

THE PROGRAM TODAY

Matt Armbruster, Founder, Ransom Ministries

Matt Armbruster is a dedicated social entrepreneur and community leader in Mobile, Alabama.

In 2010, alongside his wife Tara, he co-founded Ransom Café, a donation-only restaurant. This initiative aimed to provide not just meals, but dignity and community to those in need.

In 2015, the couple furthered their mission with Ransom Reprogram, a job training program designed to empower formerly incarcerated, addicted, and homeless individuals to reintegrate into the workforce.

Building on this success, The Ransom team introduced Ransom Recycling in 2018, which provides crucial on-the-job training while reinforcing the character development initiated in Reprogram.

In 2022 collaborating with the City of Mobile, Matt spearheaded "Road2work" a transformative initiative aimed at further empowering individuals experiencing Homelessness through employment opportunities and community engagement.

Over the past 14 years, these initiatives through Ransom have impacted over 500,000 individuals.

Originally from Kansas, Matt Armbruster relocated to Mobile in 1992 and has since become an integral part of its community.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Matt enjoys golf, hunting, and traveling. He also serves as a chaplain to local businesses through Coastal Chaplains.

Matt is married to Tara Skipper Armbruster, and they are proud parents to five daughters: Teagan, Shelby, Micaela, Abbey, and Mary Paige.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- 8/1/24 NO MEETING - Captain's Reception @ Greer's St. Louis St.
- 8/8/24 Howard Eddy, District Governor Rotary Dist. #6880 "Official Visit"
- 8/15/24 Sandy Stimpson, Mayor, City of Mobile
- 8/22/24 To Be Announced
- 8/29/24 Neil Gustavson, Community Coordinator, Alabama Kidney Foundation

MEMBER'S GUESTS Week of July 18, 2024

Roger Cole had Olivia Alison & Conner Nason.
Allen Ladd had Hunter Ladd.
Tom Garth had Katie Garth.

E-CLUB MAKE-UPS

Judy Haner



Virginia Guy - 25
Associations - Drug Education



Kimberly Garber - 26
Fire Equipment - Service



John Peebles - 27
Real Estate - Industrial



Allen Ladd - 28
Insurance - Fire



Lynn Robinson - 29
Management Consultant



Brent Baker - 31
Law - Medical Malpractice

MINUTES OF THE ROTARY MEETING June 20, 2024

By: Hayden Whetstone

Invocation: offered by Douglas Kearley

Song & Pledge: Offered by Larry Sindel and Tommy Blankenship, respectively.

Announcements: Frank Harkins presented 4 new Paul Harris Fellows with their certificate and pin, 2 new Paul Harris Fellow +1's, 1 new Paul Harris Fellow +2, 1 new Paul Harris Fellow +3, and 1 new Paul Harris Fellow +4.

Speaker: The speaker, Carrington Hodge, was introduced by Kesshia Davis.

Carrington Hodge was selected amongst 50 competitors, representing each state in the United States, as the 2023 National Representative of the Distinguished Young Women. The first winner from the State of Alabama in more than 20 years, Carrington was raised in Helena, AL, and graduated from the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School.

While speaking with the Rotary Club of Mobile, Carrington shared that her introduction to the Distinguished Young Women (DYM) program came through her ballet instructor. After becoming familiar with the program, Carrington decided to compete in order to sharpen her public speaking skills, develop poise in front of diverse audiences, and gain

interviewing skills in preparation for today's rigorous college admissions process.

Carrington mentioned that her favorite aspects of being the National Representative for Distinguished Young Women are the opportunities she has had to travel extensively, to share the mission of the Distinguished Young Women program, and to mentor the incoming class of candidates. Additionally, Carrington appreciates the significance her DYM scholarship plays in enabling her to study at Vanderbilt University, where she is pursuing a degree in Medicine, Health, and Society.

Carrington concluded her remarks by fielding questions about her career goals, and the incoming class of DYM contestants.

Congratulations TO OUR PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS!





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 (Montlamar Dr.)
Mobile Sunset* 5:30 The Ice Box
*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

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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.

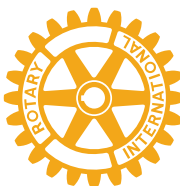


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Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:15
Adjournment - 1:00



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