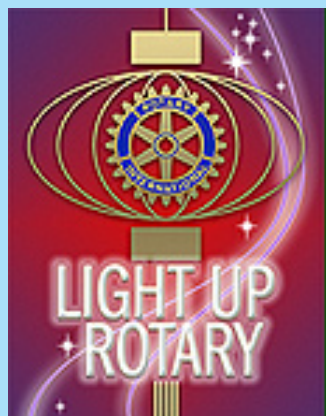


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This Week — March 17, 2015

No meeting

Spring break



This Week in History

Texas Western College defeats the University of Kentucky in the NCAA men's college basketball final on March 19, 1966, becoming the first all-black starting five to win the NCAA championship; on March 20, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson notifies Alabama Gov. George Wallace that he will use federal authority to call up the Alabama National Guard to supervise a planned civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery; on March 21, 1980, J.R. Ewing, the character millions love to hate on prime-time drama Dallas, is shot by an unknown assailant, making the season-ending episode one of TV's most famous cliffhangers.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 24
TBA

MARCH 31
Mercedes-Benz tour
off-site

APRIL 7
Northside Choral

Last Week — March 10, 2015

Dana Duckworth, head coach of the University of Alabama gymnastics team, gave the club some insight into the sport, her coaching philosophy, recruiting and the state of the program, one of the best in the nation. The 17-member UA team has a 3.75 GPA overall and for five years in a row has had the highest combined GPA at the gymnastics national championships. Duckworth, who replaced long-time coach Sarah Patterson last year, said her goal is to develop all of the young women on her team into the best that they can be, whether they go on to be a housewife or a neurosurgeon.

At the head table

Dr. Roger Sayers – Pledge of Allegiance – Retired President of the University of Alabama

Donny Jones – Invocation – Chief Operating Officer of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama

Ed Parker – Introduction of Guests – Attorney with Hubbard, McIlwain & Brakefield

Karen Baldwin – Introduction of Guest Speaker – The University of Alabama

Guests

Georgine Duckworth and **Billy Prout**, guests of John Duckworth; **Joe Duckworth Jr.**, guest of Joe B. Duckworth; **Lisa Atkins**, guest of Mark Atkins; **Billy Kirkpatrick**, guest of Jackie Wuska; **Robin Kelley**, guest of Dana Duckworth; **Savannah Millsaps**, guest of Appie Millsaps. **Skip Dotherow**, president-elect of Sunrise Rotary Club in Montgomery, was a guest of the club.



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. The deadline to sign up is during our club meeting on March 24. Choose one of four options for this meeting: 1) lunch only; 2) lunch and museum tour; 3) lunch and plant tour; 4) lunch, museum tour and plant tour.

- The club will host its next Honor Flight on May 6. For more information, please see Jordan Plaster.
- A big thank you to the American Legion, which honored the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa for its service to veterans through Honor Flight.



Photo by Nicolas Britto

Honor Flight appreciation

Tuscaloosa American Legion Post 34 honored the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club Honor Flight Committee at the March 10 meeting with a replica of a C-54 "Skymaster" cargo plane used to transport troops during World War II and the Korean War. The sign on the fuselage of the replica reads: "Tuscaloosa Rotary Club Honor Flight." Shown, from left: Tuscaloosa Rotary Club President Chuck Turner; Honor Flight Committee Chairman Jordan Plaster; Nicolas Britto, Adjutant, American Legion Post 34; and Jerry Shepherd, District Governor for Rotary International District 6860.

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.



