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This Week, May 29 Dr. Mark Heinrich, Shelton State



In an economy struggling to redefine itself, and with millions of unemployed looking to learn new skills for a new economy, the nation's state and community colleges suddenly find themselves on the forefront of national discussions about education and economic development.

This week Tuscaloosa Rotarians will learn more about those developments from one of their own, and how they are taking shape right here at home. **Rotarian Mark Heinrich**, President of Shelton State Community College, will speak to the club.

Dr. Heinrich, a native of Oconomowoc Wisconsin, earned B.S. and M.A. degrees from Tennessee Tech University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. While completing his graduate training, Mark served on Coach Bryant's staff as an academic counselor and women's tennis coach. In addition to positions in academe, Mark has worked as a private practitioner in psychology.

Shelton State, with a student population of just over 6,000, has served the area since 1979. Dr. Heinrich has said that he is "honored to serve at an institution committed to quality technical and academic education, student success and achievement, and community service and engagement."

Mark, his wife Elaine and their toy poodle Abbie make their home in Tuscaloosa.

Last Week, May 22

Brigadier General Allen M. Harrell

The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa has a long tradition of members with decorated service in the military, and of celebrating and honoring our active duty armed forces members and veterans. Last Tuesday, in the spirit of Memorial Day, the Club continued to uphold that tradition. We welcomed Brigadier General Allen M. Harrell, who spoke to the club on a wide range of matters stemming from his long experience in the military. Rotarian **Ray Farabee**, whose long record of military service is well known to Tuscaloosa Rotarians, introduced the speaker.

Harrell is Deputy Commander of the 167th Theater Sustainment Command, a logistics headquarters for United States Army operations in North America. He is responsible for strategic planning and coordination of support to active duty and federalized reserve forces in the United States Northern Command, as well as strategic planning for the Northern Command.

Alabama is number known for being number one in football, but as General Harrell noted, it is also number one in National Guard service per capita. There are some 13,500 soldiers serving actively in the state (11,000 serving in the Army Guard and the remaining 2,500 serving in the Air Guard). And given the nation's recent history of conflict, Harrell said, our soldiers are highly experienced: Most have had 3-4 tours of duty, and the majority of their service has been in Iraq and Afghanistan. The state also boasts some 1,000 training facilities and operational buildings, and claims over \$400 million in federal money for the support of the Guard's activities.

Harrell also spoke briefly to his responsibilities of his position for logistics and domestic security. Those tasks have included providing security for the Demographic and Republican national conventions, for example, security at the G8 Conference and the Olympics, and recovery from natural disasters.

General Harrell concluded with some remarks on what he considered to be the future of the armed forces and the Guard. That future, he suggested, centered on developing a much lighter fighting force, trained more in "irregular" warfare, which is characterized by forces with smaller numbers but more diverse training and a wider array of more focused capabilities.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 5

**Arcola Adduci,
Aliceville Prison
Warden**

“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, May 22

After 28 years of developing her career in Atlanta, Phoenix and Birmingham, **Rotarian Kim McMurray** returned her career home to Tuscaloosa in August 2011, joining the office of WSV Architects, Inc. as a Practice Leader and Architect. Kim holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is married to Bruce McMurray, a native New Zealander. They are celebrating 23 years of marriage and they have one daughter, Kylie, a junior at the University of Alabama. **Rotarian Ray Farabee** is a native of Tuscaloosa. He is happily married to Elaine Farabee, and they have four children, three grandsons (two are veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan), two granddaughters and three great grandsons. Ray is an engineering graduate of Purdue University and the University of Alabama, and a veteran of World War Two in the Pacific, where he a combat photographer and one of the first Americans to set foot on Japanese soil after the war. He has been a Rotarian since 1987, and has served on the Board of Directors, and in several other capacities. **Rotarian Laura Crissey** is a 1997 graduate of Auburn University, and a 2001 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. She is a Vice President and Trust Officer at Regions Bank. She and her husband Jeff have two children, Madelyn and Ella. **Rotarian Mike Woodard** is a graduate of Pickens County High, the University of Alabama and Shelton State. He has worked at UAB as an RN. He is also the owner of a Ford/Dodge dealer in Pickens County and the owner of a storage business in Tuscaloosa. He currently serves the Club as Chair for Public Relations. His wife Carol works with the Arc of Tuscaloosa.