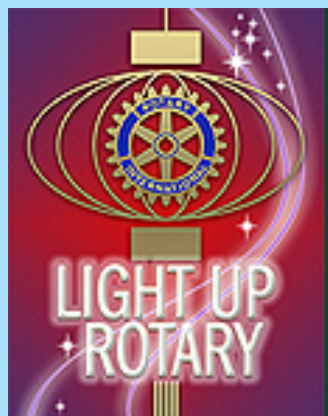


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This Week — January 27, 2015

Fitzgerald Washington

Commissioner, Alabama Department of Labor

Tuscaloosa native Fitzgerald Washington began his duties as commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor in August 2014, following his appointment to the position by Gov. Robert Bentley.

Previously, Washington was an executive with Birmingham-based Buffalo Rock Co., a Pepsi bottler and distributor, for 15 years. He started there as human resource coordinator and then handled the company's multicultural marketing initiatives in the three states where it has operations — Ala-

bama, Georgia and Florida. He returned to Tuscaloosa in 2002 after being promoted to general sales manager, with responsibility for maximizing brand portfolio for the company's retail sector.

In 2013, Washington served as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, where he helped create the Minority Business Council to foster the growth and competitiveness of minority-owned businesses in West Alabama. His other community involvement includes the Druid City Business League, Black Warrior Council Board, BB&T Bank Advisory Board, Board of Visitors for the University of Alabama College of Continuing

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 3

Judy Bonner

President of the
University of Alabama

FEBRUARY 10

Larry Clayton

Retired University of
Alabama history professor

FEBRUARY 17

Rotary Night

7-9 p.m., Harrison Galleries

Studies and DCH Health System Foundation Board of Directors. Gov. Bentley also appointed Washington to the Alabama Workforce Council.

Washington, his wife, Peggy, and their two children, Karla and Fitzgerald, reside in Tuscaloosa.



This Week in History

The United States ended its involvement in the Vietnam War with an agreement at the Paris Peace Conference on Jan. 27, 1973; the Challenger space shuttle exploded 73 seconds after lift-off on Jan. 28, 1986, claiming the lives of seven astronauts, including Christa McAuliffe, who had won a nationwide search to be the “first teacher in space”; the National Baseball Hall of Fame elected its first members on Jan. 29, 1936; Mohandas Gandhi was assassinated on Jan. 30, 1948.

Last Week — January 20, 2015

Fellow Rotarian Dr. Earl Tilford, a retired faculty member from the University of Alabama, spoke on “The Future of War.” Dr. Tilford, who spent 23 years in the Air Force as an intelligence officer and later served as director of research for the U.S. Army’s Strategic Studies Institute, discussed the threats as seen in America on Sept. 10, 2001, and how those threats were reassessed following the terrorist attacks on the next day.

After 9/11, the military began to categorize countries in three tiers. The first tier included advanced nations (the United States, Western Europe, Japan, Australia and Israel); the second tier included nations that were somewhat stable but could easily be swayed by military influence (Russia and China); third tier countries were poorer nations that would be susceptible to military invasion (in Africa and the Middle East).

Expect increased economic disparity and extreme competition for basic resources in the third tier countries, he said, and over the next few decades terrorism could intensify, rogue states could begin to form and confrontations with Russia and China could escalate.

At the head table

Rufus Lewis – Pledge of Allegiance – Retired

Karen Baldwin – Introduction of Guests – Beloved Rotary Past President

Harry Shumaker – Invocation – Senior Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch

Jacqueline Morgan – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Associate Dean of the University of Alabama Honors College

Guests

Sharon Randolph, guest of Earl Tilford; **Caroline Williams**, guest of Patricia Powe; **Curry Robertson** was a guest of the club.



Announcements

- Please note that our Feb.17 Rotary meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Harrison Galleries, 2315 University Blvd. Sign-up sheets will be available at today's meeting.
- We will have an off-site meeting at Mercedes-Benz U.S International on March 31. Make plans to attend!
- Rotary is the number one civic club when it comes to raising money for the Salvation Army. This year our club raised more than \$3,500 for the Salvation Army, more than any other civic club in the area. Maj. Dean Moretz expressed his sincere thanks to the club on Tuesday.
- 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.

Report all makeups to club secretary Nancy Jones.



