

The Nerve



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This Week, June 12 Rob Moore and Moody Radio South

Last week Tuscaloosa Rotary welcomed another of its own. Rob Moore, manager of several Christian radio stations owned by the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, will speak to the Club.

Rob is a 1975 graduate of Thomasville High School and a 1979 graduate of the University of Alabama with a B. A. degree in Broadcast and Film Communications. He has supervised the building of four stations, all of which he manages. One of them is in Tuscaloosa (88.9 FM), one in Dixons Mills, one in Selma and one in Forest, MS. Rob has worked for Moody for 24 years. In 1998 the Alabama Senate passed a resolution honoring Rob for his service to Alabama through his radio work.

Rob's passion for radio is an outgrowth of his passion for Christian ministry and "Service Above Self." He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 2006; pastored Catherine Baptist Church in Wilcox County for two years, and was the worship leader at Putnam Baptist Church in Marengo County for ten years. He is an elder at Tuscaloosa Life Church and Past President of the Thomasville Civitan Club. He joined the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club in 2010.

He is married to the former Ginger Wood of Dixons Mills. Rob has three children, including a son in the Air Force's Missile & Space Program. He also has three grandchildren and a fourth one due on Thanksgiving Day.

Last Week, June 5

The Leaders of Aliceville's New Federal Prison

A warden for a new federal prison, we might well imagine, is a busy person. So it was perhaps no surprise that Arcola Arducci, the warden at the new Federal Correctional Institution at Aliceville, was unable to make it as the speaker last Tuesday. But the warden left the presentation in the capable hands of her Associate Wardens for Programs and Operations, who did a fine job in their own right. **Rotarian Becky York** introduced the speakers.

The mission of Aliceville, the wardens reported, will reflect the mission of the Board of Prisons in general: to provide a system of incarceration that is “safe, humane, and cost effective” for its inmates. Overall the Federal BOP supervises some 218,000 inmates nationwide. From its humble beginnings with 11 facilities in the 1930s, the agency now operates 118.

And at a cost of some \$ 29,000 a year to house each inmate, it is easy to understand why the BOP is focused not only on being cost effective, but on making it possible for current inmates to re-enter society successfully. “We don’t want any repeat customers,” the wardens reported.

The Aliceville facility is a 40 acre camp, surrounded by several hundred acres of land. The construction is “green certified,” making it the most cost-effective and energy efficient of its kind as well. It is currently home to a skeleton staff of 25, which will eventually grow to some 335.

The current staff is hard at work putting the finishing touches on the facility. They are working to furnish its offices, install its beds, computers, medical and dental facilities, and other needs. Some 1,500 low security female inmates will begin arriving later this year, as well as another 250 minimum security inmates. In keeping with the focus on successful re-entry mandated by the BOP, all inmates will have access to a range of programs: GED, ESL, technical education and so on.

The impact of the prison for the local economy will also be considerable. 188 of the prison’s currently open positions will be filled locally, for example, and the prison will offer bids to local business for vendor contracts. There will also be a number of volunteer opportunities for local groups inside the prison.



New Members Welcomed

Rotary welcomed two new members last week. Glenda Guyton introduced Carol Wright, who is transferring her membership from the Morning Club. A UA graduate who has held a number of positions at the University, Carol is also owner of Tide Treasures in Tuscaloosa. Bob Almon introduced Jeremy Jones. Jeremy is a graduate of County High and the University of Alabama. He is an engineer at Almon and Associates. Welcome to our new members!



Guests, June 5

Guests at the June 5 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included **Gail Butler** and **Wilson Moore** (Pritchett-Moore Real Estate), **Darrell Hainline** (Federal Bureau of Prisons), **Mary Bess Paluzzi** (Associate Dean, UA Libraries), and **Anette Milton** and **Andre Ellis** (Alabama Power), all guests of Becky York; Billy Prout (retired), guest of John Duckworth; and Josh Hilgers (Health Partners America), guest of James Leitner.



At the Head Table, June 5

Alan Hartley has been a Rotarian since 1979, and is a third generation Rotarian. He has worked at Morrison and Smith CPAs since 1979. He has served as Treasurer for the Tuscaloosa Rotary Memorial Foundation and Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight. **Becky York** is a native of Greensboro, Alabama, and a Judson Girl. Since retiring from Alabama Power, Becky and her golfing husband, Mark Thrash, and their 8 year old poodle, Penny, have thoroughly enjoyed living in Tuscaloosa. Becky has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa since January and previously was a member of Rotary Club of Aliceville. **Dr. Karen Baldwin** is originally from Birmingham. Her

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

parents were owners of the Gold Nugget Restaurant, one of the first fine dining restaurants in the city, and she was in the first graduating class of Homewood High School. Karen has three degrees from UA, most recently a doctorate of higher education in 2008. She has been a member of Rotary since 2000, and is now President Elect for 2013-14.

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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