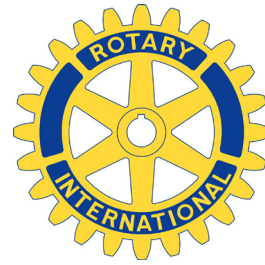
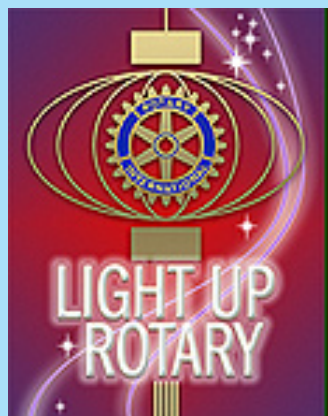


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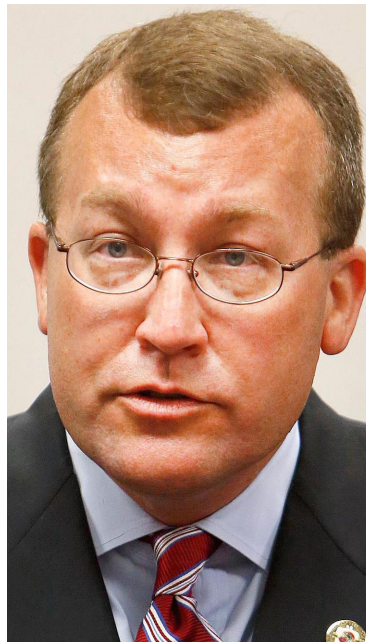
**Frank Deaver**

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*This Week — July 29, 2014*

## Allan Rice

*Executive Director, Alabama Fire College*



Allan Rice has been the executive director of the Tuscaloosa-based Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission since August 2007. His public safety career spans 24 years, including 15 years with the City of Hoover Fire Department.

He previously has served as the program coordinator for Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services at Jefferson State Community College, as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center for Domestic Preparedness and as a trauma and flight nurse.

Allan is current president of the North American Fire Training Directors, the professional association of all state and provincial fire training agencies in the U.S. and Canada. He earned a paramedic certificate and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Master of Public and Private Management from Birmingham-Southern College.

Upgrades at the Fire College are underway. The \$2.38-million project includes a new 320-seat auditorium that will open in September and a 19,000-square-foot equipment bay building with classrooms that will open in early 2015.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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AUGUST 5

**Nimrod Frazer**

Retired CEO and author will discuss Alabamians in World War I, Rainbow Division

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AUGUST 12

**United Way**

Kickoff Luncheon at the Bryant Conference Center

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AUGUST 19

**Julie Magee**

Commissioner, Alabama Department of Revenue

## Last Week — July 22, 2014

Don Brown, a former member of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, discussed his new book, “Gruesome!: A Novel Drawn from True Crime.”

The novel was based on his experiences as a young reporter covering a captivating murder case in a small, southwest Alabama town more than 50 years ago. He promised himself he would write a book about the case one day and “Gruesome!” is the result. The novel is available online at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. This is his first work of fiction, although he written, edited and contributed to nine non-fiction books.

Don now teaches advanced journalism at the University of Alabama. Previously, he was executive editor of the Tuscaloosa News for nine years, editor of the TimesDaily in Florence for six years and editor of the magazine Birmingham for 11 years.

Don and his wife, Hannah, have been Tuscaloosa residents for nearly 30 years, and are active in community issues. They have five children five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### *At the head table*

**Stephen Katsinas** - Pledge of Allegiance - director of The University of Alabama Education Policy Center

**Mark Crews** - Introduction of Guests - vice president, Western Division, Alabama Power Co.

**Mary Elizabeth Harper** - Invocation - executive director of the Tuscaloosa Public Library

**Charles Nash** - Introduction of Guest Speaker - vice chancellor of Academic Affairs for The University of Alabama System

### *Guests*

Guests of members included **Bromley Dyson**, guest of Buddy Moman; **Becky Florence**, guest of Camilla Canty; **Houston Pearce**, guest of Larry O’Neal. **Elizabeth Winter** was a guest of the club. **Rich Martens** attended from the Tuscaloosa Morning Club. **Dominique Yancey** attended from San Ramon Valley (Calif.) Rotary.



## *Announcements*

- Rotary will host an off-site meeting August 12 at the Bryant Conference Center as the United Way of West Alabama kicks off its 2014 fundraising campaign. Please sign up at the next Rotary meeting to attend.
- An Adopt-A-School golf tournament will be held Thursday, September 11, at Ol' Colony Golf Course. To participate, please sign up at an upcoming Rotary meeting or contact Camilla Canty.
- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is looking for a club photographer! If you would like to help out, please contact Chuck Turner.w
- Boilin' & Braggin', a Rotary District 6860 event, will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, at Otey's Tavern in Birmingham. The event benefits the Critical Care Transport Team at Children's of Alabama. They have encouraged the Tuscaloosa club to attend and we hope to see you all there!

## *The Rotary Foundation*

The Rotary International Foundation Committee has completed for each Rotarian in the club a record of current contributions to The Rotary International Foundation. This information will be handed out to each Rotarian at the July 29 and August 5 club meetings. The purpose is to let each Rotarian know his or her current giving record and to provide information so appropriate planning can be made for contributions during this 2014-2015 Rotary year. **Every Rotarian, Every Year** is a goal of Rotary International, accepted by our club, with the understanding that Rotary programs cannot exist and **"Do Good in the World"** without every Rotarian participating. All members of The Foundation committee are listed in the handout and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## *Members to be inducted soon*

**Elizabeth Winter**, senior vice president and wealth advisor with Regions Bank.

## **ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY ...**

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. 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, interactive event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

**REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES**

