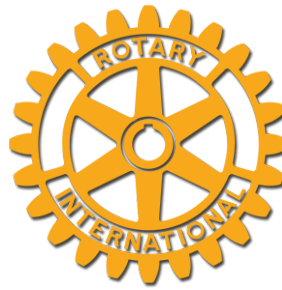


Rotary

Club of Shades Valley



Club Meeting

Shades Valley
Meets at Birmingham Botanical Gardens
2612 Lane Park Rd
Mountain Brk, AL 35223-1802
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

March 27th

[William T. Ratliff, III - Chair of the 2023 International Peace Conference](#) and Sue Bell Cobb - Former Chief Justice

April 13th

[President-elect Jon Lewis and Exec. Dir. Bo Porter](#)
Planning for RY 2023-24

23-03-27 Sue Bell Cobb and Will T. Ratliff, III -



CHIEF JUSTICE SUE BELL COBB (RET),

Retired Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb, who grew up in Evergreen, AL resides in Pike Road, Alabama. She graduated from The University of Alabama, receiving degrees in history and law.

Immediately following her admission to the Bar, Chief Justice Cobb was appointed in 1981 as District Judge of Conecuh County, becoming one of the State's youngest judges. She was elected and re-elected to that position. During her tenure on the bench, Chief Justice Cobb accepted trial court assignments in approximately forty counties. She was the first woman elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals serving two terms, and in 2006, became the first woman elected as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. During her time leading the Unified Judicial System of

Alabama, Chief Justice Cobb was known for accomplishing many reforms: sentencing reform, juvenile justice reform, access to justice, mandatory judicial education, and statewide eFiling of all court cases. She received a national award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals for the largest increase of model drug courts in the nation and has been inducted into Leadership Alabama, the Alabama Academy of Honor and the University of Alabama School of Law Hall of Honor.

Of all of the numerous awards that Chief Justice Cobb has received, she is most proud of the Judicial Award of Merit presented to her by the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Chapter of the National Drug Court Professionals named its top awards in her honor.

Since her retirement as Chief Justice, Chief Justice Cobb has taught at Jones Law School, the Honors College at the University of Alabama, The National Judicial College and has consulted on a number of cases. Presently, she is serving as the Pro Bono Executive Director of Redemption Earned, Inc., a non-profit organization she founded. Redemption Earned provides pro bono assistance to worthy aged and infirmed incarcerated people, working to gain their freedom and placing many in nursing homes. In addition, RE is offering the "Win" program, providing free representation to "work-release" eligible individuals who have pending charges.

She is married to William J. Cobb and together they have three children Caitlin, Bill, and Andy and four

grandchildren.



William T. Ratliff, III
Biography

Will Ratliff recently stepped down after serving 34 years as CEO of Collateral Holdings, a company founded by his grandfather. He passed the CEO role to his nephew, Jonathan Ratliff. Collateral's businesses are in employee benefits, insurance services, and commercial real estate.

Will attended Amherst College, earned a doctorate in Applied Behavioral Science at UMass Amherst, and worked as a teacher, counselor, and school director before joining Collateral. He has been active in many community organizations, including YouthServe, which he helped found; Rotary Club of Birmingham; the National Conference for Community and Justice; St. Mary's Sewanee; Good News Children Education Mission in Kolkata, India; the Society of International Business Fellows; and A+ Education Partnership. Civic activities take up an ever-increasing share of his time. He is chair of an International Peace Conference taking place in Birmingham in 2023 initiated by Rotary.

Will and his wife, Carolyn, are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and have three grown children. His son Tom is married to the former Melody Gillezeau of Trinidad, whom he met while they were both working in Costa Rica. Tom also works at Collateral. His daughter Cassie lives and works in Atlanta. His daughter Lillie lives and works in New York and recently married Sam Breslow.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE

Rotary International District 6860 (North and Central Alabama), in partnership with The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and the Institute for Human Rights at the University of Alabama Birmingham, presents the 2023 International Peace Conference (IPC). IPC will bring together people from across our nation and the globe to highlight the pursuit of peace at all levels of society. Hosted in Birmingham, Alabama, where in 1963 nonviolent protesters for equality and racial justice changed history.

This three-day immersive experience will bring together Rotarians and non-Rotarians and distinguished leaders in academia, government, public safety, religion, business, and community service to share ideas and propose solutions to some of society's most complex challenges.

Zoom Details

Via the web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84330344512>

Meeting ID: 843 3034 4512

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