

The Nerve



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Domingo Valpuesta and the DCH Cancer Center

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Tuscaloosans are justifiably proud of our strong local medical community and its standards of medical care. And in that community, the DCH Cancer Center stands out as one of the strongest points of pride. On Tuesday Rotarians will hear more about the Center from its Director, Domingo Valpuesta.



As director of the Center, Valpuesta oversees day-to-day operations, and works with the Cancer Center's physicians and staff to ensure a high quality of care for patients. He also directs the Center's affiliation with the renowned MD Anderson Physicians Network.



Valpuesta joined DCH as the Cancer Center Director in May 2011. He came to DCH from Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston-Salem, N.C., where he served as business manager for radiation oncology. He earned a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Auburn University and master's degrees in business and health administration from UAB.

In operation since 1986, the DCH Cancer Center aims offers West Alabamians diagnosed with cancer "the most advanced equipment available in a building designed to contribute to a world-class patient experience." For more information, visit www.dchsystem.com

January 17: Alabama State Treasurer Young Boozer. Funny Name, Serious Business!



It may be the best name in the history of politics, or the worst. But there is no question it is a name that works. During his successful 2010 run for State Treasurer, Alabama's Young Boozer didn't need to work very hard for the coveted political asset of name recognition. College students, he joked, were always stealing his signs so they could celebrate themselves as "young boozers" in their own right. The name also found its way to the Jay Leno show, and to the front page of the Wall Street Journal in a story on the strangest names in politics. Boozer even had a call from a political candidate named Crystall Ball. She predicted he would win.

Last Tuesday Boozer treated Tuscaloosa Rotarians to a brief overview of the main aims and duties of his office. The Treasury, he said, is in many ways a huge bank, and a money manager. It takes in around \$100 million a day in revenues, and serves as a bond agency, currently managing over 40 bond issues for the state. It is also the guardian of an enormous \$800 million in college savings, invested in 57,000 accounts, through the state's 529 plans. The ill-fated PACT program was also administered under the Treasury. The disputes that have surrounded it are thankfully close to being settled, Boozer said, and the current agreement is the the "best possible solution" given the circumstance.

Other programs Boozer oversees include the Alabama Trust Fund, (funded through cash incomes from natural gas that has been discovered in Mobile bay) and the SAFE program, a deposit insurance plan to prevent bank failures. The Treasury also manages unclaimed property and bank accounts, which amount to some \$425 million annually, with an average personal claim of of \$250. For more information on the Treasury, Boozer invited Rotarians to visit www.treasury.alabama.gov.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Boozer earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University and a master's degree in finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. After four decades in banking and finance he served as Deputy State Finance Director for Governor Bob Riley until early 2010, when he began his bid for office.



Sweetheart's Night February 14!



Its time once again for Rotarians to join together with their sweethearts to celebrate Valentine's Day! Rotarian Diane Salls announced signups for **Sweetheart's Night 2012**, to be held (appropriately) on February 14. The event will feature music by the Lamplighters. Be sure to sign up at the next meeting!



January 31 Event to Focus on "Doing What Matters For Alabama's Children"



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On **Tuesday January 31, 2012** the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa will host **"Doing What Matters For Alabama's Children,"** a community meeting to address the needs of children in West Alabama. The event, sponsored by Challenge 21 Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa's Promise and the Tuscaloosa Children's Policy Council, will be held from **8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** Registration is \$20 registration until **January 27th**. Late registration is \$30. For more information contact **Sabrina Thomas** at **(205) 462-1000**. To register go to <http://training.ua.edu/children>.



Guests, January 17

Guest at last week's meeting of the Club included **Rotarian Brandon Stough** of the morning club; **Don Salls**, husband of Rotarian Diane Salls; and **Calvin Cherry** (Sales Director, WBA Hospitality), guest of Tina Jones.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 31

**Chris Hall,
Tuscaloosa
Housing
Authority**

February 7

**Jim Page,
Director of the
West Alabama
Chamber of
Commerce**

“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, January 17

Rotarian Mark Sullivan is President and CEO of the Bank of Tuscaloosa. He has been with the bank since 1991. Mark is also Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, and is involved with many other non-profit organizations. He and his wife Mary Mike have three daughters. **Terri May** is from Jasper and a graduate of Walker High School. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in accounting. She has worked in banking for over 25 years and is currently Senior Loan Officer with Capstone Bank. She is married to Steven May. They have three children, one grandchild and two more on the way. She has been a member of Rotary since 1999. **Byron Heifner** joined Rotary in 2006. He is a commercial lender for Bryant Bank. He is a graduate of Tuscaloosa academy, the University of Alabama with a degree in finance and UAB law school. He is married to the former Leigh Stutts of Tuscumbia, and they have two children, Harrison (9) and Ella (6). **Rotarian Jim Page** is the President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. Jim earned a degree in Political Science and Marketing from the University of North Alabama. He is a graduate of Leadership Alabama and the U.S. Chamber’s Institute for Organization Management. A native of Grant, Alabama, Jim and his wife, Sara, have a three-year old daughter, Elly.

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.

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