

# The Nerve



A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

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## Officers, 2013-14

Karen Baldwin  
*President*

Chuck Turner  
*President-Elect*

Nancy Jones  
*Secretary*

Joe May  
*Treasurer*

Frank Deaver  
*Executive Director*

Bruce Burrows  
*Sergeant-At-Arms*

## Directors, 2013-14

Susan Caples  
*Membership*

Larry O'Neal  
*Programs*

Ryan Stallings  
*Communications*

Liz Obradovich  
*Vocational*

Mitchell Loper  
*Community Service*

Margaret King  
*International*

J. G. Brazil  
*RI Foundation*

James Leitner  
*Past President*

Jim Shamblin  
*Tuscaloosa Memorial  
Foundation*

## This Week, July 16, 2013 State Representative Bill Poole



Bill was elected to serve House District 63 in 2010 and is serving his first term in the Alabama House of Representatives. This important district includes the University of Alabama, portions of the both the Tuscaloosa City and Tuscaloosa County school districts, and much of the City of Tuscaloosa. Bill currently serves as Chairman of the seven-member Tuscaloosa County House Delegation, which considers all local legislation. After serving in his first legislative session in 2011, Bill was identified by 19 out of 20 veteran lawmakers interviewed by the Mobile Press-Register as the top member out

of the 37 new lawmakers in the State House of Representatives.

### Committee Assignments

- Ways and Means Education Budget
- Judiciary (Chair: Subcommittee on Criminal)
- Tuscaloosa County Legislation (Chair)
- Technology and Research

### Appointments

- Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (Alabama Service Commission)
- Uniform Law Commission
- Alabama Law Institute
- NCSL Education Committee
- NCSL Healthcare Task Force
- CSG Committee on Suggested Legislation

### Background

Bill grew up in the small black belt town of Dayton in Marengo County, Alabama. He and his wife Niccole are the parents of Sally and William Poole. The Pooles are members of First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa. Bill is involved in several community groups, including the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama.

## Last Week, July 9th Club Meeting

Induction of new officers

-Karen Baldwin was inducted as President along with other Officers and Directors

Karen talked about our new Rotary International theme, "Engage Rotary. Change Lives." From that, she created our Tuscaloosa theme, "Take a BOW." B stands for Be involved, O stands for Others, and W stands for Woohoo (HAVE FUN).

She also passed around notecards for everyone to write down their name and something funny about themselves that no one else knew. Each week we are going to draw one and try to guess which member it is.

Recognition of Board:

Larry O'Neal-Programs Director

Liz Obradovich- Vocational Director

Susan Caples-Membership Director

Ryan Stallings Communications Director-will be focusing on external communication this year. Last year the focus was internal.

Mitchell Loper-Community Service

- Interact
- Rotary Rose
- Salvation Army
- Local Project

Dr. Margaret King-international Programs

- International Projects
- Scholarships
- Rotary House
- Rotaract



## **Announcements**

- **REMINDER:** Our first off-site meeting will be held August 13th at 11:30 at the Bryant Conference Center. This will be a combination meeting with the United Way of West Alabama's Campaign Kickoff. Signup sheets will be on the tables during the meetings prior to the off-site. All Rotarians that are planning to attend will need to sign up so that we can have an accurate head count of who will be attending.
- Ken Dewitt presented the Strategic Plan, and distributed the Vision/Traction Organizer to the Club.



## **News from the Rotary International Foundation** **By J.G. Brazil**

The new Strategic Plan for our club was introduced to Rotarians at last week's meeting. Several goals directly involve The Rotary Foundation. For this Rotary year Paul Harris Fellows need to increase to 65% of the club. The club now stands at 56% Paul Harris Fellows. If we continue to meet established goals, in three years a picture of our club members would show 100% of the club giving to The Foundation and 80% would be Paul Harris Fellows. These are worthy and achievable goals.



**At the Head Table July 9**  
**Mitchell Loper, J.G. Brazil, Ken Dewitt.**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
UA Athletics  
Director  
Bill Battle

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July 30th  
Eddie Conyers  
Honor Flight Story

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August 6th  
Lauren Ballard  
Angel 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



## Guests July 9

Guests at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Club included:  
**John Henson**, visiting Rotarian from the Shades Valley Club

## 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).

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES