

Rotary



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Lee Weinman, District Governor



Lee was born and raised in Hartselle. He graduated from Morgan County High School in 1970 and from The University of Alabama in 1974. He is also a 1983 graduate of the Alabama Banking School.

Lee served as a Senior Vice President/Executive Director for Compass Bank, the 15th largest bank in the United States, based on total deposits. Compass is an affiliate of BBVA, a Spanish banking concern ranked in the top 20 largest financial institutions in the world. With Compass, Lee was responsible for the Investment Operations Division which held and accounted for over \$40 billion dollars in negotiable securities, \$19 billion dollars in derivative

transactions, and over \$4 billion dollars in daily, short term

He is a member of the Gardendale-Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church and has served on the Finance and Pastor-Parish committees and chaired the Evangelism, Finance, and Technology Committees as well as chairing the Administrative Board. As chairman of the administrative board, Lee initiated a \$3 million dollar building program, constructing a Family Life Center and expanded day care facilities. As Chairman of the Evangelism Committee he was asked to lead in the formation of a contemporary worship service. That service has grown from 60 attending the first week to over 300 attending each week, and is now the church's largest service.

Lee is a Rotary Alumnus having been a founding member of the Morgan County High School Interact Club in 1969. He was invited to join the Gardendale Area Rotary Club in 2001 and served as its secretary in 2002/03/04 and its president in 2005/06 and as interim president from December 2014 till June 2015.

Late in 2006 he was asked to complete the unexpired term of Group N Assistant Governor and then began his own 3 year term as Assistant Governor in July 2007. In April 2008 he accepted the position of District 6860 Treasurer, serving continually from July 2008 through June 2012. In May 2010 he was asked and accepted the position of Treasurer of Rotary Mid South PETS and has served in that position since that time. The Rotary Mid South PETS position placed Lee on the Executive Committee and has afforded him the opportunity to work with 54 District Governor Elects from 6 Rotary Districts in training over 3000 Rotary Club presidents from three states. Additionally, this position has allowed him to meet and interact with the past 16 Rotary International Presidents.

In 2014 Lee was our district's representative to the first "Emerging Leaders Workshop" held by Zones 30/31. From June 2014 through July 2016 Lee served as the Director of Membership and Public Relations for District 6860. In this capacity he is responsible for membership, public relations, newsletters, directory production, club extension, social media, and family of Rotary committees. In 2017, Lee represented our district at the first Zone 30/31 workshop for Membership Coordinators. Lee served on the 2014 and 2019 District Conference Committees and on the Finance Committee from 2008 until June 2015. In 2014 he was asked to chair a sub-committee of the District Finance Committee tasked with standardizing the district's treasury functions.

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Although Lee served at the district level he continued to serve his club as a director, past chairman of the Youth Services Committee (Interact), and completed a term as Interim President when the then president was transferred out of the area.

In 2010, Lee was awarded the first "Outstanding Leadership Award" issued by Rotary District 6860 for his service to the District. In 2015 he was awarded the "Martha Wilson Award" by his club. This award is given to the outstanding Rotarian in the club. It is not an annual award and is given only when past recipients believe it is deserved. Lee was recruited in 2017 to participate in the Boiling N Bragging district project raising funds for Children's of Alabama's Critical Care Transport.

In 2005, Lee chaired the City of Gardendale's Education Committee which produced a report outlining the opportunities provided to Gardendale students and expectations of the schools going forward. For his work with Gardendale Rotary's Katrina relief efforts and the work of the Education Committee, Lee was named Gardendale's 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

In January 2018, Lee was selected by the District Nominating Committee to be District Governor in Rotary year 2021/22.

Lee has been married 41 years to Sharon (nee) Pelham of Monroeville. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Anne who is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, The University of Alabama, and University of Southern Mississippi and currently resides in Nashville, TN.

NEXT WEEK

Lyn Scarbrough

Will they play? How will champions be determined? Who's expected to be the best?
How has and will COVID impact the teams, players, the game?

Don't miss this very popular meeting!

Polio Eradication Update (As of 7/22)

This YTD = 97
Pakistan: 63

Cases Last YTD = 64
Afghanistan: 34

Total 2019= 176
Nigeria: 0

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Reminder

Reservations are required for meals when attending meetings until further notice. You will be given a choice of a regular, vegetarian, or gluten free meal when registering. You are encouraged to register through the DACdb system but other alternatives are available to you. All members are requested to register each week regardless of attending or not. Once you are logged-in the process is really very simple and if you need assistance in logging in we are ready to assist!

EZ-link for August 3 Reservations:

<https://dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77487860>

Groceries Shipt Out

One of our members, seated in the back, admitted to searching for the Shipt App on the member's cell phone while our recent speaker was talking about Shipt through the wonders of Zoom ... and then texting back and forth with the Shipt customer representative on the downloaded Shipt application while our very pleasant speaker was talking about Shipt (which is owned by Target). This may have come across as somewhat flippant to the casual observer, except no one was looking, our Speaker probably wanted us to download that Shipt App anyway, and as it turned out, information from the Shipt App enabled the member to ask a better question of our speaker. Shipt is one company that allows you to order your groceries, meals or other items online and get them delivered to your door, for a fee paid monthly or annually plus other costs. Tips are not required but are greatly appreciated. You may tip in cash or within the app after you receive your delivery and 100% of your tip will go to the shopper (i.e. delivery driver).

Required Membership: Unlike other grocery delivery options, Shipt requires you to purchase a membership before placing any orders. You can choose from a monthly or annual membership and cancel anytime. Just be sure you plan on placing more than one order each month in order to make the membership price worth it.

Higher Prices: Shipt prices are slightly higher than in-store prices to help cover the costs of picking, packing and processing your groceries. On average, you can expect to pay about \$5 more per order than you would in-store.

The monthly membership costs \$14/month. The annual membership costs \$99/year, which works out to \$8.25/month. Members get free delivery for orders \$35 and over. Orders less than \$35 will have a flat \$7 delivery fee added to your total. *Now* ... if you are looking for something to do, you can probably get a paying job as a Shipt Shopper ... and there are numerous people in this world who love to shop. Look on the Shipt App or website for Shipt Shopper Signature Sign-Up sheet, seriously.

CELEBRATION TIME

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Argo, Mary Carol (CAROL)	13 August
Atkins, Doral (DORAL)	20 August
Bostany, Cecil G. (CECIL)	28 August
Casey, George (GEORGE)	09 August
Coleman, Stephen B. Jr. (STEVE)	07 August
DeBrecht, Sue (SUE)	10 August
Duell, Richard C. III (RICHARD)	22 August
Erwin, Jacob (JACOB)	27 August
Evans, Michael J Sr. (MIKE)	12 August
Faircloth, Robert G. (ROBERT)	04 August
Gardner, Lindsay Elizabeth (LINDSY)	09 August
Johnson, Orson L. (PETE)	05 August
Major, Lamont (LAMONT)	24 August
Martin, Kay Gillion (KAY)	11 August
Ritchie, Thomas A. (TOM)	23 August
Robin, Theodore Tydings Jr. (TY)	29 August
Ross, William Hale (BILL)	19 August
Sides, Charles Keith (KEITH)	30 August

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years (P)	Total
Birmingham, John M. (JOHN)	08/19/19	1	17	18
Carr, Danny D. (DANNY)	08/26/19	1	0	1
Johnson, William M. Jr.(BILL)	08/01/69	51	0	51
Raney, Amanda S (STEW)	08/19/19	1	0	1
Rhea, Claude H. (CLAUDE)	08/11/14	6	0	6
Ryals, Kim K. (KIM)	08/27/19	1	0	1
Toomey, James C (JIM)	08/20/18	2	0	2
Woodward, Mayo Malone (MAYO)	08/12/12	8	8	16

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Adams, Donelson R. (DONELSON)	Ann	08/14	55
Allen, Lee N. (LEE)	Catherine	08/24	57
Campisi, Mary Lynn (LYNN)	Mark A.	08/14	36
Cearlock, Jim (JIM)	Carrie	08/14	16
Estess, Glenn E. Jr.(GLENN)	Terri	08/26	17
Howard, Woodrow (Gene) Eugene (GENE)	Susanne (SUSANNE)	08/23	34
Putman, David (DAVID)	Mary	08/30	53
Schmalz, Jane N. (JANE)	Dick	08/28	38
Sellers, Gene M. (GENE)	Charlotte	08/29	61
Sharbel, Paul (PAUL)	Marianne	08/24	56
Sullivan, Dave (DAVE)	Carole	08/06	60



One Century of Life



Judge Robert "Bob" Faircloth



On August 4, 2020, we celebrated the 100th Birthday of Judge Robert “Bob” Faircloth, our Shades Valley Rotarian and so much more. Not everyone becomes a centenarian, although life expectancy in the USA has been on the rise. Bob has been a Member of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley for many years, and attended the Monday Meeting on August 3, the day before his 100th Birthday.





We sang him Happy Birthday, and although the big Drive-By was supposed to be a surprise, we suspect he knew. Three TV channels and other media were there to film or photograph the action, which included a Marine Corps Honor Guard carrying the American and Marine Corps flags, a fire-EMT truck, and close to 100 cars decorated up for the party. Cupcakes were served, and they were not short of icing.



In 1941, a co-worker and first cousin Woody Dominy took a construction job on Wake Island and was captured by the Japanese shortly after Pearl Harbor. Bob enlisted in the USMC to help get his cousin back, does not claim to be a hero, and says he just did what he was told to do.



The 3rd Marine Division was formed in San Diego, CA in Sept. 1942. Bob took the *USS Lurline* to Auckland, New Zealand for additional weeks of training. In June 1943, the 3rd Marine Division arrived in Guadalcanal for more training, where Bob was assigned to the signal company HQ for the 3rd Marine Division.

Bob was surrounded by his family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, their spouses, members of the media, friends, neighbors and a constant stream of party-goers. It was not just the new centenarian folks came to celebrate. They are rare, for sure. This birthday party was for our Bob, who we know to be an outstanding and unfailingly courteous Christian gentleman, judge, member of Brookwood Baptist Church, Marine, attorney, Rotarian, dedicated family man and all-around good guy.



Robert G. Faircloth grew up during the Depression on a farm in Georgia milking cows, picking velvet beans, killing hogs, smoking meat in their smokehouse, growing corn and beans and hunting possum. He would plow in the early morning and put his mules up (for his dad to take over) right before the school bus arrived.





When they landed on Guadalcanal, the Japanese were bombing Henderson Field and attacking it with the few remaining Japanese troops who held out in the hills. The signal company strung telephone wire for field telephones and managed the 3rd Marine Division's "jungle combat telephone company." They did not have radios yet, and had to crank the telephone sets at both ends to get them to work. Field telephones were preferred over radio for many situations. Signal company Marines were attached to all the other 3rd Marine Division units. They found out Bob had been to business school and understood accounting. They put him in the company HQ and made him a staff sergeant to keep signal company service records and for accounting. Bob stayed on Guadalcanal to keep records while most of the 3rd Marine Division went to Bougainville and then returned to Guadalcanal after combat. Bob then went with the 3rd Marine Division to fight on Guam.



Bob's funniest memory involved his company commander, who smoked with a cigarette holder the Marines did not consider normal, even though FDR used one. The air raid sirens on Guadalcanal had come on and then the all-clear was given. At this point, the company commander assembled his signal company and gave them a bravery pep-talk. During this bravery pep-talk, the air raid siren came back on again. The company commander, *without dismissing his men*, whirled around and then ran smack into a coconut tree. For a few days, the company commander was too embarrassed to show his face. [This was the same man who had the underground company HQ dug.]



The invasion of Guam was postponed due to trouble on another island. They were on their ships in the ocean for 30 days waiting to invade. In July 1944, about 20,000 officers and men of the 3rd Marine Division arrived at the north landing zone. Bob climbed over the side of his ship. The Marines did not want to destroy the main city of Agana, Guam, but the Japanese still held the city. Few Japanese would surrender. So, they had to level Agana. During the campaign, the signal company's job was to make sure the signal lines and equipment extended to the combat perimeter, so that the field was in communication with HQ. Bob's saddest memories were talking to Marines on Guam in the morning and within 24 hours receiving the required paperwork for their combat deaths.



On Guam, Bob developed a serious tropical medical condition and was flown to a hospital at Pearl Harbor. His hospital room looked out over the remaining wreckage from the Pearl Harbor attack. Bob did not recover very well (and had some lingering problems after WW2). He was transferred to a VA Hospital in Georgia. Bob was honorably discharged from the USMC in September 1945. He later saw his cousin and former co-worker Woody Dominy, who had survived as a POW in Japan.



He remembers they were bombed as their foxholes were still relatively shallow. After the bombing, all he heard were shovels digging deeper foxholes. After the P-38s arrived, the Japanese “Betties” stopped bombing at night on Guadalcanal and then they could move into a coconut grove and watch movies sitting on logs.





Bob graduated from Florida State in 1950 and from the University of Miami Law School in 1960. He worked for the IRS and as a tax attorney for some 10 years. In 1972, Bob was appointed U.S. Administrative Law Judge, a position he held for 35 years.





Bob married his wife Margaret P. “Peggy” Faircloth in 1951, had two children and several grandchildren, and was married for 64 years when Peggy passed away. Bob is clearly proud of his extended family, Brookwood Baptist Church friends, Rotary Club and all his friends. Bob joined the Rotary Club of Shades Valley in 2002.





Bob at age 99 in his Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Coat
Signal Company, Third Marine Division



Judge Faircloth celebrated his 100th Birthday with his family and a host of friends
on
August 4, 2020

