

The Nerve



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This Week, February 21: Off-Site Visit to Tuscaloosa's New Federal Courthouse

A reminder to all Rotarians that our **February 21 meeting will not be at Indian Hills**. The meeting will instead take place at the new **Federal Courthouse**, 11:30-1 p.m.



The Good news: our new federal courthouse is hard to miss. The massive Greek Revival building on University Boulevard is situated on a five-acre site (bordered by University Boulevard and Seventh Street to the north and south, and 20th and 21st avenues to the east and west). Measuring over 127,000 square feet, it was recently completed, under budget, at a cost of \$47.8 million.

The bad news: All who attend will have to first go through security. Rotarians are asked not to bring cell phones in order to ease the process. We will then head downstairs for lunch, followed by a courtroom power point presentation and a tour of the sixteen murals by Caleb O'Connor depicting the history of Tuscaloosa and the region.

Two-hour parking is available on the streets around the court house. Free, unlimited parking is also available in the city's new three-deck lot one block away.

The complex is home to several important new offices: U.S. District Court Judge Scott Coogler and Senator Richard Shelby, Social Security, the FBI, a federal bankruptcy court, and the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Any who have not signed up to attend, and any who would like to bring a guest, or if you have any questions, contact **Bruce Burrows** at burr8200@bellsouth.net or 391-1910.

Last Week, February 14: Tuscaloosa Rotary Gathers for Sweetheart's Night, 2012

Food, fun, flowers, and fellowship marked the evening February 14 as Rotarians and guests, gathered at the North River Yacht Club for Sweethearts Night. The Crystal Room of the North River Yacht Club once again provided a wonderful venue, and once again the Lamplighters provided music for listening and dancing.



Approximately 150 were present for dinner, entertainment, dancing, and the opportunity to meet and visit with families of other members. Rotarians also enjoyed a special treat for this year: [The Yellowhammer Inn](#) offered a one night Sweetheart Special rate for only \$79.

Rotarian Diane Salls and her Sweethearts Night committee deserve high praise for the evening. Thanks for all of their efforts! The organization, decoration, entertainment, door prizes, favors, and dinner menu were all a fantastic success, as usual. Diane serves in a long line of distinguished organizers of the event, including the late Tommy Todd, whose legacy was recognized by the Club in 2005.



Read Across America Day, March 2

Elisabeth Davis from the Tuscaloosa City Schools will be coming to our February 28 meeting and asking Rotarians to sign up to read books to students on **Read Across America Day**, which is March 2. Rotarians are asked to consider participation in this important event.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 28

Vicki Johnson,
Bradford Health
Services

March 6

Dr. Sue Parker,
“Remnants of
the Storm”

March 13

Aileen
Henderson,
Alabama
Author

March 20

Rob Henrikson,
Retired CEO of
MetLife
Insurance

“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



Central High School Interact Club

Charity Tate, advisor to the Central High School Interact Club, reports that the CHS Interact Club has raised \$160 in money as well as goods that have been sent to Huett-Trussville High School to help out with tornado relief. CHS Interact is also sponsoring Read Across America Day. A CHS librarian will keep track of the contestants and the number of books CHS students read between March 2-30. The student who reads the most books in the month of March will be the winner, and awarded with a Kindle provided by the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa. Our thanks to Charity and CHS Interact for all of their excellent work!

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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