

The Nerve



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This Week, October 30, 2012 Toby Roth with Capital Resources, LLC



As an attorney and the former chief-of-staff for one of Alabama's most successful governors, businesses, associations and organizations look to Toby for insight and leadership on their Alabama advocacy efforts.

Toby leads our Alabama office providing clients with a thorough understanding of the Alabama political and policy landscape, and effective relationships with

policymakers.

He is experienced in devising smart strategic action plans for clients, achieving their short-term goals while supporting their long-term objectives. The following are some of Mr. Roth's previous positions.

- Chief of Staff for Alabama Governor Bob Riley
- Campaign Director, 2002 Bob Riley for Governor campaign
- Vice President for Advancement, Business Council of Alabama
- Executive Director, Alabama Citizens for a Sound Economy
- Finance Director, 1996 Harold See for Alabama Supreme Court campaign

Last Week, October 23

Last week The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa welcomed State Senator Gerald Allen. Senator Allen reports that Senate will be back in session in February. Senator Allen provided us with a sample election ballot so that we could take a look at everything that would be voted on in 2 weeks. He fully explained the 12 amendments on the ballot, and provided hand outs of the presentation for pick up after the meeting.

Senator Allen also spoke briefly about the 2011 law that was passed by the Senate preventing governments from levying an occupational tax on its citizens.



Announcements

Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa Member Satisfaction Survey - your help

needed: In an effort to complete our strategic plan and to ensure we have satisfied members, I am asking each of you to take the time to fill out the survey at the link below. The survey is only five questions and should take less than ten minutes to complete. This is your opportunity to let us know how we can improve. We are not asking for names, so please be as candid as possible. We will be closing the survey on Monday, so your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your participation and constructive comments.

<https://www.southlandbenefit.com/issueTrak/LoginSurvey.asp?SurveyID=104>

Jerry Shepherd announced that he has been in District Governor training and met our Rotary International President Tanaka in Huntsville recently where the District Governors, DG nominees, and DG Elects all attended for each of the 26 districts.



At the Head Table, October 23

Glenda Guyton (invocation), **Linda McCarley Wilson** (pledge), **Ryan Stallings** (speaker intro), and **Debbie Besant** (guests)



Guests, October 23

Guests at the October 23rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: **Michael James**, guest of Frank Deaver (Tuscaloosa News); **Lakeda Smith**, guest of Walt Larisey, (YMCA); **Tom Christianson** guest of Rufus Lewis; **Charles Helms**, guest of Bob Helms (Program Manager from California); **Lucas Hayes**, guest of John Owens (Delta Oil); **Brandon Clark**, guest of John Owens (Bill Lunsford Construction); **Bill Jones**, guest of Charles Nash (U A System).



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

Bruce Baughman was recognized for achieving PHF+3. (That's Paul Harris Fellow, level three.) Bruce's contributions as requested went both to the Annual Program Fund and to the PolioPlus program that supports the ongoing efforts to eradicate polio. Please congratulate Bruce.

WORLD POLIO DAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012

This past Wednesday, October 24, 2012, was world-wide recognition day for the work that has been done to eradicate polio and a day to focus on what remains. Tremendous progress has been made in this fight. "We are at an historic moment- less than 1% away from the end of polio forever. This past

February, we celebrated India being polio-free for a year and in May we celebrated reaching the \$200 Million Challenge with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.” Now, we need the continued help of Rotarians to finish the job. District Governor Phil Williams is asking every club in the District to contribute at least \$2,000 toward FINISHING the JOB. Please consider contributing what you can toward this effort. Contributions directed to PolioPlus count toward Paul Harris Fellow credit. Discuss with J.G.Brazil, Club Foundation Chair, for details in making a contribution.



Rotarian of the Week: Susan Caples

Last week Rotarian **Debbie Besant** took part in the Club’s new program of interviewing Club members to help Tuscaloosa Rotarians get to know everyone a little better. Debbie introduced Rotarian **Susan Caples**. Susan is the Assistant Director of Transportation for UA. She started with the University 25 years ago as a Senior Accountant in Investments before spending 18 years in Student Affairs.

Susan is a Native of Tuscaloosa that became an Auburn Graduate in 3 years with a Bachelors Degree in Finance. One month after graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Jim Herndon, and they moved to Mobile where Susan took her first professional job.

In 1982, they returned to Tuscaloosa and Jim owned and operated a catfish farm in Boligee. Susan returned to school and received a Masters in Higher Education from the University of Alabama. Susan and Jim had two sons, Jay and Rob. She was widowed in 1999 and is now married to Bruce Caples, who also has two children, and his daughter, Emily, has given them their first grandchild, Mary Dunlap.

Susan would love to go to Alaska. She enjoys playing Grandmother, Wife, and UA’s Transportation Guru. Susan is also in the second year of serving a two year term as National President of Mortar Board.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**November 6
UA Gymnastics
Coach Sarah
Patterson**

**November 13
Lt. Governor Kay
Ivey**

“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.

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES