

The Nerve



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This Week, February 12, 2013 Sweethearts Night to take the place of lunch meeting

The Annual “Sweetheart Night” which will be held at North River Yacht Club on 2/12/13. This will take the place of our meeting this week. Social hour begins at 6pm, followed by dinner at 6:45. Entertainment will be provided by the Lamplighters. Cost is \$34.00 per person and Rotarians will be responsible for their meal as well as their guest this year. In the past the Rotary Club has absorbed the cost for the Rotarians, which is not the case this year. As in the past, if you are not a member of the NRYC, you will need to sign for your drinks, and you will be billed accordingly.

Attached will be a list of all the Rotarians that will be in attendance.

There will be no lunch meeting at Indian Hills today.

Last Week, February 05

Our guest speaker last week was Audrey Salgado. Audrey spoke about the launch of the 2014 Project Alabama which is to promote awareness among women of the issues facing elected officials, and to encourage women to run for office.

As Rotarians are known for embracing the “spirit to serve” mentality – we see that Non-profits fill the gaps when other programs fail or are simply discontinued. 51.5% of Alabamians are women. Women play a vital role in the community. There is more respect for women as Public Service Leaders than as Elected Officials.

Only 18.3% are in office currently (74 democrats and 24 republicans) Alabama is tied with South Carolina for 48th place in terms of the number of women in government. Colorado is #1 and Louisiana is #50. In 2014 we have the opportunity to increase the number of women running and subsequently elected to office. In 1992 we had the peak for women in office and then there was a strong decline. We are just now beginning to reach that figure again.

Why do we care? The number of women in office should be reflective of the population of women in the state, and it is not. Women have been shown to be very positive leaders in their communities and states. Ms. Salgado quoted Eleanor Roosevelt by saying “Women are like tea bags. Put them in hot water and you will see how strong they really are”.

The problem is that women don’t run, it is not that they can’t win. Women are reluctant to run and typically are repeatedly asked before deciding to do so. The 2014 Project Alabama Act is a non-partisan campaign to get women involved. In 2006 this campaign was kicked off with a \$10,000 grant from the AAWU to get women interested. It is a direct outreach to executive women regarding running for office.

The program has the following features:

- Public service campaign to raise awareness.
- Speaking engagements to promote
- use of service clubs (like Rotary) as advocates
- recruit volunteers
- encouraging political parties to have women run

There is a “Ready to Run” training program in Alabama. More information is available to all interested at www.The2014ProjectAL.org

Help young girls grow up with strong role models! Tell someone you know about this project today!



Announcements

Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight will be making its 4th flight on May 18th and we will be taking both WWII and Korean War Veterans to see their memorials in Washington, D. C. Attached to the Nerve will be Veteran applications, guardian applications, and a contribution form. More information will be posted on the Club's Website, and anyone interested in helping out with this year's flight or knows a potential veteran or guardian can e-mail Rotarian Jordan Plaster at james_plasterjr@ml.com.

There is a child from Sandy Hook Elementary that is the grandson of a Rotarian in that area. He is having severe issues since the shooting incident. Our very own Tuscaloosa K-9 and Rescue Organization is training three therapy dogs to send to the children at Sandy Hook – one of which is being donated to this child. This dog will be specially trained to sense anxiety and respond in a loving manner to soothe the children. As a way of saying thanks, their Rotary Club is raising money to help Tuscaloosa K-9 – who was completely destroyed in the 2011 tornado and lost over 20 dogs.

Chuck Turner gave a report on Community Committee's: Chuck reported that Charlie Durham is working on the Rotary Rose for 2013, Ted Turner will be heading up the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and Don Alverson will be working with Rotaract.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 19
Dennis Hall Walter
Energy

February 26
African-American
Gospel Choir from
University of
Alabama

March 5
Gary Minor
Director of Para

“If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things.”

— Paul Harris



At the Head table February 5

Rotarian's at the head table included: **Bruce Burroughs** (guests), **Becky York** (invocation), **Sammy Watson** (pledge), and **Liz Obradovich** (speaker)



Guests February 5

Guests at the February 5 meeting of the Club included: **Cassandra James**, Guest of Liz Obradovich (Instructor); **Art Dunning** , , guest of Steve Katsinas (Education); **Diana Defatta**, guest of Tina Jones (Intern TTSC); **Matt Hood**, guest of Pam Parker (Hotel Capstone); Jackie Wuska (UWWA)

ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY...

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 AM 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, Interact event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES