

The Nerve

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This Week — May 17, 2016

Ford Burtram

Coach, Alabama Adapted Athletics men's basketball

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Ford Burtram is the head coach of the Alabama Adapted Athletics men's basketball team at the University of Alabama.

As a player, Coach Burtram won a national championship in eighth grade playing standup basketball. He won a second national championship, first in wheelchair, in 1998-1999 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and was an All-American that year.

He was invited to USA basketball tryouts three times and named an alternate one time for the USA Para-Olympic team. He was captain of the Alabama wheelchair basketball team from 2006-2009 as he finished his playing eligibility.

His coaching career began in Mobile, where he was head coach of the Mobile Patriots from 2002-2004. He also played in Mobile in 2005-2006 before coming to Alabama to finish his college career. He was the assistant coach of the UA women's team in 2009-2010, when the team won a national championship, and the next season became an assistant coach for the UA men's team, which won the national championship in 2013. He has been head coach for the past two seasons.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 24

Donna Boles

Tuscaloosa Symphony

MAY 31

Jim Rainey

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Last Week — May 10, 2016

One of our own club members, Bruce Burrows, spoke on “The Evolution of the Electoral College.” Many people think that the United States elects the president democratically. This is actually not true; the United States is a federated republic, which is put in place to represent the rights of the states as well as the rights of the people. To be elected president of the United States you must win 270 votes in the Electoral College. If no candidate achieves that, then the election goes to the House of Representatives. If you would like to find out more about the electoral process, Bruce also teaches a four-week course at the Bryant Conference Center through UA’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

At the head table

Harry Shumaker — Pledge of Allegiance – Merrill Lynch

Chuck Turner — Invocation – Rotary Past President

Shanda Sartain — Invocation – Networking/Recruiting

Elizabeth Hartley — Invocation – University of Alabama

Guests

Kevin Reid, guest of Susan Caples. **Keren McElvy** was a guest of the club.

The Rotary Foundation

Congratulations to the following Rotarians, who earned new Paul Harris Fellow recognition for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation: **Pam Parker** (Paul Harris Fellow +1), **Mark Crews** (Paul Harris Fellow +1), **John Snider** (Paul Harris Fellow +2), **Glenda Guyton** (Paul Harris Fellow +2), **Foote Hooper** (Paul Harris Fellow +4). Rotary’s work around the world through District and Global grants would not be possible without the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” support of individual Rotarians.



Members to be inducted soon

Keren McElvy — Lawyer, Rosen Harwood (sponsored by Cason Kirby).

Announcements

- The Rotary Centennial Committee will host an optional black-tie event on Feb. 17, 2017, at the NorthRiver Yacht Club to help kick off the centennial year. Rotary International President John Germ will be in Tuscaloosa for this event. Feb. 14, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary and Rotarians will receive a survey via e-mail in the near future to get some feedback about what club members would like to see during the Centennial year.
- It is time to select the Rotary Rose for this year. The J. Clemson Duckworth Rotary Rose Award for Outstanding Community Service honors a local citizen for significant but largely unrecognized service to society. Please send your nomination with supporting information to Alan Hartley by Monday, May 16.
- If you are interested in paying your dues via credit card or EFT, please email Patricia Powe at PPPowe@ua.edu. Please let her know if you would like to be billed annually instead of quarterly, as well.

ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. 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, interactive event, etc.
 - Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.

Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.



