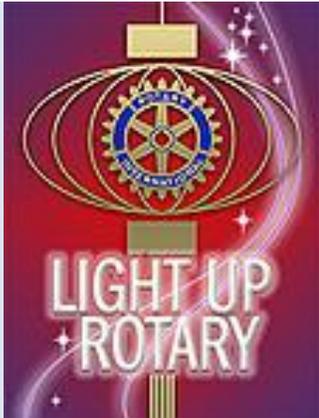


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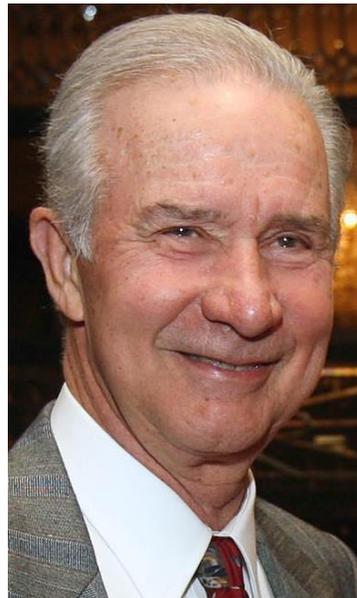
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This Week - July 1, 2014

Jerry Shepherd induction ceremony



Induction of Jerry Shepherd as District Governor

Congratulations to our own Jerry Shepherd, who has been chosen as district governor for Rotary International District 6860 for 2014-15.

The induction ceremony for Jerry will be held from 4-6 p.m. today at Indian Hills Country Club in lieu of the club's regular meeting.

District 6860 covers the northern half of Alabama and has 3,846 members in 56 clubs. Jerry will be the official representative of Rotary International for our club and the district during that year. He is the 12th district governor from our club, one more than the Rotary Club of Birmingham (but who's counting, right?)

Jerry has been in Rotary since 1985, serving as president of Placentia Rotary Club in California in 1991-92. He then served as aide to the District 5320 governor. He attended International Rotary Conventions in Portland, Mexico City, San Antonio, Chicago, New Orleans, Lisbon and Sydney. He was the Rotary Foundation chair

for the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa and Future Vision Chair for APF and Permanent Fund for District 6860. He visited Rotary International headquarters in Evanston in 2005, 2009 and 2013. He served as a Training Leader at Mid South PETS. He served District 6860 as Assistant Governor for Area 5 and is now District Governor Elect for District 6860.

Jerry owned and operated camera stores and film processing labs in Orange County, California. In 2005 he retired to move back to Northport with his wife Kathy. He has two daughters and three grandchildren. Kathy and Jerry attend Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa.

Last Week – June 24, 2014

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JULY 8

Ryan Fowler

Local radio sports show host

JULY 15

Rob Guthrie

“The Energy Efficiency Movement in the Southeast”

JULY 22

Don Brown

Former Rotarian and Tuscaloosa News editor will speak on his new book, *Gruesome*.

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore updated the club on projects he is currently involved in and gave some brief updates on the court systems in Alabama.

Chief Justice Moore’s previous term as chief justice ended in 2003 and since then, he said, Alabama has suffered a 50-percent loss in court clerks’ offices around the state, causing them to fall behind on their case loads. This forced the clerks’ offices to close on Wednesdays so that they could catch up. Recently, Moore removed this order and they will now be allowed to re-open on Wednesdays.

He also informed us that court system employees have not received merit-based pay raises since 2008. He hopes that next year the state of Alabama will be able to reintroduce merit-based raises for court employees and will regain some of the qualified

workers that have been lost because of the lack of raises.

Moore, along with Gov. Robert Bentley, is working with the Prison Reform Task Force and hopes through this work that he can help restore recognition of the moral basis of our laws. The state prison system is overcrowded at 190 percent of capacity, resulting in people who need to be in prison not being placed there, while people who have been rehabilitated are not being released quickly enough, he said. We need to reexamine the requirements for placing someone in prison, Moore said.

Noting that this Friday will be the 238th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Moore said it is important for us to recognize our past as a country. He feels so strongly about teaching U.S. citizens to remember their past that he provided club members free copies of a pamphlet he produced that contains information on how our country was founded. It also includes the farewell address of President George Washington,

Moore informed the club that George Washington was the only president not to be associated with any political party and that the country has become so inclined to think along party lines that it is causing people to suffer. It is our job as citizens to keep those parties in line with the Constitution. Moore believes that the Congress, U.S. Supreme Court and the president are not adhering to the Constitution. Some on the U.S. Supreme Court have even said that the Constitution is an outdated document and this is actually being taught in some schools today. He reminded us all that our government is here to serve the people and that is why it's so important for all of us understand and remember what was laid out in documents such as the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.



Announcements:

Today's induction ceremony for Jerry Shepherd will count as a club make-up credit.



At the Head Table June 24, 2014

David Pass – Pledge of Allegiance – Partner with Sealy Realty;
Susan Caples – Introduction of Guests – Assistant Director of Transportation Services at The University of Alabama;
Rob Moore – Invocation – Station Manager for Moody Radio South;
John Owens – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Attorney with Owens and Millsaps, LLP



Guests June 24, 2014

Gay Burrows, guest of Bruce Burrows; **Zach Price**, guest of The Rev. Brandt Montgomery; **Jon Townsend**, guest of Ted Turner; **Don Salls**, guest of Diane Salls; **Suzanne Prevo**, guest of Karen Baldwin; **Jay Herndon** and **Rob Herndon**, guests of Susan Caples; **Alan Taylor**, guest of Jordan Plaster; **Rich Martens**, Morning Club; **Savannah Millsaps**, guest of Appie Millsaps; **Martin Wishnatsky**, guest of speaker Chief Justice Roy Moore.

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