

THE PROGRAM TODAY

Mayor Sandy Stimpson, City of Mobile

Sandy's mission is for Mobile to become the safest, most business and family friendly City in America by 2020. His visionary goal to unite the City, known as One Mobile, has empowered every Mobilian to have a voice. He was first elected in 2013. During his first term, he worked hard to address issues of public safety, fiscal responsibility, downtown revitalization, and blight eradication. He was reelected by a landslide in 2017.

Sandy's civic and business endeavors, both locally and statewide, have been numerous and varied. He has served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Alabama; the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; the Alabama Policy Institute; and the Business Council of Alabama; the University of Alabama President's Cabinet; and the University of South Alabama's Board of Trustees.

Sandy graduated from the University of Alabama in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He spent nearly forty years in the lumber manufacturing business. Sandy and his wife Jean have been married since 1975 and have four grown, married children and twelve grandchildren. They are longtime, active members of Ashland Place United Methodist Church.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

5/30/19 To Be Announced

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS - THANK YOU!

Gratefully we acknowledge your contributions to these worthy Rotary projects.

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Brenda Litchfield
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MEMBERS' GUESTS Week of May 9, 2019

Larry Sindel had Lauren Thai.

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Jeff Zoghby, Lee Phillips, Sujin Kim, and Virginia Edington, Mobile West on April 30, 2019.
Robert Greer, Rotary Dist. 6680 Conference in Birmingham from April 26-28, 2019.

E-CLUB MAKE-UPS

Leona Rowan

New Members

MARGARET M. "MEG" FOWLER
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Introduced by: Pat Edington 5-9-19

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Spouse: Ryann
Introduced by: Bill Oppenheimer 5-9-19



"Ken" Niemeyer - 25
Law - Trusts & Estates



"Les" Greer - 26
Veterinary Medicine



Ralph Hargrove - 26
Engineering - Industrial



Danny Patterson - 26
Information Resources -
Computing Systems



"Kinley" Bell - 29
Marine Rigging



"Ron" Melton - 29
Chemical Industry

MINUTES OF THE ROTARY MEETING May 2, 2019

By: Tommy Fulton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Claire McCarron, Vice-President.

Stephen McNair gave the invocation, followed by Larry Sindel and Bill Oppenheimer on the piano with a song and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests & Visitors: Tommy Blankenship introduced our guests along with visiting Rotarians.

Announcements: Credit Card Payment System in place. Email Peg for further information.

Program: Tom McGehee, Museum Director – Bellingrath Gardens and Home. His topic was "From Boom to Bust: A Sampling of Antebellum Architecture in Mobile from 1833-1862."

Tom opened his remarks by saying that the 1820's through the 1860's was a time for growth and identity in Mobile's architecture. The Mobile community had no love for the British, so builders and architects leaned heavily on Greek influence in its designs. This was indicative of a great period of optimism in our area.

Tom described the home previously located on the property, now inhabited by the Admiral Semmes Hotel, as the nicest in the state of Alabama. Despite the wishes of the owner, and the language in her will, the home was torn down.

In another different twist, he described the customary design for Episcopal Churches as gothic in nature. Not so here in the Mobile community. Again, it was built more along the Greek influence. Also, Barton Academy was originally built in 1839. It reopened as a "girls-only" school in 1879. Later, it became the office complex for the Mobile Public School System, and is now being prepared to host a new school for International Studies.

Our speaker regaled us with stories of personalities, including the connection to controversies such as "The Mysterious Poisoning Case at Liverpool." The story involved Mobile native, Florence Elizabeth Chandler who married James Maybrick. Maybrick was known to be a regular user of arsenic and other somewhat poisonous medicines. He was also infamous for his many mistresses. Florence responded with some dalliances of her own.

Ultimately, she was convicted in a Liverpool courtroom of murder and sentenced to prison. After 14 years, she was released and returned to the United States.

Tom went on to describe several other interesting personalities connected to the Mobile community.

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His talk included discussions of the developments along Church Street in the 1890's, Bragg Mitchell Home in 1855, and the Greek/Italian transition involved in the current MOT Mardi Gras organization's refurbishing on Government Street.

Ultimately, the architecture in Mobile shows a transition from Greek to Gothic to Italian influence. According to our speaker, America is still looking for its own unique theme.

After a question and answer session, Claire McCarron thanked Mr. McGehee for his presentation and presented a certificate to him, noting that a donation in his honor had been made to the Rotary International Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 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.)
Mobile Sunset* 5:30 Callahan's
*Every other Tues

Wednesday

Mobile Sunrise 7:00 Country Club of Mobile
Fairhope 12:30 Homestead Village Ballroom
North Mobile° 12:00 Infirmary Northside Clinic
°1st & 3rd Wed 3rd Floor Community Room

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

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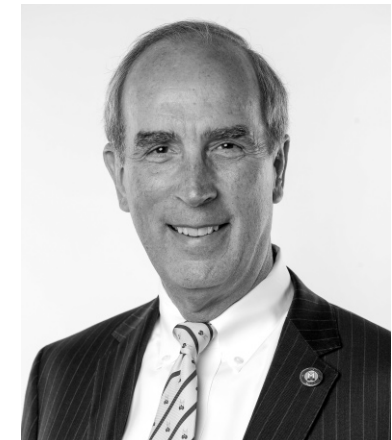
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Thursday 12:15 P.M...Battle House Hotel
Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:15
Adjournment - 1:15



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