

FAIRHOPE ROTARY NEWS

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today **William Hanes**, founder of [Provision Fairhope](#), will tell us "The Story of Provision."

NEXT PROGRAM

November 1, 2023

There will be no midday meeting next week; it is preempted by the World's Greatest Meal. At our next meeting, **Zoe Lombard-Todd**, owner of Creative Outlet Dance Academy, will talk about the Fairhope *Nutcracker* that will be presented by Children's Dance Theatre.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 8 **Judd Gillespie**, real estate info

November 15 **Jeff Hauge**, Bayshore athletics

More information on upcoming programs is posted at <http://fairhoperotary.org/meetings/> as it is available.

Give program suggestions to **John Bowman**.

Club Service assignments for today:



Greeter: **Terry Cook**

Fund Raiser: **Trinka Brabston**

Speaker Host: **Ed Davidson**

Alternate/Backup: **Cindy Dodd**

Club Service assignments for November 1: **Mike Dodd, Seth Moore, Howard Eddy, and Tommy Faust**. Please read your instructions and be on time!

ATTENDANCE AND MAKEUPS

Attendance for October 11 was 41 members and 2 guests, including the speaker. The following makeups have been applied:

Bob Roberts	10/11	View meeting recording
Jim Solomon	10/11	View meeting recording

VISITING ROTARIANS LAST WEEK

Alan Samry Fairhope Sunset

GUESTS LAST WEEK

Cathy Shoots w/ Peggy Brandes

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

October 11, 2023

Following an invocation by **Mark Martin** and other preliminaries, **Prez Brian** announced that we will again be participating in the Veterans Day parade (oddy taking place on November 4). He then introduced historian **Alan Samry** to tell us about the history of the 100-year-old Baldwin County Historical Society and plans for the celebration of its centennial. The BCHS started here in Fairhope, he told us. Instrumental in its founding was librarian **Lydia J. Newcomb Comings** (1849–1946), who moved here in 1903 and lived in the House of Ten Gables, located where Sandra's Place now is. In 1893 she had written the book *Muscular Exercises for Health and Grace*. She was a proponent of elocution, proper breathing, meditation, and loose clothing. She started the basketball program at the Organic School (of which she was a founder) and was known as the Queen of Clubs because she formed so many. She was also the second female president of what is now the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. The first meeting of the BCHS was held in the Peoples Cooperative Supply Hall, upstairs above the store, on April 8, 2023. It was a rainy day, and the only other attendee was **Captain John Bowen** (1941–1930), who had been a prisoner of war at Andersonville and lived at 360 N. Summit, a home that is still in the family. The second meeting, held on the first day of summer at the Fairhope Christian Church, was more auspicious, with **Peter Brannan**, the state archivist, in attendance. The treasurer was **William McIntosh**, founder and president of the Bank of Fairhope, who lived at "Laddy Lodge" on Magnolia Avenue, now the home of **George Gilmore**. When the "annual meeting" was held at Blakeley on October 10, 1923, nearly 200 were in attendance, as photographed by **Max McGill**. Among them were two Brits, **Roderick D. Mackenzie**, who painted and sculpted the rotunda of the state capitol, and **Captain Jack Cross** (1853–1932). In 1928 Comings and **Martha M. Albers** published *A Brief History of Baldwin County*. It was their goal to have a museum, and this was realized in a dedicated room in the Fairhope Public Library, as shown by a hand-drawn map created by **Bertha Mershon** in 1936. (continued in column 4)



BIRTHDAYS

Mike Zoghby	10/25
Poenta Luckie	10/29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this week

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Lackey (#12)	10/19
Sergio D'Oliveira (#26)	10/22
Ramez Skaff (#9)	10/22

Josh Turner and **B. G. Hinds**, filling in for Fund Raiser **Dave Chilelli**, collected \$78. Lucky winner of the \$39 pot was **Salam Lama**. In addition, Sergeant-at-Arms **Milin Vira** collected H\$55, beginning with H\$20 from **Gene Kirchoff** for her birthday. One fact you might not know about Gene is that she and her family hiked the Teton Mountains every Labor Day for 21 years. **Peggy Brandes** gave H\$5 for her birthday and contributed that she had been a warden at one of the eight (currently six) prison camps that make up the Louisiana State Penitentiary. While many films seem to have been set or filmed at Angola, none of them is *Cool Hand Luke*, which Peggy mentioned (it was filmed in California and Florida). **Gil Wright** gave H\$1 to congratulate **Peggy** for wearing her high school majorette jacket. **Clarence Bishop** gave H\$5 for his 30 grandchildren. **Len Turner** gave H\$10 for his wife, **Pam's**, birthday on Friday and asked **Peggy** whether Luke's hands were really cool. (Peggy said it was before her time.) **Harry Toothaker** gave H\$1 for his son's marriage in Georgia. **Mike Dodd**, with H\$3, recounted his experience in Glacier National Park, crashing a private drum ceremony; when he was evicted, he gave his name as **Lee Turner!** **Mike Zoghby** had H\$5 for another plug for *Marriage of Figaro*. **Andy Tubertini** had H\$1 for seeing **Chad Clark** and another H\$1 for **Mike Dodd's** surviving his vacation. **Sally Wall** gave H\$1 for having realized that Lee can be a girl's name; **Lee Turner** responded by saying he had had H\$1 to welcome **Mike Dodd** back but

had had second thoughts; he added that he had seen someone in the post office he thought was **Sally Wall** and knocked on the glass, only to find it wasn't! **Chad Clark** gave a total of H\$70—\$23 for his anniversary, \$46 for his birthday, and the last \$1 for the opening of hunting season. Asked what were his favorite anniversary and birthday, he said that probably the best anniversary was his and **Candy's** twentieth, when they went to a resort in St. Lucia. Thanks to Covid restrictions, there were only 10 couples there, so they had the place to themselves. The best birthday is anytime the kids do something to mark the date (such as handmade cards). **Jim Reid** gave H\$1 to ask people not to approach **Beverly** at the Thomas Hospital reception desk with travel tips; they're costing him money! **Anil Vira** gave H\$5 for **Pallavi's** birthday, which is October 13, not September 1 as her parents pretended in order to get her into school a year earlier! **Josh Turner** (with H\$0) concluded with an update on the progress of the Fitness Court®. Our \$38,000 donation has been made, completing the funding, and all that remains is to decide on a location.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Prodisce Pantry Volunteer Night](#)

Wednesday, October 18 ~ 5:30 p.m.

9315 Spanish Fort Blvd, Spanish Fort

We will box food and present a \$5,000 check.

[Supper Club at Jesse's](#)

Thursday, October 19 ~ 6 p.m.

Jesse's Restaurant ~ Magnolia Springs

Please RSVP to **Anil Vira** at 251-928-4000.

[World's Greatest Meal](#)

Wednesday, October 25 ~ 6–9 p.m.

McSharry's Irish Pub ~ 101 N. Bancroft Street

Members and guests invited; attendees will be

asked to make a donation for PolioPlus.

Vote for your favorite shrimp and grits recipe.

Takes the place of our midday meeting.

(continued from column 2) Of the charter members of the BCHS, 21 were from Fairhope. One of these was **Clarence Coleman**, who is responsible for the S-curve in Fairhope Avenue, thanks to a disagreement with the FSTC. The [centennial celebration](#) will be held at Blakeley on October 22, and there will be a recreation of the original group photo as well as dedication of monuments to the founders.

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21-22	Mark J. Martin	05-06	Leonard O. Turner II
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18-19	Andrew P. Tubertini	97-98	Xavier A. Hartmann
17-18	Chad O. Clark	96-97	Seth W. Moore
16-17	Brenda Garrison Hinds	93-94	Carswell M. Walcott
13-14	Howard N. Eddy	86-87	Eugene W. Brabston
12-13	Sheila Denise Borroni	76-77	PDG Henry Crawford
10-11	Richard M. Phyfer		

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Bill Ainsworth: Indianola, MS 1987–1988, Laurel, MS 1994–1995
 Jerry Blacklaw: Gulf Breeze, FL 2004–2005
 Bob Roberts: Preston Center (Dallas), TX 1990–1991
 Edward Schnell: Melbourne, FL July–December 2015

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Linda Mong (2014–2015)	Jerry Blacklaw (2020–2021)

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS IN OUR CLUB

Anyone who donates (or in whose name is donated) \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is designated a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2022, our club became a 100% PHF Club. Each additional \$1,000 donation increases the level of Multiple Paul Harris Fellow status. Members of our club with **MPHF** status are indicated by ^{+1, +2, +3}, etc. Those whose personal donations exceed \$10,000 are recognized as Major Donors (*).

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3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
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- FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
- FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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