

The Program Today

Larry Lee, Director, Center for Rural Alabama

Larry is the Director of the Center for Rural Alabama, a division of the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries. He has also served as Executive Director of the West Alabama Economic Development Authority, the Covington County Economic Development Commission and the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission.

Larry and Dr. Joe Sumners of Auburn co-authored *Beyond The Interstate: The Crisis in Rural Alabama and Crossroads and Connections: Strategies for Rural Alabama*. His most recent publication is *Lessons Learned from Rural Schools*, a study of ten high-performing, high-poverty schools across Alabama.

He frequently writes about rural issues for the Mobile Press-Register.

Larry grew up on a farm near Irvington and is a graduate of Theodore High School.

Upcoming Programs

September Program Chair, Judy Graham

- 9/16/10 Mal Moore - Athletic Director, Univ. of Alabama
9/23/10 Spokesperson, Alabama Power Co.,
Mobile Division
9/30/10 Dr. Freida Hill - Chancellor, Alabama Dept. of
Postsecondary Education

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Members' Guests Week of August 26, 2010

Garrett Williamson had Rick Savadra & Matthew Corkern.
David Alsobrook had Elyse Marley, Jennifer Fondren, Jacob
Laurence & Beverly Cooper.
Judy Graham had Madeline Reeves.
Erin Wheeler had Helene Hassell.

*Bring a Friend to
Rotary Thursday!*

Meeting Make-ups

Paul Sousa, Bill Bodie, Richard Brinson, Tim Hall, Sarah Teague, Joey Betbeze, Butch Johnston, Ted Morris, Ed Witherington, John Moses, Tommy Blankenship, Pat Edington & Lee Phillips, Mobile West on August 17, 2010.

Gordon Korb, Douglas Kearley & Win Hallett, Mobile Sunrise on August 18, 2010.

Tom Davis and Fred Helmsing, Point Clear on August 19, 2010.
John Rhodes, numerous meetings during the months of June & July 2010 in Bath, ME & Brunswick, ME.

E-Club Make-ups

Bob Chappelle and Vaughn Millner.

Special Announcement

The Rotary Club of Mobile is looking for non-Rotarian team members (ages 25-40) and a Rotarian Team Leader for the next Group Study Exchange (GSE) tour to Calcutta, India commencing Jan. 4, 2011 and concluding on Feb. 4, 2011.

Team leader applications are due by Sept. 15, 2010 and team members shortly thereafter. Applications, brochure & handbook are available at www.rotary.org. For more information please contact the Rotary office @ 432-2362 or info@mobilerotary.org.



Ben Harris, Jr. - 12
Law - Workmen's
Compensation



"Jay" Minus, Jr. - 12
Law - Municipal

Minutes of the Rotary Meeting Week of August 26, 2010

By Monde Donaldson

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Patrick Ladd. Tom Martenstein introduced members and guests.

President Michael Pierce announced that Rotarians interested in the GSE Tour of Calcutta, India next January should see Gary Moore. He also asked Rotarians to continue to work on proposing new members for the club.

Program: "Responding to the Deepwater Horizon Incident"
CDR Anthony LaRusso/U.S. Coast Guard and Ayana McIntosh Lee, director of government and public affairs, BP

CDR Tony LaRusso began the program discussing the three focus areas of the Coast Guard to combat the effects of the oil spill – the boom, sub-surface protection and long-term beach cleanup.

He said it had been a month since any oil had been seen on the surface. The boom which ranged in size from 12 inches to several feet thick had been removed from all Alabama waters and was being removed from the rest of the Gulf Coast. With storms and hurricanes coming this fall it was imperative to remove the boom. This was done with the blessing of communities and mayors to protect the inland marshes.

LaRusso said the Coast Guard had come up with a comprehensive plan to determine where some oil still might be. They are sampling daily working off a grid of inland waters. The Coast Guard will continue to do what needs to be done to keep the beaches clean, he said. Local response will be available at all times.

McIntosh-Lee addressed the BP issues. "We take full responsibility for the incident and we will make things right," she said. Her message to the Club emphasized –keeping people informed, honoring every legitimate claim, recovering and rehabilitating wild life and restoring the damaged environment.

Her presentation included slides addressing the economic impact on Mobile and the Gulf Coast. In asset purchases BP had spent \$3.2 million on real estate, \$5.3 million in leases and 2.6 million in operations (security, catering). Labor use totaled \$12.4 million. Expenditures in hotel rooms had reached \$4.8 million on 35,000 hotel nights. Transportation expenses had been \$2,25 million and car rentals \$300,000.

"We are committed to renourishment," she said. "We mobilized the largest public and private sector disaster response in the nation's history. There were 7,000 vessels of opportunity. We are committed to be here for the long term." BP has promised a \$50 million black grant, \$12 million to behavioral health, \$97 million to claims and \$5 million to Perdido Pass. In addition, over \$500 million has been pledged to Gulf Coast institutions for the next 10 years.

The meeting was adjourned .



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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 12:15 Heron Lakes Country Club

Wednesday

Mobile Sunrise 7:00 Country Club of Mobile
Fairhope 12:30 Victorian Inn & Conference Center
North Mobile 12:00 Catfish Junction, Saraland

Thursday

Point Clear 7:30 Marriott's Grand Hotel
Pleasure Island - 12:00 Jalapeno's Restaurant
Gulf Shores/Orange Beach
Fairhope Sunset 5:30 Fly Creek Café

Friday

Foley 12:00 Gift Horse Restaurant

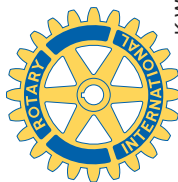
Make-up Opportunities On-Line

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@mobileroary.org.

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Today, 12:15 P.M., Thursday, September 9, 2010
Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:15
Adjournment - 1:15
Battle House Hotel



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