The Nerve







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This Week, March 5, 2013 Gary Minor, Director of Para



Gary Minor is the Director for Tuscaloosa's PARA. Before becoming director of PARA in 2011, Minor was PARA's superintendent of recreation. He worked with PARA for several years before becoming

its Director. Before that, he worked with the University of Alabama's recreation department for 12 years.

"My goal is to create new recreation opportunities for people in this county. I want to have an organization my board is proud of, the community is proud of and the elected officials are proud of." Minor stated in an article for the Tuscaloosa News.

Minor said he would emphasize getting PARA's name in front of the community and educating people on what the organization has to offer. The agency offers more than 100 recreational programs and maintains 37 parks. Minor is the third director in PARA's history.

Last Week, February 26

Lowell introduced our special guests, members of the UA Afro-American Gospel Choir. The choir is a special interest group at UA that was founded in 1971 when 12 students entered a contest. Soon after 40 – 50 more students formed the choir that we know today. There will be a benefit on 3/16/13 at the University Church of Christ on Julia Tutwiler Drive. The concert starts at 5pm and the doors open at 4pm. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Three members of the choir performed several selections that were outstanding! Please go out and support them on the 16th and enjoy the full choir, which is sure to be even more delightful!



Guests February 26:

Guests at the February 26 meeting included: **Don Salls** guest of Diane Salls (retired); **Kim Palm** guest of Debbi Besant (CPA); **David Pass**, guest of James Leitner (Real Estate); **Victoria Colbert**,

guest of Tina Jones (Intern at TTSC); and **Kenneth Rolle**, guest of Charles Nash (Fellow).



Announcements

Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight will be making its 4th flight on May 18th and we will be taking both WWII and Korean War Veterans to see their memorials in Washington, D. C. 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.

On 3/19/13 we will have an off-sire meeting at the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater

Lowell Davis, Director of Programs is excited to announce that upcoming we will have David Bronner on June 11, 2013. We will also be having Dr. Judy

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 12 Eric Suder with the Suder Foundation

> March 19 Off-site Tuscaloosa Amphitheater

March 19 J. Wesley Brown Marshall Space Flight Center

"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

Bonner and Dr. Witt, to name a few. Suggestions for programs are welcome! Also in accordance with James' goal to have 4 social events during his term, we are looking at a possible pool party/cook-out that will be open for all Rotarians and their immediate family.

Annual 6860 Conference will be at Lake Guntersville 4/18 - 20, 2013. Three to four people from our club are needed to attend and the Club can help with expenses. Pease let him know if interested.

Reminder: Badges go in the bowl at the end of the meeting. This process is going very well.



At the Head Table February 26

Invocation (Charlie Durham), Speaker Intro (Lowell Davis), Guests (Jim McLean), and Pledge (Tonya Cargile).

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: <u>www.rotaryeclubone.org</u>.

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES