

# The Nerve



A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

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## This Week, August 28, 2012 Tuscaloosa County Sheriff Ted Sexton

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Tuscaloosa Rotary's own Sheriff Edmund M. "Ted" Sexton, Sr. has been a law enforcement officer for more than 30 years. He was recently elected to serve his 6th term as the Sheriff of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama administering a budget of approximately twenty million dollars. Sexton returned to Tuscaloosa October 1, 2009 to resume the duties of the office of Sheriff after being appointed by Secretary Michael Chertoff on January 20, 2008, as the first Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, serving in two presidential administrations. He received the Secretary's award for Exceptional Service.

Sexton was elected President of the National Sheriffs' Association in 2005 and selected as the Nation's Outstanding Sheriff in 2007.

Sheriff Sexton received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, attended numerous executive seminars and specialty training schools, including the F.B.I. National Academy, Homeland Security Executive Leadership Conducted by the Naval Post Graduate School, Senior Executives in State and Local Government and The National Leadership Preparedness, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, the National Sheriffs' Institute, and the University of Alabama Law Enforcement Academy.

Sheriff Sexton is currently running for the Office of Probate Judge of Tuscaloosa County. The election will be held in November.

## Last Week, August 21

Last week Rotarians welcomed **Mr. Stephen Black**. Mr. Black reported that the single most important challenge facing Alabama today is thoughtfully dealing with a 45 year decline in civic duties and efforts by our citizens while more and more families are struggling to get by. He explained that this is due in part to wives having to work to assist in supporting families, as well as more single income families due to single parents. He went on to say that all of this has left less time for adults to engage in projects and activities outside the home.

According to Mr. Black we are seeing a generational shift in the last few years: a revolutionary change for those in the 15-25 year old age group- with some of these now in their mid to late 30's- who are thoughtfully researching culture.

Alabama has 11 “Torch Bearer” schools that are proof of Teach for America’s efforts. These are schools where poor children are performing well; in fact outperforming some schools in wealthy neighborhoods. Two examples are E.D. Nixon and George Hall Elementary Schools.



## Announcements, August 21

**Susan Caples** introduced two special guests, Valerie Flowers and Charlie Bice who are domestic students living in the Rotary International House. Both reports wonderful relationships with the international students. We have some outstanding students in the house this year according to Susan!



## Guests, August 21

Guests at the August 21 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: **Dr. Norm Baldwin** (U of A Political Science Professor), guest of Larry O’Neal; **Brandt Montgomery** (Priest-Canterbury), guest of Linda Chambers;



## At the Head Table, August 21

**Mark Nelson** (speaker intro), **Rhett Cooper** (guest intro), **Rodney Lambert** (pledge) and **Jack Evans** (Invocation)



## News from the Rotary Foundation

Very soon the club will kick off our Every Member, Every Year Campaign with the objective of every active member of the club giving some amount to The Rotary Foundation this Rotary year. As an incentive, The Rotary Foundation offers a Rotary Club Banner Recognition to a club achieving "Every Rotarian, Every Year Club." The award is defined as follows; "This recognition is given to clubs that achieve a minimum \$100 per capita and 100 percent participation with every active member contributing some amount to the Annual Programs Fund during the Rotary year. It is based on active membership as of 30 June and awarded at the end of the Rotary year." We have a ways to go to be 100 percent, but what a great and worthy goal. LET'S DO IT!



## Rotarian of the Week: Jack Evans

Two weeks ago, Rotarian **Sandra Ray** took part in the Club's new program for getting to know Tuscaloosa Rotarians better by interviewing them. The seventh Rotarian to be interviewed was **Jack Evans**. Jack is truly Tuscaloosa. Son of a UA and Law School Graduate, Jack Evans, Sr. Rotarian Jack went to Central High School and graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Advertising. Jack comes from an athletic background, with his father being elected to Alabama's Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame and Alabama's Tennis Hall of Fame. Jack plays Tennis competitively now when his real job allows. Currently on the Board of the Tuscaloosa Tennis Association, he proudly started the junior team tennis program six years ago working with PARA. Jack

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**September 4**  
**Secretary of State**  
**Beth Chapman**

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**September 11**

**Mal Moore**

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**September 18**

**Phil Williams**  
**District Governor**

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“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

had his own real estate company, but for the past 13 years he has been a certified financial planner; he currently works with Ameriprise Financial Services. Jack has been a lifelong member of Calvary Baptist Church. He is married to Tina who teaches Math at Shelton State. Although they have no children, they have three dogs that enjoy their attention. We should not forget the 500+ children that Jack has introduced to tennis through his program.

## **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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

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