

The Nerve



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This Week, July 31 Representative Bill Poole



This week Tuscaloosa Rotary continues to uphold its long tradition of honoring and hosting our public officials. **Representative Bill Poole** of the Alabama legislature will speak to the club on the issues facing District 63.

Poole, first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in November, 2010, currently serves that district through his work on several committees. In keeping with the importance of the University for the area, Poole serves on the Ways and Means, Education Committee, and on its Higher Education appropriations subcommittee. He also serves on the Judiciary committee, the Technology and Research committee and the Tuscaloosa County Legislation committee.

Poole is on record as an advocate of several specific platform issues for the district: To support and grow existing business, and to attract new business investment; to expand transportation infrastructure through the McWright's Ferry Road extension, the Northern Beltway and the widening of I-20/59; to support education not only through the University of Alabama, but also innovation in K-12 and continued support of Pre-K programs.

Raised in Marengo County, Representative Poole attended the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Law. He has been a general practice attorney since 2004. He and his wife Niccole have two children, Sally and Bill, and are members of First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa.

Last Week, July 24

Last week Rotarians welcomed **Tuscaloosa Probate Judge Hardy McCollum** to the club. Hardy was born in Tuscaloosa, attended Tuscaloosa High school, and spent 8 years in the National Guard. He has served on numerous committees and boards including The West Alabama Chamber of Commerce, The Industrial Development Board, and the University of Alabama Commerce and Business Administration Executive Committee to name a few. He has been Probate Judge of Tuscaloosa since he was elected in 1976.

Judge McCollum takes pride in the fact that Tuscaloosa County is one of the few debt free communities in Alabama, as well as the Nation. The County currently has about \$40 million in reserves on hand. His Probate Court handles cases dealing with mental health, adoptions, and appointing guardians or conservators for individuals that cannot control the well being of their assets either by age or mental health. Hardy is running against Tuscaloosa Rotary's own Sherriff Ted Sexton in the general election held in November.



Guests, July 24

Guests at the July 24 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: Tuscaloosa Morning Club members **Dick Brandt** and **Rich Martens**. **Rex Zeanah** (Financial Advisor), guest of Scott McClanahan; **Craig Wilson** (Sales), guest of Linda McCarley; **Dr. Lisa Ramirez** (Researcher), guest of Becky York.



At the Head Table, July 24

Rufus Lewis (speaker intro), **Brad Springer** (guest intro), **Susan Caples** (pledge) and **Linda Chambers** (speaker intro)



News from President James

One of President James's goals for this Rotary year is "Back to Basics". Of these goals, attendance is a very important part of being a Rotarian. Our club goal is make as many meetings as possible with a minimum of 60% attendance. Regularly attending meetings accomplishes three things. It fosters fellowship among club members, provides opportunities to meet new people and reconnect with long-time friends, and keeps you current on club, district, and Rotary International news and events. President James suggested that each Rotarian call a friend or encourage one member you missed last week to come to the following meeting. There are several ways to make up missed meetings. A list will be at the bottom of each edition of the Nerve for Rotarians wishing to make up a missed meeting.



News from the Rotary Foundation

Is it TRF or TRMF? Well, actually it's both. There are times when it gets a little confusing. TRF (The Rotary Foundation) is Rotary's International Foundation supporting all the programs of RI including Polio Plus, scholarships, vocational training teams, district and global grants all aimed toward six areas of focus. Paul Harris credit is given for contributions to this Foundation. In our club, each member's \$25 contribution added to the quarterly club statement grows to \$100 (Sustaining Member) level and further grows to \$1,000 (Paul Harris Fellow) level. EREY (Every Rotarian, Every Year) is the goal of TRF and our club. TRMF (Tuscaloosa Rotary Memorial Foundation) is our own Club's local Foundation and supports brick and mortar projects in Tuscaloosa. The club's current project is Caring Days new facility. \$100,000 has been paid to this organization thanks to the generosity of our Rotarians. Check out a list of all the local projects supported by our club. It is impressive! While no individual recognition has been given for contributions to this Foundation, the Foundation directors are studying recognition possibilities and more will come later. Make room in your budget for both extremely worthy Foundations, TRF and TRMF.



Rotarian of the Week: Dean Moretz

Last week Rotarian **Frank Deaver** took part in the Club's new program of interviewing Club members to help Tuscaloosa Rotarians get to know everyone a little better. The fourth Rotarian to be interviewed was **SA Captain Dean Moretz**. He was born on December 27th in Culpepper, VA. He has attended schools in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Georgia. Dean has been employed in Indianapolis, IN, Greenville, SC, Orange Park, Miami, Tallahassee, FL, Huntsville, AL and Tuscaloosa, AL. He holds the Salvation Army rank of Captain, as does his wife Pamela. They both have worked in rehabilitation centers and enjoy helping others. They like the creative arts, drama, music, and dance. Dean has two children – a married daughter and a son in college. He enjoys carpentry, woodworking, Alabama Football and NASCAR racing. In fact, if he should ever have a second career, he would like to be affiliated in some capacity with NASCAR. Among others, he suffered losses in last years tornado. He lost two buildings, but is in the process of moving in their new administration building on University Blvd. They are currently seeking grants and contributions to rebuild their shelter on Greensboro Ave.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 7

George Wallace, Jr.

August 14

Jackie Hurt with
United Way of
West Alabama

August 21

Stephen Black with
UA Center for
Ethics

“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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