANK YOU!

Gratefully we acknowledge your contributions to these worthy Rotary projects.

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## MEMBER'S GUESTS Week of April 18, 2024

Tommy Blankenship had Emme Blankenship.  
Dan McDaniel had Jeremy McDaniel.

## 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.

### Matthew "Matt" Armbruster

Classification: Associations - Job Training  
Executive Director, Ransom Ministries, Inc.  
Proposed by: Frank Harkins



John Day Peake, Jr. - 25  
Finance - Banking, Trust

## MINUTES OF THE ROTARY MEETING April 11, 2024

By: Hayden Whetstone

Invocation: offered by Jon Macklem

Student of the Week: Kayleigh Touchstone of Mary G. Montgomery High School.

Announcements: Rotary Board Meeting on April 18th.

Speaker: The speaker, Tamara Weinert, was introduced by Keshia Davis.

Tamara is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Business Area Americas at Outokumpu Steel. In her role, she presides over the second largest sustainable stainless-steel company in North America. Headquartered in Finland, Outokumpu is the largest stainless steel manufacturing company in Europe and Mexico, but lags behind North American Stainless in the United States.

Outokumpu first came to the state of Alabama in 2012. After suffering losses from 2012 to 2019, it has been a profitable operation since 2020, and it employs approximately 1,000 employees in its Calvert Plant along the Tombigbee River. Outokumpu views the opportunity to expand in the United States as a top priority.

Due to its laser-focus on sustainability, Outokumpu has set goals to be carbon neutral by 2050. Currently, it sources 98% of its stainless steel through recycling and repurposing previously manufactured steel. Outokumpu believes that stainless steel is the chosen material of the future due to its corrosion and heat resistance, high strength, and cost efficiency over its lifetime. To illustrate her point, Tamara pointed out that the dome of the empire state building is made of stainless steel, and has only been cleaned twice since it was constructed more than 90 years ago.

Tamara completed her remarks with safety statistics that reflect an 83% drop in safety incidents at the Calvert plant from 2016-2023; and Outokumpu's belief that the business drivers of stainless steel manufacturing include global megatrends, a push for sustainability, and the circular economy.

Tamara answered a number of questions before concluding her presentation.

**BRING A FRIEND TO  
ROTARY THURSDAY!**

## KNOW A PROSPECTIVE ROTARIAN?

Invite a prospective member to lunch and if your guest submits an application for membership, the lunch is on us! Our club offers great programs, good fellowship and an opportunity to network. Why not invite a colleague to experience Rotary and enjoy lunch soon?



**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 (Montlmar Dr.)  
 Mobile Sunset\* 5:30 Callaghan's  
 \*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 - 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](mailto:info@mobil Rotary.org).

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 Thursday 12:15 P.M...Battle House Hotel  
 Lunch - 11:45  
 Bell - 12:15  
 Adjournment - 1:00



**WELCOME**  
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 LIGHT OF THE VILLAGE

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