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This Week, June 5 Arcola Adduci, Warden of Alabama's Newest Prison

Statistics for the prison population in the United States are arresting. From 1920 to 2006, while the U.S. population grew almost 3 times, the prison population grew 20 times. The challenge of managing that kind of growth falls primarily on prison officials, and especially on wardens. This week, Tuscaloosa Rotarians will learn more about those challenges first hand. **Arcola Adduci**, warden of Alabama's newest federal prison in Aliceville, will speak to the club.

Aducci rose through the ranks of the federal Bureau of Prisons along a traditional path: from correctional officer to lieutenant, to unit manager, captain and camp administrator to assistant warden. She then assumed her role as warden of the Aliceville in March.

Aliceville's facility is a new minimum and medium-security prison for female inmates. Arducci has said that it will employ about 314 people, including 145 correctional officers, eight executive officers, 18 financial officers and 10 educators, among others.

The first inmates should arrive at Aliceville in August or September, beginning with a small number of minimum security inmates. Medium-security inmates will come to the prison somewhat later, most likely at the end of 2012 or in early 2013.

Aducci graduated from Marengo High School in Dixon Mills, Alabama in 1977. She has 26 years of experience with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, a division of the United States Department of Justice.

Last Week, May 29

Dr. Mark Heinrich, Shelton State



Rotary is proud to claim as one of its own **Mark Heinrich**, President of Shelton State Community College. Dr. Heinrich spoke to the Club last week about an institution he is privileged to lead, and that plays an important role in the education of our city, region and state.

Dr. Heinrich provided an overview of the college's student population. Serving Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Hale, Greene and Sumter counties, Shelton has 6,000 to 8,000 students at any one time, and 60% of those are full time students. The average age of the students at Shelton is 25, and the student to faculty ratio is 21 to 1.

Shelton boasts of several important technical programs: a robotics lab, for example, that holds an annual competition; a diesel program, as well as programs in carpentry, culinary arts, cosmetology, welding, truck driving and nursing. Shelton also many fruitful business partnerships with local companies. Those include Mercedes, which they are helping train their staff for the addition of the C-Class Sedan manufacturing, Hunt Refinery, Phifer Wire and Parker Towing Company.

But there is more to Shelton than technical education and business. Dr. Heinrich reminded Rotarians that Shelton is home to the Alabama Community College of Fine Arts, as well as a Jazz Ensemble and a choir and dance program. And of course there is Shelton's relationship with Theatre Tuscaloosa, which has been a very successful partnership.

And what would college life be without athletics? They too are an important part of Shelton's accomplishments. Shelton boasts teams in men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball. In addition, the Shelton State Cheerleaders are doing their part to uphold our city's tradition of excellence: they have won the Junior College National Championship four years in a row.



New Member Proposed

Rennie Jones has been proposed as a new member to the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa. Rennie is Assistant Vice President for Alumni Affairs at Stillman College. He has completed his orientation, and is being sponsored by Jordan Plaster. Welcome Rennie!



Guests, May 29

Guests at the May 29 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included **David Rogers** (recent graduate of UA), guest of Warner Johnson; and **Megan Huval** (dietetic specialist), guest of Kellee Reinhart.



At the Head Table, May 29

Rotarian Mitchell Loper, a Tuscaloosa Native, is a graduate of Blue Ridge High School in St. George, Virginia and of Birmingham-Southern College, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He is a Financial Advisor Morgan Keegan. He comes from a family with a distinguished Rotary pedigree: Herb Warner (his great-grandfather), Helene Hibbard (grandmother), Jack Warner (great-uncle), and Liz Obradovich (aunt). Mitchell is also engaged to be married this coming March. **Rotarian Liz Obradovich** is the owner and general manager of Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites in Tuscaloosa. She is a 1984 graduate of Birmingham-Southern College with a degree in Education. After ten years as a teacher in the Tuscaloosa city school system, she began a career in the hospitality industry. She has been a member of both Tuscaloosa Rotary and the Tuscaloosa Chamber since 2005, and is a member of a number

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 12

Rob Moore,
Moody Radio

June 19

Vicki Kerr, Caring
Days Adult
Daycare

June 26

Club Assembly

“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

of civic organizations, including Junior League and Leadership Tuscaloosa. **Rotarian Steve Katsinas** is director of the Education Policy Center and Professor of Higher Education at the University of Alabama. He is also a Consulting Scholar to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. In April, 2011 he received the Senior Scholar Award from the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. **Rotarian Jim Drake** was born in Tuscaloosa in 1951. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, and has owned and operated Kwik Kopy Printing with his wife Susan since 1984. He has perfect attendance since joining Rotary 28 years ago, and served as President in 2004-2005. During that year he was the leader of an initiative that installed the Rotary Centennial clock in front of the Tuscaloosa courthouse.

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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