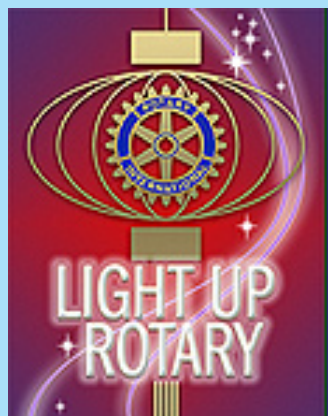


# The Nerve

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*This Week — February 3, 2015*

## **Judy Bonner**

*President, University of Alabama*



**D**r. Judith L. Bonner was named the 28th president of the University of Alabama on Nov. 1, 2012, after serving as interim president for six months earlier that year. Previously, she was executive vice president and provost of UA for six years, having been promoted to that position after serving three years as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

During Bonner's tenure as provost and president, the university underwent transformational change, growing from about 19,600 students in 2003 to more than 36,000 students in

2014. Each year, the academic strength of the student body and the faculty exceeded the record set the previous year.

Under her leadership as president, the Shelby Science and Engineering Quad has been completed and plans to transform the Peter Bryce campus into a vibrant new academic area are underway.

Bonner joined the faculty at UA in 1981 as associate professor and head of the department of human nutrition and hospitality. She was assistant academic vice president from 1985-1990 and special assistant to the president from 1989-1991.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**FEBRUARY 10**

**Larry Clayton**

Retired University of  
Alabama history professor

**FEBRUARY 17**

**Rotary Night**

7-9 p.m., Harrison Galleries

**FEBRUARY 24**

**Rep. Allen Farley**

House District 15  
Jefferson, Shelby counties

Promoted to professor in 1988, she was named dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences in 1989 and held that position until 2003. Before coming to UA, she held faculty appointments in the department of pediatrics at UAB and the department of medical dietetics at The Ohio State University.

Bonner earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Alabama and her Ph.D. from Ohio State, all in nutrition.

A member of civic, scientific and professional organizations, her accolades include the Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State University, the AHEA Leader Award and the award for Outstanding Dietitian for the state of Alabama. She inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, which recognizes living state natives for their contributions



### *This Week in History*

The first Oxford English Dictionary, considered the most comprehensive and accurate dictionary of the English language, is published on Feb. 1, 1884; the first Groundhog Day is celebrated at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Penn., on Feb. 2, 1887; musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed in a plane crash on Feb. 3, 1959; Patty Hearst, the 19-year-old daughter of newspaper publisher Randolph Hearst, is kidnapped on Feb. 4, 1974; the Beatles, making their first visit to the United States, arrive in New York on Feb. 7, 1964.

## Last Week — January 27, 2015

Tuscaloosa native Fitzgerald Washington, who became commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor in August 2014, spoke about transitioning into his new role and the department's various services and responsibilities, which include employment services, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, labor market information and elevator and mining inspections, among others.

The department has 500 employees working in Montgomery and another 500 employees at the 48 career centers around the state. The career centers provide services to help people find jobs. The department also has a mobile career unit equipped with 20 computers that can host job fairs and provide employment services on college and high school campuses and other locations.

In 2014, Alabama had a 5.7 percent unemployment rate -- the state's lowest rate in six years -- and added 32,000 jobs. The jobless rate in Tuscaloosa County was 4.6 percent, among the lowest in the state. In 2015, the state is expected to add 35,000 jobs.

## *At the head table*

**Michael James** – Pledge of Allegiance – Executive Editor of The Tuscaloosa News  
**James Leitner** – Introduction of Guests – President and CEO of Southland Benefit Solutions

**Tina Jones** – Invocation – Director of Tourism for the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission

**Chuck Turner** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Tuscaloosa Rotary President/Retired

## *Guests*

**Garrett Powe**, guest of Patricia Powe

## *New Paul Harris Fellow*

**Patricia Powe** was inducted as a new Paul Harris Fellow at the most recent Rotary meeting. She is the Finance Manager at the University of Alabama Student Health Center.



## *Announcements*

- The state of Alabama is now producing a Rotary vanity license plate. If you are interested in getting one for your car, please see Chuck Turner.
- Please note that our Feb.17 Rotary meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Harrison Galleries, 2315 University Blvd. The event will be free to Rotary members.

### **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.*



