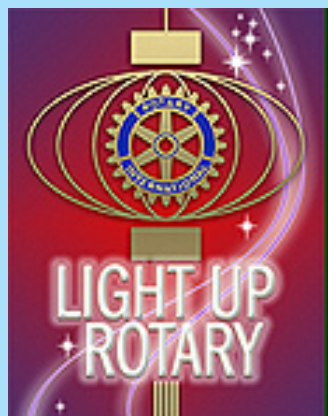


# The Nerve

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*This Week — February 10, 2015*

## Larry Clayton

*Author, retired University of Alabama history professor*



Larry Clayton taught at the University of Alabama for more than 40 years. Now professor emeritus of history, he has published a dozen history books and one novel. He also has his own blog and writes a weekly opinion column for The Tuscaloosa News.

Clayton grew up in Lima, Peru, with his Chilean mother and American father. After graduating from Duke University, he served in the Navy on the U.S.S. Donner (LSD 20) for two years in the Caribbean and Mediterranean, then went to New Orleans

and graduate school at Tulane. He began teaching at Alabama in 1972 and retired in 2013.

His most recent book was a biography of a Dominican priest, Bartolomé de las Casas (1485-1566). Two books are forthcoming in 2015: *Work and Wealth in Scripture* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2015) and *Bartolomé de las Casas in Documents* (New York: Bedford St. Martins, 2015).

He has two grown daughters, a son flying Lear jets in an international jet ambulance service and his wife, Louise, is a pastor.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**FEBRUARY 17**  
**Rotary Night**

7-9 p.m., Harrison Galleries

**FEBRUARY 24**  
**Rep. Allen Farley**  
House District 15  
Jefferson, Shelby counties

**MARCH 3**  
**Ron Abernathy**  
Tuscaloosa County sheriff

He is a licensed pilot and flies an old Cessna 172 (Skyhawk). Both he and his wife participate in the Tuscaloosa County Jail Ministry and his wife's blog, [lifeinchristinfo.com](http://lifeinchristinfo.com), is devoted to that ministry with a daily Scripture. His blog is [laclayton.wordpress.com](http://laclayton.wordpress.com)



### *This Week in History*

On Feb. 9, 1971, Mobile native Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran nominated to the Baseball Hall of Fame; world chess champion Gary Kasparov loses a game to Deep Blue, an IBM computer, on Feb. 10, 1996, but would go on to win the six-game match; Nelson Mandela, leader of the movement to end apartheid in South Africa, is released from prison on Feb. 11, 1990, after serving 27 years; Galileo Galilei arrives in Rome on Feb. 13, 1633, to face charges of heresy for advocating Copernican theory; Valentine, a holy priest in Rome, is executed on Feb. 14 around the year 278 A.D.

## Last Week — February 3, 2015

University of Alabama President Judy Bonner updated the club on progress at the Capstone. She said that accepting a higher number of out-of-state students as UA has been doing in recent years is required of any university to become a nationally competitive institution. As of the fall semester 2014, UA had 36,155 students enrolled. UA also enrolls more Alabama residents than any two- or four-year college or university in the state, including 18,591 Alabama residents during the 2013-14 school year. For fall 2015, 34,000 students have applied for a seat in the UA freshman class. This year alone, UA had one Truman Scholar, two Goldwater scholars, five Hollings scholars, and eight Fulbright scholars enrolled. UA has also increased degree production by 50 percent over the last five years.

Among the construction projects completed or under way on the University of Alabama campus over the last few years are the Annette and Richard Shelby Engineering and Science Quad, Presidential Village, Fresh Food Dining, seven new Greek houses, the Ferguson Center expansion, the Digital Media Center housed in Bryant-Denny Stadium and the Bryce campus project.

### *At the head table*

**Elizabeth Winter** – Pledge of Allegiance – Senior Vice President of Wealth Administration for Regions Financial

**Dr. Narayan Krishnamurthy** – Introduction of Guests – Physician with the Comprehensive Sleep and Breathing Disorders Clinic

**Becky York** – Invocation – Retired

**Roger Sayers** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – former President of the University of Alabama

### *Guests*

**MarLa Sayers**, guest of Roger Sayers; **William Walker**, guest of Phil Adcock; **Michael Staley**, guest of Jordan Plaster; **Jo Bonner**, guest of Steve Katsinas; **Becky Florence**, guest of Camilla Canty; **Beth Springer**, guest of Brad Springer; **Stephen Abernathy**, guest of Peter Hlebowitsh; **Curry Robertson**, guest of Larry O’Neal; **Yardley Bailey**, guest of Charles Nash; **Caroline Williams** was a guest of the club; **Debbie Lane** was a guest of speaker Judy Bonner.



### *February Birthdays*

Happy Birthday in February to the following Rotarians: **Bruce Baughman** (2/8), **Greg Holt** (2/16), **Andrea Mayfield** (2/13), **Harry Shumaker** (2/16), **Carl Pinkert** (2/18), **Mary Elizabeth Harper** (2/21), **Kenneth DeWitt** (2/25), **Butch Grimes** (2/26), **Charlie Durham** (2/27)

### *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.
- Our Feb.17 meeting will be Rotary Night from 7-9 p.m. at the Harrison Galleries, 2315 University Blvd. The event will be free to club members.
- The Rotary Morning Club will host the “Wind Down with Rotary” event on Feb. 19 at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, 620 Greensboro Ave. For tickets or more information, please email Bill Petty at [bpetty@cba.ua.edu](mailto:bpetty@cba.ua.edu) or Georgia Buettner at [gtbuet@gmail.com](mailto:gtbuet@gmail.com)
- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa will host our next Honor Flight on May 6. For more information, please see Jordan Plaster.

### *Members to be inducted soon*

**Curry Robertson** — Attorney (proposed by Larry O’Neal)

**Caroline Williams** — Banking - Risk Management (proposed by Patricia Powe)

## 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.*

