

The Nerve



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This Week, December 13 TSO Brings More Holiday Music



Last week, Tuscaloosa Rotarians were treated to the “sounds of the season” with a visit from the Stillman Choir. This week the holiday music tradition continues. The Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra will visit the club.

The performance will be conducted by Adam Flatt, recently welcomed to Tuscaloosa after a long career in Colorado and Oregon. Flatt earned his bachelor’s degree with honors in music from the University of California at Berkeley, and his master’s degree in conducting from the Indiana University School of Music. He studied music for two years in Austria and Germany, and studied at the Aspen Music Festival.

The Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra has been a pillar of our local cultural scene for over thirty years. Formed in 1979 by Dr. Michael Gattozzi and Margaret McCain, it was originally known as the Tuscaloosa Area Community Orchestra (and, yes, referred to as “TACO”).

In 1984, under the direction of Board president Madeleine Hill, TACO became TSO: The Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, and soon found a home in the new Moody Music Building on the Alabama campus. The Tuscaloosa Symphony Guild was also founded in 1984 by Elizabeth Hamner. TSO Musicians are comprised of faculty members and extraordinary students from UA, from the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and professional musicians from across the region.

Last Week: December 6

Stillman Choir Offers Sounds of the Season

The Stillman College Choir visited the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa last week, bringing their talents and their famous performances of the songs of the Christmas season. **Rotarian Liz Obradovich**, whose family has strong ties to Stillman and a long history of supporting the Choir, introduced the program.



The Choir performed a series of numbers from their upcoming Christmas concert series. Some program included Silver Bells, What Child is This, Ave Maria, Joy to the World and Silent Night, and several others. The performance concluded with an impressive rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus.

The Choir boasts a touring group of some thirty singers. Its repertoire ranges across a wide variety of periods and styles, from the traditional European choral music of the last four centuries to traditional spirituals and contemporary gospel music.

Phillip Todd Westgate, director of choral activities and a member of the Stillman faculty since 1992, directs the choir. Dr. Westgate, an associate professor of Music, is a native of Manhattan, Kansas. Ms. Layrne Williford serves as the accompanist for the Choir.



Rotary Celebrates another Paul Harris Fellow

On Tuesday December 6 **Rotarian Rufus Lewis** was honored as a multiple Paul Harris Fellow (x3). Rotarian and Foundation Director **Ralph Clements** presented Rufus with the honor, which goes to all who make a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to Rufus and our thanks to all Paul Harris Fellows!



Rotarian John Snider Heads 2011 Salvation Army Campaign

On Tuesday **Rotarian John Snider** was recognized as the leader of this year's Salvation Army fund drive. The bell ringers are a fixture around town this time of year, of course, and **Community Service Director Chuck Turner** honored John, appropriately (and with a new cap, no less!) as "Head Dingaling." John thanked his committee, and recognized the leadership of **Rotarian Dean Moretz** as well.

Most importantly, John reminded the Club of the task at hand: Rotary will be collecting checks and money of the next two weeks for the fund drive, and volunteers are needed to ring the bells on Saturday December 17 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Best of all: the new red aprons volunteers get to wear, that tell the world "I am a Rotary Bell Ringer!"



Guests, December 6

Guests at the December 6 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included **Lisa Williams** (Trussville Rotary), guest of Rodney Landreth; **Dot Dill**, wife of John Dill; **Cassandra James** (Educator), guest of Frank Deaver; **Linda Keisler** (Fitness One). guest of Debbi Besant; **Sherri Alverson**, wife of Don Alverson; **Jimmy Shaw** (Broadcaster), guest of Alan Hartley; **Melissa Cargile** (First Wesleyan Academy), guest of Tonya Cargile; and **Russell Johnson** (RJ Cable Services), guest of Jerry Sheppard.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 20

Tim Leopard
Construction at
U of A

December 27

No Meeting

January 3

No Meeting

“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

At the Head Table, December 6

Rotarian Liz Obradovich is the owner and general manager of Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites in Tuscaloosa. She is a 1984 graduate of Birmingham-Southern College with a degree in Education. After ten years as a teacher in the Tuscaloosa city school system, she began a career in the hospitality industry. She has been a member of both Tuscaloosa Rotary and the Tuscaloosa Chamber since 2005, and is a member of a number of civic organizations, including Junior League and Leadership Tuscaloosa. **Rotarian Trey Moseley**, originally from Hopkinsville, KY, attended the University of Mississippi, where he met his wife Kathy. Both returned to Kentucky and finished their degrees at Western Kentucky. His family moved to Tuscaloosa in December, 2004. Here Trey got a Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling in 2006. He joined Rotary in 2007. He is a graduate of Leadership Tuscaloosa and a Paul Harris Fellow, and has served on the Rotary Board. He is now in private practice (Moseley Vocational Consulting, LLC). He and Kathy have two children, Elizabeth (14) and Susannah (4). **Rotarian Bobby Ingram, Jr.** is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Financial Planner and a Registered Investment Advisor. He has an undergraduate degree from Birmingham-Southern College, and a Master of Accounting degree from the University of Memphis. After twelve years with Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young he joined Bill Jessup at Jessup & Associates in 1999. He sits on a number of local nonprofit boards and foundations. He is a member of First Methodist in Tuscaloosa and has two children, Maddy (16) and Lanier (15). **Rotarian Glenda Guyton** has been a member of Rotary for over 25 years, and a member of Tuscaloosa Rotary since 2001. She served as President of her club in Texas, and has served on the Tuscaloosa Board as Director of Programs and (currently) as Vocational Director. She is retired from Student Affairs at the University of Alabama, and is currently Outreach Coordinator for Capstone Village.