

# The Nerve



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## This Week, February 25, 2014 C.M. Newton

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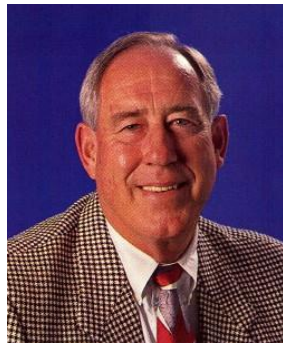
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Dr. Charles Martin "C.M." Newton, a native of Rockwood, Tennessee, has been involved in the game of basketball for more than 50 years as a player, coach and administrator. As a player, Newton was a member of the 1951 University of Kentucky team that compiled a 32-2 record and won the NCAA championship. From 1956 to 1989, Newton coached at Transylvania College, the

University of Alabama and Vanderbilt University and compiled a 509-375 record. He led Alabama to SEC championships in 1974, 1975 and 1976 and appearances in four NIT and two NCAA Tournaments. He led Vanderbilt into the 1988 and 1989 NCAA Tournament and was named SEC Coach of the Year in 1972, 1978 and 1979. Newton became athletic director at Kentucky in 1989 and is credited with hiring Bernadette Mattox, the school's first African-American women's basketball coach (1985) and Orlando "Tubby" Smith, the school's first African-American men's basketball coach (1997). Newton, who has served on numerous NCAA Division I Basketball Committee's, was President of USA Basketball from 1992 to 1996, when the U.S. Olympic Team went from college to professional players, and was instrumental in the selection of the original Dream Team in 1992.

## **Last Week Craig Perciavalle Austal USA**

Craig Perciavalle is President of Austal USA, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Australian shipbuilding company, Austal Limited. Austal USA is America's largest aluminum shipbuilding company, currently employing over 4,000 employees, from 800 employees in just 5 years, in Mobile, Alabama. Austal is a ground-breaking national leader in shipbuilding. Austal is to shipbuilding what Mercedes is to the automotive manufacturing in this state.

Mr. Perciavalle joined Austal USA in 2007 from Jeffboat, Inc., located in Jeffersonville, Indiana, where he was the Director of Quality Control, Program Management and Production Control.

Mr. Perciavalle has 20 years of experience in the shipbuilding and repair industry and has worked at several Gulf Coast shipyards, including: Bender Shipbuilding & Repair in Mobile, Alabama; Atlantic Marine in both Mobile, Alabama and Jacksonville, Florida; and Bollinger Shipyards in Lockport, Louisiana. Mr. Perciavalle has held various senior management positions successfully overseeing commercial and government new construction and repair programs of diverse vessel types; most recently the Joint High-Speed Vessel (JHSV) and Littoral Combat Ships (LCS), both high-speed aluminum vessels presently being built by Austal for the US Navy.

Currently, Mr. Perciavalle serves as an Executive Control Board Member of the National Shipbuilding and Research Program (NSRP) focusing on reducing the cost of acquiring, operating and maintaining Navy ships.

Mr. Perciavalle is a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering Systems. He served as a commissioned officer in the US Navy Reserve.

Mr. Perciavalle lives in Baldwin County, Alabama, with his wife and two children.

He will speak on the vital role of Austal and their production of the LCS and JHSV and how

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 4<sup>th</sup> Off-site  
Westervelt Warner  
Museum

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March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Reg Hyde Cyber  
Security

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March 18<sup>th</sup>  
James Spann ABC  
33/40  
Meteorologist

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“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



## Guests at the February 18, 2014 meeting included:

**Brett Pepper**, guest of Ryan Stallings (First South Farm Credit); **Dee Dee McCarron**, guest of the Club (Manager Austal); **Camilla Canty**, guest of Chuck Turner (Consultant for NASA); **Brian Rell**, guest of Club (Chief of Staff Robert Aderholt); **Paul Housel**, guest of Club (Aderholt); **George Duckworth**, guest of John Duckworth (Val-Fit Co); **Debbi Lane**, guest of Karen Baldwin (Associate VP University Relations); **Cindy Tolbert**, guest of Susan Caples (Real Estate Broker); **Mike Fields**, guest of **Byron Abston** (Shelton State); **Chuck Karr**, guest of Karen Baldwin (Dean of Engineering); **Lee Spree**, guest of Bryan Winter (attorney); **Kay Presley**, guest of Rufus Lewis (Shelby); **Virginia Amason**, guest of Rufus Lewis; (Sessions); **Brett Murrill**, guest of Dean Moretz (Salvation Army)

## 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES