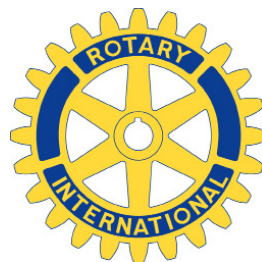
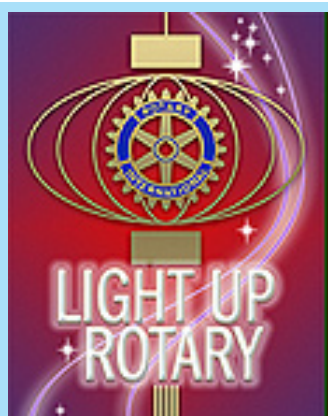


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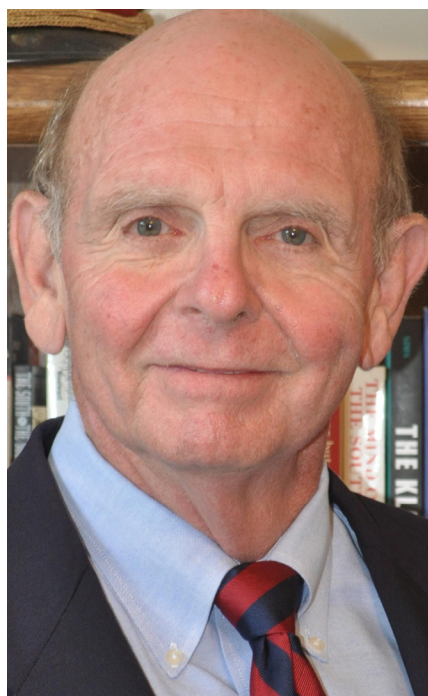
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*This Week — January 20, 2015*

## Earl Tilford

*Herpetologist, author*



Earl Tilford holds a B.A. and M.A. in history from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. in American and European military history and Soviet/East European politics from George Washington University.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1993 after 23 years as an intelligence officer, he served as director of research for the U.S. Army's Strategic Studies Institute, heading a team tasked with looking 25 years into the future to determine strategic threats

and recommending strategies to deal with those threats.

In 2001, he left government service to accept a professorship at Grove City College, a small liberal arts college in Pennsylvania where he taught courses in U.S. military history, modern Russian history, U.S. national security, World Wars I and II, the Vietnam War, international and domestic terrorism and counter-terrorism and other subjects.

In 2008, he returned to Tuscaloosa to research and write "Turning the Tide: The University of Alabama in the 1960s," which was published by the University of Alabama Press last year.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY 27

Fitzgerald Washington  
Alabama  
Commissioner of Labor

FEBRUARY 3

Judy Bonner  
President of the  
University of Alabama

He also is the author of three books on the Vietnam War and co-editor of a book on the first Persian Gulf War.

The title of his presentation is “A Historian Looks at the Future of War.”



### *This Week in History*

The Iran Hostage Crisis ended after 444 days on Jan. 20, 1981; President Jimmy Carter granted unconditional pardons on Jan. 21, 1977, to hundreds of thousands of men who dodged the draft during the Vietnam War; Wham-O produced the first Frisbees on Jan. 23, 1957; the U.S.S. Pueblo, a Navy intelligence vessel, was captured in the Sea of Japan near North Korea on Jan. 23, 1968; the first canned beer debuted on Jan. 24, 1935 in Richmond, Va.; JFK held the first televised presidential news conference on Jan. 25, 1961.

## Last Week — January 13, 2015

Tuscaloosa native Whit Gibbons, 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, spoke to the club on the large variety of reptiles and amphibians that can be found in Tuscaloosa’s backyards. Gibbons brought several live specimens to augment his presentation, including a glass-tailed lizard, a rat snake, a snapping turtle and two baby alligators.

### *At the head table*

**Mitchell Loper** – Pledge of Allegiance – Investment Advisor with Raymond James

**Steve Wiggins** – Introduction of Guests – Attorney with Red Oak Legal P.C.

**Maj. Dean Moretz** – Invocation – Salvation Army of Tuscaloosa

**Earl Tilford** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – retired

### *Guests*

**Bill Fitts** and **Anne Gibbons**, guests of Bob Helms; **Louis Shedd**, guest of Steve Katsinas; **Ryan Costanzo**, guest of Frank Upchurch.

### *New Paul Harris Fellows*

**Appie Millsaps** was inducted as a new Paul Harris Fellow at the most recent Rotary meeting. She is a partner at Owens and Millsaps L.L.P.

## Announcements

- We have concluded our bottle cap drive for Northside High School – thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this art project!
- We will have an off-site meeting at Mercedes-Benz on March 31. Make plans to attend!
- Our outreach committee is currently planning a spring fling event for the club. Please stay tuned for further information.



### 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.*



