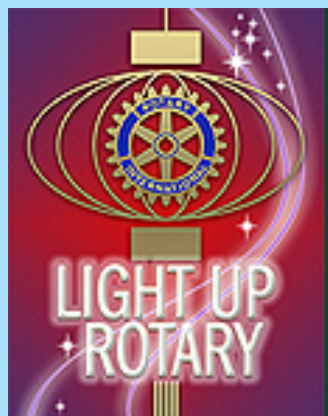


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This Week — March 10, 2015

Dana Duckworth

University of Alabama gymnastics coach



Dana Duckworth is in her first year as head coach of the University of Alabama gymnastics team, succeeding long-time coach Sarah Patterson.

Duckworth came to UA from Sterling Heights, Mich., as a 17-year-old student-athlete in 1990. She was recruited to the gymnastics team by Patterson and went on to become a two-time individual national and SEC champion in balance beam, a four-year All-American and a member of UA's 1991 national championship team. She also earned Academic All-

America honors.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications and film and, after a stint in the business world, entered graduate school at UA, taking advantage of the NCAA and SEC Post-graduate Scholarships she had won. She was awarded her master of business administration degree in 1998.

Duckworth then spent nearly a decade with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, while also serving as a volunteer assistant under Patterson from 2001-2008. She became a full-time assistant coach for the

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 17
No meeting
Spring break

MARCH 24
Dr. Peter Millet
President
Stillman College

MARCH 31
Mercedes-Benz tour
on site

Crimson Tide in 2009 and was named head coach in July 2014, the day after Patterson retired.

She and her husband, Joe Duckworth Jr., a Tuscaloosa native and co-owner of Duckworth-Morris Real Estate, have two children.



This Week in History

Abraham Lincoln signs Ulysses S. Grant's commission to command the U.S. Army on March 10, 1864; Lawrence Welk is born on March 11, 1903; FDR gives his first "fireside chat" on March 12, 1933; the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps," on March 13, 1942; Albert Einstein is born on March 14, 1879; President Lyndon B. Johnson addressed a joint session of Congress on March 15, 1965, to urge the passage of legislation guaranteeing voting rights for all.

Last Week — March 3, 2015

Tuscaloosa County Sheriff Ron Abernathy, who took office in January, updated the club on the sheriff's department, including advances in technology. The department recently put out a smart phone app that can be used to access information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The app will enable citizens to assist in locating perpetrators of crimes in our county as anyone can take a picture on the app and send it directly to the sheriff's department. Abernathy also suggested residents use hunting, or game, cameras to safeguard their homes. And the sheriff said he has reinstated the inmate labor program to help the county save money. The program assists with litter clean-up, beautification and repair of area schools and other tasks.

At the head table

Dr. Terry Olivet – Pledge of Allegiance – Retired physician

Lucas Hayes – Invocation – President of Delta Oil Services

Byron Heifner – Introduction of Guests – Senior Vice President of Bryant Bank

Sammy Watson – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Director of Community Relations for DCH Health System

The Rotary Foundation

At last week's meeting, three Rotarians — **Jackie Wuska** (United Way of West Alabama), **Sammy Watson** (DCH Health System) and **Jane Jordan** (Regions Bank) — were presented Paul Harris Fellow certificates and pins recognizing their contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Also, District Governor **Jerry Shepherd** received his PHF+8 pin recognizing his continued support for The Foundation. Congratulations to these Rotarians for their contributions. Rotary's work around the world through District and Global grants would not be possible without the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" support of individual Rotarians.



March Birthdays

Allen Maxwell (3/3), **Foote Hooper** (3/5), **Debbi Besant** (3/6), **Susan Caples** (3/8), **Tina Jones** (3/8), **Mitchell Loper** (3/11), **Elizabeth Winter** (3/11), **Markus Haefner** (3/13), **Mike Hardin** (3/14), **Bobby Hagler** (3/15), **Omar Smith** (3/19), **Jim Shamblin** (3/19), **Bernard Harwood** (3/22), **Steve Wiggins** (3/27), **Jonathan Guin** (3/27), **Rob Moore** (3/29), **Mike Chambers** (3/30), **Bryan Winter** (3/31)

Announcements

- The Club will hold an off-site meeting on Tuesday, March 31, at Mercedes-Benz in Vance. Boxed lunches will be served followed by a short tour of the facility. Look for sign-up sheets for this event at upcoming Rotary meetings.
- The Club will host its next Honor Flight on May 6. For more information, please see Jordan Plaster.

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 Nancy Jones.

