

The Nerve



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This Week, March 20 Rob Henrikson, Former MetLife CEO



Rob Henrikson is former chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of MetLife, a leading provider of insurance, annuities and employee benefit programs to 90 million customers worldwide. This week, Rotarians will hear from Mr. Henrikson on the current challenges and opportunities facing the insurance industry.

As CEO, Henrikson led MetLife to record financial heights, positioned the company to expand its leadership, and capitalized on emerging life, annuity and retirement markets around the globe. Today, MetLife counts over 90 of the top one hundred Fortune 500 companies among its corporate clients.

In July 2010, Henrikson was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President's Export Council, the principal national advisory committee on international trade. He is the former chairman of the Financial Services Forum and immediate past chairman of the American Council of Life Insurers. Henrikson is also a board member of The New York Botanical Garden, the New York Philharmonic, the Partnership for New York City, and has also served as a board member of the American Museum of Natural History.

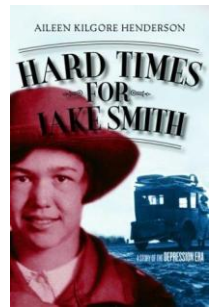
Henrikson received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Emory University School of Law. He resides in Connecticut with his wife of more than 30 years, Mary. They have two sons and two grandsons.

Last Week, March 13: Alabama Author Aileen Henderson



From Faulkner and O'Connor to Walker Percy, the American South has of course produced its share of gifted authors. And so has Alabama, of course, with the likes of Harper Lee and others. Last week, Tuscaloosa Rotarians heard from yet another of Alabama's important literary personalities, Aileen Kilgore Henderson. **Rotarian Jordan Plaster** introduced the speaker.

Her marriage to a National Park Service ranger/naturalist provided Kilgore opportunity to live in several national parks, which enriched her writing. She began free-lancing articles and stories to newspapers and magazines in the 1960s while living in Southern California. The first of her seven books, *The Summer of the Bonepile Monster*, won the Milkweed Prize for Children's Literature and the Alabama Library Association Award. *Hard Times for Jake Smith* won the Alabama Library Association Award.



Mrs. Henderson is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Alabama Writers' Forum. She also worked for many years as proofreader for Alabama Heritage Magazine



Guests, March 13

Guests at the March 13 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included **Sherri Alverson**, guest of Don Alverson; **Carol Wright**, guest of the Club; **Chris Haggler**, guest of Bobby Hagler; and **Jeremy Jones**, guest of Bob Almon.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 27

**Mark Morrison,
Honda
Manufacturing of
Alabama**

April 3

**Tina Turley,
Theater
Tuscaloosa**

April 10

**Dr. John Fisher,
Alabama Poison
Control**

April 17

**Martin Uptain,
District Governor**

“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

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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