

The Nerve



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This Week, April 10 Dr. John Fisher, Alabama Poison Center



From plants and animals to pesticides and even seemingly innocent household products, our world is filled with harmful, even deadly poisons. This week, Rotarians will learn a bit more about the importance of educating ourselves about poisoning and its treatment. **Dr. John Fisher**, Director of the Alabama Poison Center, will speak to the Club.

The Alabama Poison Center is a telephone information resource for both the public and health care professionals throughout Alabama. Staffed by qualified nurse specialists trained in toxicology, its members provide support for specialists in treating poison related illness.

The Center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and has been serving the citizens of Alabama for 30 years. Founded in March, 1979, it was first located at the DCH Emergency Department, and served the 150,000 people living in the seven county West Alabama Emergency Management Services region until 1982. In June 1998, the APC relocated to the Shelton State Community College campus. In 2008, the Alabama Poison Center officially became a division within Shelton State Community College. Over 400,000 people have used its services.

The goals of the center are to provide telephone management and consultation advice; poison prevention materials; public and professional education; data collection on poisonings and treatment, and to advance research in poison and treatment. For more information, visit www.alapoinsoncenter.org.

Last Week, April 3

Tina Turley and Theater Tuscaloosa Treat Rotary to a Preview of *Smoke on the Mountain*



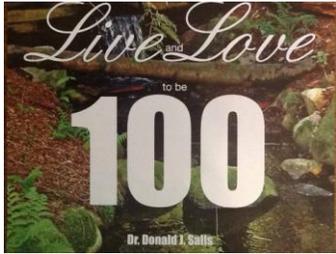
Among Tuscaloosa's many cultural gems, its local theater scene, anchored by Theater Tuscaloosa, is among the most precious. And Theater Tuscaloosa is no stranger to Tuscaloosa Rotarians – in fact the group has performed at Indian Hills in recent times. Last week they returned again, again under the able leadership of Tina Turley. **Rotarian Terry Olivet** introduced the program.

Turley (in cooperation with Shelton State Community College) has been the Executive Producer for Theatre Tuscaloosa since 2006. She has a diverse background in the arts and over 25 years experience as a director, actor, writer, teacher and theater manager. She has directed well over a hundred shows for over 15 theatres in the southwest. She has most recently directed *The Drowsy Chaperone* for Theatre Tuscaloosa, and has directed other musicals there including *Nunsense*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Music Man*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Last week, Rotarians were treated to live performances of selections from one of the Theater's current productions, *Smoke on the Mountain*. The musical comedy, to be shown April 18-22, is one of Theater Tuscaloosa's most requested shows by far, and has been staged repeatedly in recent years. It tells the story of a traditional church revival set at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in North Carolina in 1938

“Our previous productions of *Smoke* were directed by Paul Crook,” says Turley. Together with our cast, Paul laid a strong foundation for the work we're doing now. Most of the cast from our 2007 production is back with the addition of Wheeler Kincaid in the role of Dennis.”





**“Live and Love to Be 100”
2013 Calendar to Benefit Caring Days
Now on Sale!**

Live and love to be 100! Who wouldn't want to do that? And now Rotarian **Diane Salls** has an opportunity to celebrate of that lofty ideal, with a 2013 calendar. The \$20 calendar features original photography by Diane and monthly inspirational messages by her husband Don. Most importantly, **10% of every purchase goes to Caring Days of Tuscaloosa**. For more information, and to purchase a calendar, contact Diane today at 205-248-6104.



**Mark Your Calendars! District Conference
April 20-22**

Tuscaloosa Rotarians are invited to the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama for the Alabama Mississippi MultiDistrict Annual Conference, April 20—22. Rotary International President Representative, Past Rotary International Director and Vice President, Tom Thorfinnson will be in attendance and there will be special appearances by Miss Alabama Courtney Porter and Miss Mississippi Mary Margaret Roark. For more information and registration visit www.rotary6860.org.



Guests, April 3

Guests at the April 3 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included **Joyce Levy** (Education), guest of Jim McLean; **Billy Prout** (Retired), guest of John Duckworth, and **Lisa Ramirez** (Medical Research), guest of Becky York.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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



At the Head Table, April 3

Terry Olivet has been a member of the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club for 32 years and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He currently serves on the Rotary Scholarship Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, the Medical of Alabama and the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. **John Jessup** has been the owner of Beacon Cleaning Services since 2001, a member of Tuscaloosa Rotary since 2005, and served on the Club Board in 2010 as Director of Membership. He is a third generation Rotarian, and was previously a member in the Birmingham Sunrise Rotary club. He has been married to his wife Kimberly for eighteen years, and they have three children. **Alan Hartley** is a third-generation Rotarian. He joined the club in 1979. He is a partner and CPA at Morrison and Smith. He has served the club as Treasurer of Honor Flight and the Tuscaloosa Rotary Memorial Foundation. **Howard Garrison** served as President of Tuscaloosa Rotary in 2000-01, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as President and Chairman of a number of civic clubs and organizations, including the United Way of West Alabama and the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce.

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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