Mobile - West Rotary Club

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Terry Lathan
Republican Committee of Alabama Chair

Terry Lathan is a former public school teacher and Alabama and American political activist. She has served as the Chair of the Alabama Republican Party since February 2015. Terry has served in the Alabama Republican Party since the 1990s. She was elected Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party in February 2015 and is one of only 8 women State Chairs on the Republican National Committee Terry has been a member of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee for 25 years and has attended approximately 50 ALGOPEC meetings.

She is married to Jerry Lathan, the former Finance Chair of the Alabama Republican Party. They have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Brittany. They attend Christ United Methodist Church.

Terry is a graduate of Auburn University, Montgomery.

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Invite a prospective member to Tuesday's meeting.
When you bring a prospective member you receive one free raffle ticket.

JACKPOT

Steve Ryan won the daily jackpot for **$30.00 .**There are 45 cards left in the deck with the jackpot at $ 299.00

May Birthdays

Maria Papastefan	5/17
Tad Bristow	5/20

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of $4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The $4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be $60 in 2017-18, $64 in 2018-19, and $68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future."

Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions — recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They'll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only. The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on Legislation to concentrate on enactments — changes to Rotary's governing documents. Proponents predict that the Council on Legislation can then be shortened by a day, saving $300,000.
Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued that too few Rotaractors (around 5 percent) join Rotary. Sometimes it's because they don't want to leave their Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It's hoped that giving them more options will boost the numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.
The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.
The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.
A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.

Rotary Meeting Make-ups

Monday
Daphne/Spanish Fort 12:00 Daphne United Methodist Church, Daphne
Tuesday
Robertsdale 12:00 MaMa Lou's Restaurant
Wednesday
Mobile Sunrise 7:00 Country Club of Mobile
Fairhope 12:30 Homestead Village Ballroom
North Mobile 12:00 Catfish Junction, Saraland and
Chickasaw Housing Authority every other week .
Thursday
Mobile - 12:00 Battle house Hotel
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 noon - Gift Horse Restaurant

Make-up Opportunities On-Line
Members can attend a "make-up" meeting via the internet. Visit http://www.rotaryeclubone.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 Steve Ryan to the following e-mail