

The Nerve

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This Week — January 19, 2016

Elizabeth Huntley

Attorney and child advocate

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Elizabeth “Liz” Huntley is a committed child advocate and a passionate litigation attorney. She practices law at Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC in Birmingham.

She is a leader in numerous professional and community organizations, including serving on the boards of the Alabama School Readiness Alliance, Children’s First Foundation, Children’s Village, Leadership Alabama and Project Gear (president and co-founder).

Liz regularly serves as a motivational speaker for groups and organizations throughout the country and recently published a book about her personal story titled “More Than A Bird.”

She earned her law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law where she now serves as chair of the Farrah Law Society board of trustees. She received her undergraduate degree from Auburn University, where she is a member of the board of trustees.

Liz and her husband, Tony, live in Clanton with their three children.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY 26
John Barfield

FEBRUARY 2
Stephen Rushin

FEBRUARY 9
Adam Flatt

Last Week — January 12, 2016

Derek Osborn, executive director of PRIDE of Tuscaloosa, a non-profit agency that educates the community about drug and alcohol abuse, spoke about the dangers of marijuana in light of recent initiatives that have legalized it in several states. PRIDE has a successful program in place geared toward third graders to teach them about the harmful effects of marijuana and is developing a program for sixth and ninth graders. The problem with legalizing marijuana, he said, is that people assume it is not harmful; now people are not only smoking it, they are injecting it and using patches, edibles and other methods to support their habit. On average, one marijuana cigarette has about 10-25 milligrams of THC, the chemical responsible for the psychoactive effects of the drug. For more information about PRIDE, visit www.prideoftuscaloosa.org.

At the head table

Diane Salls — Pledge of Allegiance – Retired
Lindsey Case — Invocation – Capstone Bank
Larry O’Neal — Introduction of Guests – Retired
Stephen Durant — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired

Guests

Mike Palechek, guest of Bobby Hagler; **Frank Musumecchi**, guest of David Pass.
Charlie Durham was a guest of the club.



January Birthdays

Happy birthday in January to Rotarians **Ryan Stallings, Bruce Henderson, Bob Haubein, Chipper Rabbet, Thomas Powe, Bob Reed, Jack Evans, Carol Wright, Matt Hood, Bill Elrod, Warner Johnson, Dennis Peck, James McLean** and **Ashley Waid**.

Announcements

- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa will have a special speaker on Jan. 26. John Barfield, a former sharecropper, now a billionaire, will speak to the club and will bring guests from Rotary International. Pat Cross, our district governor, also will visit the club during this meeting.
- The Tuscaloosa Children's Policy Council will host the 10th annual Doing What Matters for Tuscaloosa's Children Conference on Jan. 26 at the Bryant Conference Center. For more information about this conference, please contact Dr. Charles Nash.
- Our club has set a goal of \$30,000 for donations the Rotary International Foundation. Members will be receiving a letter in the mail isoon to update them on their Paul Harris Fellow status. Please keep your eye out for these letters and consider reevaluating your donations in order to help our club meet the \$30,000 goal.
- Our Adopt-a-School partner, Northside High, is looking for volunteers to help with Reality Check, a financial literacy simulation event that will be held from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Feb. 10. More than 100 students will participate. The goal is for the students to understand the cost of living, the significance of budgeting and the correlation among education, career, salary and lifestyle. Adult volunteers are needed to work tables where students will purchase housing, transportation, insurance, retirement plan, groceries, student loan repayments, child care and the unexpected. Optional stations include donations, mall shopping and entertainment. Some students may be forced to seek a second job. Materials for those running the tables are provided, including a script. Anyone interested in any of the events above should contact Jane Jordan at 205-750-2716 or jane.jordan@regions.com.



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 committe meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org

Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.



