

# The Nerve



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## This Week, February 5, 2013 Audrey L. Salgado



Guest Speaker, Audrey L. Salgado will address the launch of The 2014 Project Alabama large-scale public education campaign to raise awareness about the lack of women in elected office and the unique opportunities of the 2014 election. Alabama ranks 48th among state legislatures with women comprising

13.6% of the legislature according to statistics compiled by Rutgers University, Center for American Women and Politics. The 2014 Project Alabama is assembling a team of advocates, allies, and volunteers to recruit and train women in 2013 to run and win in 2014. Women interested in taking the next step toward candidacy are connected to leadership institutes, think tanks, campaign training programs and fundraising networks designed to help them succeed in 2014.

Salgado and her husband moved to Alabama in 1999 upon her retirement as CIO of General Motors Mexican Operations. She has continued her lifelong public service as a volunteer in many organizations including AAUW of Alabama Ready to Run™ Director and Co-Chair of The 2014 Project Alabama. Salgado received her bachelor's degree in Business Management and Accounting from Kent State University and her Masters in Business Administration with a specialty in International Trade from Texas A & M International University.

## Last Week, January 29

The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa had the annual Club Assembly. President James and Directors gave updates on progress that has been made to date, and goals and projects to accomplish before year end.



### Announcements

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.

Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight will be making its 4<sup>th</sup> flight on May 18<sup>th</sup> and we will be taking both WWII and Korean War Veterans to see their memorials in Washington, D. C. Attached to the Nerve will be Veteran applications, guardian applications, and a contribution form. More information will be posted on the Club's Website, and anyone interested in helping out with this year's flight or knows a potential veteran or guardian can e-mail Rotarian Jordan Plaster at [james\\_plasterjr@ml.com](mailto:james_plasterjr@ml.com).



From Diversity to Unity  
By Frank Deaver

Thousands of Rotarians from more than a hundred countries came together for the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, and in one of the earliest gatherings they demonstrated an example of why Rotarians are Rotarians. Back grounded by the stirring music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, readings were presented by Moslem, Buddhist, Mormon, Hindu, Jewish, and Christian representatives. The selections included common themes of brotherhood, service, and peace.

The underlying message was consistent and obvious, summarized by convener Ron Burton, now incoming RI President. Whatever our differences, he said, whether racial, religious, or political, "we are united by our humanitarian works, our high ethical standards, and our promotion of goodwill and peace in the world."

Selections read from the holy books of Islam and Buddhism underscored respect and consideration for others. Harmony and happiness were the emphases from the Hindu religion. The Mormon speaker said that whatever our differences, "as Rotarians we all want the same things." And the Christian commandment, "love thy neighbor," challenged doing for others.

The session underscored that year's theme, "Rotary Shares." For Rotarians, delegates were told, "Sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others."

The story is told of a farmer whose corn won top honors, year after year, in a fair. In a news interview, it was disclosed that he regularly gave some of his prized seed corn to his neighbors. "Why do you do that?" a reporter inquired. "That only helps your neighbors compete for the annual honor." The farmer replied, "But you don't understand. The wind blows pollen about the area, and cross-pollinates the corn. If my neighbors raise inferior corn, my own crop will soon be compromised. It is by helping my neighbors that I help myself."

It is the same with Rotary's service role in improving the human condition. By reducing the temptation to hostility, by improving health conditions, by promoting higher standards of learning, Rotary is making the world a better and safer place for all.

Rotarians representing five different world religions spoke at that convention session in Salt Lake City. All of them cited quotations or principles deeply held in their respective religious beliefs, but themes shared by Rotarians, whatever their religion. That is why Rotary is non-sectarian. That is why, together, Rotarians can accomplish so much.



## Guests January 29

Guests at the January 29 meeting of the Club included:

**Dr. Gunars Cazars**, Guest of Renwick Jones (Chair of Physical Education Stillman College; **Karis Lamb Wilson**, guest of Carol Wright (Key Staff Source);

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 12  
Sweethearts Night

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February 19  
Dennis Hall Walter  
Energy

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February 26  
Lauren Ballard  
Angle Flight Soars

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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

## 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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