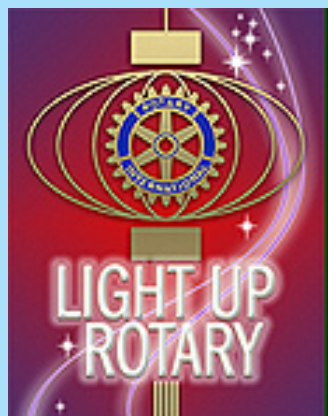


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This Week — January 13, 2015

Whit Gibbons

Herpetologist, author



Whit Gibbons is a retired professor of ecology from the University of Georgia and former head of the Environmental Outreach and Education program at the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory.

Gibbons graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 1957 and received degrees in biology from the University of Alabama (B.S.-1961; M.S.-1963) and zoology from Michigan State University (Ph.D. - 1967).

He is the author or editor of 20 books on herpetology and ecology, has published more than 250 articles in scientific journals, has had commentaries on National Public Radio (Living on Earth, Science Friday, and others) and has written more than 1,000 popular articles on ecology published in magazines and newspapers, including a weekly, nationally syndicated newspaper column that has appeared in The Tuscaloosa News for more than 30 years.

His encyclopedia articles have appeared in World Book, Compton's, and for 30 years included the annual summary of Zoology for the Encyclopedia Britannica Year Book. He wrote the merit

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY 20

Earl Tilford

Retired history professor
and Air Force intelligence
officer, author

JANUARY 27

Fitzgerald Washington

Alabama Commissioner of
Labor

badge booklet, Reptile and Amphibian Study, for the Boy Scouts of America.

Gibbons has received the Henry S. Fitch Award for Excellence in Herpetology and the Distinguished Herpetologist Award at the national/international Joint Meetings of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists for long-term excellence in the study of amphibian and reptile biology. He was awarded the IUCN Behler Turtle Conservation Award in recognition of long-term turtle research and conservation nationally and internationally, and received the National Meritorious Teaching Award in Herpetology.



Last Week — January 6, 2015

Shelton State Community College President Andrea Mayfield spoke about her background, how it shaped her and led her to find her calling in education. She emphasized her connection to nature and the land and how they have brought value to her life and can do the same for others. Dr. Mayfield said she has always approached life with a “can-do” attitude and as an educator wants to do everything she can to help others grow and realize their own goals and dreams.

At the head table

Jordan Plaster – Pledge of Allegiance – Senior Vice-President of Wealth Management for Merrill Lynch

Drew Kyle – Introduction of Guests – Co-Owner of Kyle Office Solutions

Ray Farabee – Invocation – Retired

Byron Abston – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Associate Dean of Advancement at Shelton State Community College

Guests

J. Curry Robertson, guest of Larry O’Neal; **Garrett Powe**, guest of Patricia Powe;

Louis Shedd, guest of Steve Katsinas; **Dr. Yardley Bailey**, guest of Charles Nash;

Bob Portera, guest of Jeremy Jones.

New members

One new member was inducted last week:

Len Zumpano — Professor Emeritus of Finance at the Culverhouse College of Commerce at the University of Alabama (Len is returning to the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club)

January Birthdays

Ryan Stallings (1/2), **Bruce Henderson** (1/3), **Bob Haubein** (1/6), **Chipper Rabbit** (1/8), **Bob Reed** (1/17), **Jack Evans** (1/20), **Matt Hood** (1/24), **Carol Wright** (1/24), **Bill Elrod** (1/25), **Warner Johnson** (1/27), **Dennis Peck** (1/28), **James McLean** (1/29), **Jeremy Jones** (1/30)



This Week in History

The "Today" show, the first morning news/talk program, premiered on Jan. 14, 1952; led by Bart Starr, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, on Jan. 15, 1967, in the first Super Bowl (though it wasn't called that until a couple of years later); the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified on Jan. 16, 1919, and took effect on Jan. 17, 1920, ushering in the era of Prohibition; Edgar Allan Poe was born on Jan. 19, 1809.

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.

Report all makeups to club secretary Nancy Jones.



