

The Nerve

A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa
P.O. Box 2403, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
www.Rotarytuscaloosa.com
Volume 98 — Issue 49 — June 7, 2016
Nerve Editor: Michael James



Service above self



OFFICERS

Susan Caples

President

Alan Hartley

VP/President-Elect

Caroline Williams

Secretary

Patricia Powe

Treasurer

Chuck Turner

Past President

Frank Deaver

Executive Director

Chris McCune

Sergeant-at-Arms

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Drake

Membership

Elizabeth Hartley

Communication

Bruce Burrows

Programs

David Pass

Projects

Byron Abston

Community/Finance

This Week — June 7, 2016

Robert Haver

"You and Your Car"



Robert Haver was born in October 1930 and grew up on a small farm 15 miles south of Rochester, N.Y., that had no electricity or running water. He attended a 104-year-old, one-room school house that also did not have electricity or running water. After seven years, he passed the eighth-grade state test and was accepted into high school, but he quit school the day he turned 16 and went to work on a farm.

In 1950, he joined the U.S. Army and trained as a combat engineer, went to demolition school and then leadership school. As one of the two highest-ranking cadets, he was given the option of attending Officer Candidate School.

Robert was discharged on May 7, 1953, and entered high school at age 23. After seven weeks, he passed eight exams and was accepted into college with the G.I. Bill to support him.

His first job was with General Motors at the Rochester carburetor plant. After three years Ford hired him three years later and he worked at the Dearborn, Mich., Proving Grounds for 10 years as a carburetor engineer. Bob then was promoted to manager of Field Service Engineering-West Coast, and served as

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JUNE 14

Kevin Coleman
EW Motion Therapy

JUNE 21

Bill Poole
State Representative

resident engineer at Ford plants around the country and in Mexico. Robert drove a brand new car every day for 28 years. He retired after 39 years with Ford.

In addition to his work history, he joined the Civil Air Patrol in 1942 to help his country out as he wasn't old enough to join the services at the time. He active with the CAP to this day.

On Dec. 10, 2014, he was called to Washington, D.C., and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his services during World War II.



Last Week — May 31, 2016

Jim Rainey, publisher of The Tuscaloosa News, spoke to the club about the operations of the newspaper, including its print and digital products, and changes in the media industry. He pointed out that print products remain viable even as content has become available online and that the two platforms co-exist successfully.

At the head table

Terry Olivet — Pledge of Allegiance – Retired Physician

Bill Bomar — Invocation – University of Alabama Museums

Larry O'Neal — Introduction of Guests – Retired from the University of Alabama

Michael James — Introduction of Guest Speaker – The Tuscaloosa News

Guests

Doug Kilarski, guest of Nicolas Britto; **Molly Wilkening**, guest of Glenda Guyton; **Jim Ellison**, guest of John Dill; **Brandt Montgomery**, guest of Pam Parker; **John Malone**, guest of Mike Reilly.

New Rotarians

Keren McElvy (sponsored by Cason Kirby); **Leif Lacey** (sponsored by Thomas Powe).



Announcements

- Jordan Plaster announced that the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa Honor Flights have now all been paid off. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped our club meet this goal!
- Rotary District 6860 clubs have the opportunity to attend a Birmingham Barons baseball game on June 19 at 3 p.m. Funds raised from this game will benefit Polio Plus. Please see flyers at future meetings for further information.
- The club will have a Rotary Social at Innisfree Irish Pub on Tuesday, June 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will include bar food and a limited open bar (until the tab runs out).
- You can now pay your Rotary dues via credit card. A \$6 fee will be added to your bill if you use this method. Please email Patricia Powe at PPPowe@ua.edu to set this up. 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.



