

# The Nerve

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*Service above self*



*This Week — May 24, 2016*

## Donna Boles

*A trip to the Galapagos*

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Donna Boles is a teacher, musician and world traveler whose family has a tradition of grandparents taking their grandchildren on overseas vacations. This year, she took her 10-year-old granddaughter, Jillian, to the Galapagos Islands. She will share their experiences with the club.

Donna was raised in Indiana, where her parents emphasized serious study, music, travel and sports. She has degrees in Cello, French, English, Education and High School Administration.

She says her best job was as a cellist in the Birmingham Symphony and her last (and hardest) job was teaching French at Hillcrest High School. After raising children at home for 10 years, she worked at the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa doing children's programs, and she is the current president of the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra board and active with the Opera Guild and the String Quartet Society. She will teach a course on musical theatre in the fall and one on Shakespeare and the opera in the spring for the Osher Lifelong Institute at the University of Alabama.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**MAY 31**

**Jim Rainey**

Publisher

The Tuscaloosa News

**JUNE 7**

**Bob Haver**

Automobile Expert

## Last Week — May 17, 2016

Our speaker was Ford Burttram, head coach of the University of Alabama Adapted Athletics men's basketball team. The men's wheelchair basketball team was founded in 2006 and Ford was the second player that year to sign a letter of intent with UA, which has one of the 16 collegiate adapted athletics programs. The UA program offers high performance sports, for those who want to play at a competition level, and is developing a program for those who want to play, but not for competition.

### *At the head table*

**Leonard Zumpano** — Pledge of Allegiance – University of Alabama

**Byron Abston** — Invocation – Shelton State Community College

**Ashley Waid** — Introduction of Guests – YMCA of Tuscaloosa

**Bruce Burrows** — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired

### *Guests*

**Christie Burch**, guest of Bruce Baughman; **Leif Lacey**, guest of Thomas Powe.



### *May Birthdays*

Happy birthday to our fellow Rotarians who celebrate birthdays in May: **Stacey Kirkland, Patty Sobacky, Vikki Vandiver, David Pass, Morgan Mann, Blake Jackson, Becky York, Rodney Landreth, Mark Nelson and Jheovanny Gomez.**

### *Thank you*

Our club received the following note after the Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight on May 11:

Please accept my grateful thanks on behalf of myself and my grandson Dr. Wes Hollowell who accompanied me on this flight to D.C. The entire program was beyond our expectations and worked like clockwork, even though there was light rain most of the day, and nothing dampened our spirits and enjoyment. I had many good conversations with others on the

flights, and it was a blessing to have men and women of Christian character who showed the spirit of the greatest generation and love our country. I was honored to serve in the Rangers, and may God continue to bless America and our military, and the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa.

Thank you, and “Roll Tide.”  
Ranger William Doug Haskew

### **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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

*Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at [caroline.williams@bbva.com](mailto:caroline.williams@bbva.com).*



