

# The Nerve



A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

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## This Week, April 09, 2013 Interact Program

### Officers, 2012-13

James Leitner  
*President*

Karen Baldwin  
*President-Elect*

Nancy Jones  
*Secretary*

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### Directors, 2012-13

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J. G. Brazil  
*Foundation*

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*Past President*

Jerry Shepherd  
*Assistant District Governor*



## Last Week, April 2

Last week Rotarians welcomed Caroline Novak, President of A+ Education Partnership. She started the Alabama Reading Initiative and works with different legislative bodies of government. She stated that in Alabama only 18 % of students who graduate and take the ACT are prepared for the exam. One of the programs that is in place address the issue is Plan 2020. Its priorities are learners, support systems, professionals who work with them, and schools and systems. She mentioned A+ college ready program that is opening doors to Advanced Placement Courses. Tuscaloosa has seen a great increase in AP Courses and where the courses are offered. Novak stated that we need to pay attention to what is happening with education in our state. For more information please go the A+ website at <http://www.apusala.org/>.



## Announcements, April 2

- Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight will be making its 4<sup>th</sup> flight on May 18<sup>th</sup> and we will be taking both WWII and Korean War Veterans to see their memorials in Washington, D. C. More information will be posted on the Club's Website, and anyone interested in helping out with this year's flight or knows a potential veteran or guardian can e-mail Rotarian Jordan Plaster at [james\\_plasterjr@mlc](mailto:james_plasterjr@mlc)
- The Morning Rotary club has its "Wine Down with Rotary" fundraiser on Thursday, April 18, 2013. The funds raised will be used to provide computers for Northington Elementary and to support The Community Soup Bowl. For more information contact Brandon Stough at 464-2021 or Susan Drake at 507-1112.

*Wine Down with Rotary*

*Presented by*

**The Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club**

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Harrison Galleries & Paul R. Jones Gallery**

*Donation \$50 per person*

- Ryan Delfin was inducted into the club and was introduced by Rotarian Trey Mosley



## **News from the Foundation:**

### **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The Club is making a limited number of Foundation Recognition Points available for Rotarians wishing to contribute to the Rotary Foundation to become a Paul Harris Fellow. This matching plan is a one-time only offer for Rotarians to help Rotarians in good standing complete their initial Paul Harris Fellow giving. A maximum of 250 Recognition points and a minimum of 100 Recognition points per individual will be available on a first come basis from the club until all points allocated have been used. Recognition points are equivalent to dollars that have been contributed to the Foundation but not yet used for recognition. The program is only for Rotarians who are interested in becoming first time Paul Harris Fellows. The total of Rotarian contribution and club contribution must equal \$1,000. The club contribution will match the Rotarian's on a one-to-one basis. For example, if a Rotarian has a current contribution balance of \$500, they may request 250 Recognition points from the club to go with a \$250 contribution for a \$1,000 total and Paul Harris recognition. If you are interested please see J. G. Brazil, Chairman, Club Foundation Committee, for further details. This offer is good for the month of April only.

The Rotary Foundation encourages all Rotarians to become Paul Harris Fellows and to continue to make annual contribution to the Foundation so that Rotary may carry on its vital humanitarian programs around the world. This incentive program recognizes this worthy goal and encourages all eligible members to consider taking this opportunity to step up to Paul Harris Fellow.



## **At the Head Table, April 2**

**Carol Wright** (guest intro), **Jim McLean** (pledge), **Charles Nash** (speaker intro), and **Jerry Shepard** (Invocation)



## Guests, April 2

**Ryan Delfin** (Executive Director of the Arc), guest of Trey Mosley; **Kelley Miller** (Branch Manager First South Farm Credit), guest of Ryan Stallings; **Mary Elizabeth Harper** (Visiting Rotarian); **Cason Kirby** (Attorney with Tanner & Guin) guest of Susan Capels; **Chris McCune** (Cadence Bank), guest of Drew Kyle; **David Pass** (Sealy Realty), guest of James Leitner; **Ryan Dugin** (Sales Representative), guest of Jack Warner.



## Rotarian of the Week:

**Carol Wright** introduced our Rotarian of the week, **Jackie Wuska**.

Jackie is one of our newer members of Rotary-joining in February of this year. Jackie is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She received her B.A. in Communications and Masters in Public Administration from The University of Alabama. She has twenty years in higher education and non-profit fundraising and management experience. Jackie has worked in development at both The University of Alabama and UA B, and served as the Executive Director and President of The Literacy Council of Central Alabama located in Birmingham.

Jackie Joined the United Way of West Alabama as the CEO and President in March 2012 and led the United Way to a record setting campaign raising more than \$3.35 million to address West Alabama's education, income stability, and health issues. Jackie's interest in becoming a Rotarian stemmed from the opportunity Rotary presents to learn more about Tuscaloosa's needs directly from the Rotary Club's dedicated membership.

Jackie is most proud of her role in establishing a GED scholarship program during her tenure as the Executive Director at the Literacy Council of Central Alabama. The program provided a matching fund for GED students who passed the GED practice exam but were hindered by a lack of available funds to take the actual GED examination. The GED scholarship fund included a reimbursement for childcare and transportation if necessary. This GED scholarship program was named for Jackie when she left the Literacy Council to move to Tuscaloosa.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 16  
Janet Teer DCH  
Administrator

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April 23  
Dr. Judy Bonner  
The University of  
Alabama President

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April 30  
Amy Grinstead  
with the  
Community Soup  
Bowl

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“If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things.”

— Paul Harris

## ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY...

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 AM at Indian Hills Country Club.
- Attend another club’s meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, Interact event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES