

The Nerve

A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa
P.O. Box 2403, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
www.Rotarytuscaloosa.com
Volume 98 — Issue 36 — March 8, 2016
Nerve Editor: Michael James



Service above self



Be a gift to the world

OFFICERS

Susan Caples

President

Alan Hartley

VP/President-Elect

Caroline Williams

Secretary

Patricia Powe

Treasurer

Chuck Turner

Past President

Frank Deaver

Executive Director

Chris McCune

Sergeant-at-Arms

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Drake

Membership

Elizabeth Hartley

Communication

Bruce Burrows

Programs

David Pass

Projects

Byron Abston

Community/Finance

This Week — March 8, 2016

James Perdue

Commissioner

Alabama Department of Mental Health



James V. Perdue was appointed commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health by Gov. Robert Bentley on July 1, 2015. Prior to his appointment as commissioner, he was the probate judge for Crenshaw County for 12 years. He also was president of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board and is a member of the Alabama Department of Mental Health Advisory Board of Trustees.

Jim Perdue is a 1973 graduate of Auburn University. Actively involved in

his community, Perdue is a member of the Luverne Rotary Club and has served on a number of local boards and commissions including Crenshaw County Chamber of Commerce, Crenshaw County Industrial Development Board, Alabama Oilmen's Association, Alabama Private Industry Council and the South Central Alabama Development Commission.

Jim and his wife Sandra have six children and six grandchildren. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 15
No meeting
Spring break

MARCH 22
**Dr. Narayan
Krishnamurthy**
Comprehensive Sleep
& Breathing Disorders
Center

Last Week — March 8, 2016

Shane Sharpe, dean of the University of Alabama Honors College, spoke to the club about the college's acceptance requirements -- the typical freshman has an ACT score of 31.5 or an SAT score of 1344 and an average GPA of 4.1 -- and its innovative academic programs that focus on students' personal growth, professional development, experiential learning and community engagement. Most of the Honors College's graduates go on to law school, medical school, dental school and other graduate programs.

At the head table

Bill Lunsford — Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Lunsford Construction

Mike Reilly — Invocation – Randall-Reilly

Alison Phillips — Introduction of Guests – Parker Towing

Jacqueline Morgan — Introduction of Guest Speaker – University of Alabama

Guests

Rob Herndon, guest of Susan Caples; **Shanda Sartain**, guest of Earl Tilford; **Jake Warner**, guest of Steve Katsinas; **Bob Pierce**, guest of Jackie Wuska; **Lee Tolbert**, guest of Chuck Turner; **Carol Agomo**, guest of Samory Pruitt. **Derek Carter**, **Chip Cooper** and **Julio Larramendi** were guests of speaker Shane Sharpe.



Announcements

- “Wine Down with Rotary” will be held this year on April 7. The event will run from 6-8 p.m. at the Dinah Washington Community Center in downtown Tuscaloosa. Tickets are \$50 each and proceeds will go to local and international Rotary programs.
- The club's next Honor Flight will be May 11. The guardian fee for this flight will be \$600 and you can sponsor a veteran for a \$500 donation. Volunteers are also needed to assist with logistics prior to the flight. For more information, contact Jordan Plaster at james_plasterjr@ml.com or 205-759-9534; Becky York at rkyork@gmail.com or 205-399-2994; or Alan Hartley at ahartley@morrisonsmithcpa.com or 205-349-2424.

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 Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.



