

The Nerve



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This Week, August 6, 2012 George Wallace, Jr.

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Born in Eufaula, Alabama in 1951, Wallace knew the importance of his father's legacy at an early age. His family moved to Montgomery so his father could seek the governorship in 1962. He then graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in 1970 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

After pursuing graduate study in Public Administration and Political Science at Auburn University in Montgomery, and after working in higher education for a time, Wallace followed in his father's footsteps by pursuing public office. In 1986 he was elected State Treasurer, and was re-elected in 1990. During his tenure he worked as an advocate for farming and small business, and worked to prosecute corruption. He also served two terms on the Alabama Public Service Commission from 1998 to 2002.

Wallace has also enjoyed success as a musician. Signed by MGM Records as a writer and artist, he played as the opening act for Hank Williams, Jr. in the 1970s. Wallace and his wife Elizabeth live in Shelby County, but spend much of their time in Florida.

Most recently Wallace has engaged his talents as a writer. He is the author of a new biography of his father, titled "Governor George Wallace, The Man You Never Knew by The Man Who Knew Him Best."

Last Week, July 31

Last week Rotarians welcomed **Representative Bill Poole** of the Alabama Legislature to the club to discuss some issues facing District 63. Poole serves his district through his work on several committees including the Ways and Means, Education Committee, and on its Higher Education appropriations subcommittee. He also serves on the Judiciary and Technology and Research Committees. Poole was selected as one of the top 4 freshman legislators out of 34, and as a rising star in the legislature. Poole has passed the Natural Disaster Sales Tax Holiday, and the Copper Metal Theft Bill.

Representative Poole touched on several topics including education, pension reform, and redrawing of the district lines. The most important topic Poole spoke on was an upcoming constitutional amendment that will allow money to be secured over three years from the Alabama Trust Fund. This money will go into the General Fund, which at the moment has static taxes unlike the Educational Trust Fund. The General Fund has appropriations for the States Medicaid program and the prison system, to name a few. Poole explained that this is a very important amendment and in his opinion needed to be passed to avoid underfunding these programs. The vote will be on September 18th, 2012.



Announcements, July 31

President James announced that Rotarians **Bobby Ingram** and **Molly Baldwin** are engaged, and wanted to congratulate them both on their engagement.

President James also wanted to thank all the Rotarians that reached out to help increase attendance. He mentioned that there would no longer be sign in sheets, and that scanning your badge will be the correct way to record attendance going forward.

REMINDER: the upcoming OFFSITE Meeting with the United Way Campaign Kick-off on August 14, 2012 will be at the Bryant Conference Center. Rotarians are encouraged to arrive at the Bryant Conference Center as close to 11:30 A.M. as possible.

Anthony L. Holloman has been proposed for membership by Renwick Jones. Anthony was a member of the Orangeburg, SC Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Anthony is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Stillman College.



Guests, July 31

Guests at the July 31 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: **Dr. Johnnie Barnes** (Optometrist), guest of Rodney Landreth; Guest Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow **Anthony Holloman** (New Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Stillman College), of the Orangeburg, SC Lunchtime Rotary Club.



At the Head Table, July 31

Jordan Plaster (speaker intro), **Trey Moseley** (guest intro), **Patricia Parnell** (pledge) and **Mitchell Loper** (Invocation)



Olympic Champions – Rotarian Champions

By Frank Deaver

World attention has been focused recently on the Olympic Games, with television ratings revealing the staggering size of the audience. The games remind us that, in contrast to the violence of war, we were witnessing pursuit of excellence, pride of accomplishment, and dignity in defeat. Indeed, the games demonstrated to the world – and Rotarians may especially take note – that the human spirit can, should, and sometimes does, rise above the conflict so prevalent in our world today.

Competition is between adversaries. War is between enemies. The difference is critically important. The Olympics brought together representatives of the world's nations, sometimes teams from countries in real

or threatened warfare with each other. But the athletes met not in angry conflict but in respectful competition and shared determination to achieve. All emerged with dignity and ongoing determination. These are lessons for nations. These are lessons for Rotarians.

Rotary clubs compete with each other in areas such as membership growth, attendance records, and Foundation giving. But we cooperate as a team in addressing the humanitarian and educational goals set for us by RI President Sakuji Tanaka.

Like the Olympic athletes, we will reach many of our goals. In some areas we may fall short, at least in the short run. But from the Olympic athletes and their examples, we can observe some valuable principles:

- True friendship is in maintaining mutual respect even during intense competition.
- True accomplishment is not winning every battle, but continuing the pursuit of success even after a setback
- True excellence is not being better than everyone else, but being better than our former selves.



News from the Rotary Foundation

PolioPlus:

Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunized against polio and that surveillance is strong, despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. To date, 210 countries, territories, and areas around the world are polio-free, and 134 of these have been certified polio-free. As of June, 2011, Rotary has committed more than \$1 billion to global polio eradication.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 14

Jackie Wuska with
United Way of
West Alabama
"OFFSITE"

August 21

Stephen Black with
UA Center for
Ethics

August 28

Tuscaloosa County
Sheriff Ted Sexton

"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



Rotarian of the Week: Chuck Tuner

Last week Rotarian **Jim Drake** took part in the Club's new program of interviewing Club members to help Tuscaloosa Rotarians get to know everyone a little better. The fifth Rotarian to be interviewed was **Chuck Turner**. Chuck was the commissioner of fun during Jim's Presidential year. He has worked as an electrical engineer with NASA. Chuck also worked at and eventually bought Jackson Electric where he currently works. Chuck is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and serves on numerous boards including our Club's Board as the Director of Community Service and the Board of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce to name a few. Chuck and his wife Judy have two children and three grandchildren. His interests include Humor, Faith, and Family. A few items on Chuck's bucket list are to always make people laugh and to be married to his wife for 50 years. As only the commissioner of fun could do, Chuck walked up to the podium and cut Jim's tie in half!

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.

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES

