

The Nerve



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This Week, January 22, 2013 Dr. Katsinas

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Dr. Katsinas is the Director, Education Policy Center and Professor, Higher Education Administration.

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History, Finance, and Access of Higher Education
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Ph. D. Southern Illinois University, 1986, Higher Education

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Director, Educational Policy Center, The University of Alabama, 2005 to present
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Don A. Buchholz Chair of Higher Education and Director, Bill J. Priest Center for
Community College Education, University of North Texas, 2000-2005

Professor of Higher Education, University of Toledo, 1998-2000

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Associate Director of Institutional Advancement, Miami-Dade College, 1987-1990

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Last Week, January 15

The Tuscaloosa Rotary Club welcomed James Snodgrass, the Director of the University of Alabama Collegiate Recovery Program. Mr. Snodgrass said he likes to operate behind the scenes, making the students shine. He himself is a recovering alcoholic. On June 4, 2004 he was arrested. This was rock bottom for him. He went through 6 months of treatment and was given a full scholarship because of his addiction along with 90 other students in a new program at Texas Tech.

He informed us that the students in the program at UA have an average GPA of 3.7. Take away the drugs and alcohol, and they are brilliant students.

Anonymity is very important and the program provides an environment that is drug and alcohol free for these students. He was very adamant in stating that it is not UA that has a problem, it is all over the US. Collegiate Recovery is just being pro-active. It is not a perfect world.

The program requires that a student be clean for 6 months to get in. Students apply, start a 12 step program and then are considered for scholarships. Addiction is not limited to drugs and alcohol and may include food addictions, gambling, etc. The scholarships start at \$250.00 and increase with their participation in community programs, making good grades, etc. The largest scholarship is \$2,000.00. Scholarship money comes from individual donors.

The program provides clean and sober activities where you might normally find alcohol – like tailgating for these students so that they can be a part of the college experience without a risk to their sobriety.

The UA program is relatively new and is a replica of the Texas Tech program. All the SEC Colleges are in the process of implementing the program on their campuses. It is a very important program. Mr. Snodgrass very somberly advised us that since he became involved in the program in 2004, he has personally witnessed 40 students that have lost their lives to drugs and alcohol.

Snodgrass started with about 30 students at UA this past fall. There were more than 3 times that many that were not 6 months clean and sober yet, that are now starting to come into the program which now has about 50 – 60 participants now. He will work to find treatment centers for anyone who wants to get clean regardless of their financial situation. There are places for

everyone from the beginner to the chronic relapse student. He looks for specialized treatment based on the individual. Since the inception of the UA program there have been zero relapses!

The program is now in the process of getting a dorm for the program, which is crucial to the recovery of most students. He is praying for a miracle! The program needs scholarship donors, so if alcoholism has personally touched your family, please consider giving. It could change the life of a person early in their adult life and allow them to prosper and avoid years of pain and damage.



Announcements

President James requested prayers for Joe May's family. His nephew was the young man killed in the hunting accident over the weekend.

President James also let us know that the Rotary Foundation will be sending out a satisfaction survey that we should see soon.

President James reminded everyone of the new badge method. No scanning upon arrival and simply drop your badge in the bucket upon departure.

Diane Salls announced our Annual "Sweetheart Night" which will be held at North River Yacht Club on 2/12/13. This will take the place of our meeting that week. Social hour begins at 6pm, followed by dinner at 6:45. Entertainment will be provided by the Lamplighters. Cost is \$34.00 per person and Rotarians will be responsible for their meal as well as their guest this year. In the past the Rotary Club has absorbed the cost for the Rotarians, which is not the case this year. As in the past, if you are not a member of the NRYC, you will need to sign for your drinks, and you will be billed accordingly.



At the Head Table, January 15

Rufus Lewis (invocation), **Don Alverson** (pledge), **James Leitner** (speaker intro), and **Drew Kyle** (guests)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 29
Club Assembly

February 05
Cassandra James

February 12
Sweetheart's night

“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