

The Nerve

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This Week — April 5, 2016

Tim Parker III

President, Parker Towing Company

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Tim Parker III is president of Parker Towing Co., a marine transportation company based in Tuscaloosa. He joined Parker Towing in 2005 and was a sales representative and director of Sales and Terminal Services before becoming president. He also serves on the company's board of directors.

Mr. Parker is involved in a number of industry organizations, including the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Association and Waterways Council. He serves on the board of directors

for the Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway Association and was recently appointed to a 5-year term on the Alabama State Port Authority board of directors.

Before joining Parker Towing Co., Mr. Parker worked in the trucking industry for US Xpress Inc. in Chattanooga, Tenn., from 2003-2005. During his tenure there, he served in numerous sales and customer service roles in the expedited and team divisions.

Mr. Parker earned his bachelor's degree in business marketing from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and recently completed the Management Development Program at the Darden Business School at the University of Virginia.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL 12

Deborah Boswell
Communication coach

APRIL 19

Stillman College Choir

APRIL 26

Bob Haver

Active in numerous civic and business organizations, Mr. Parker is a member of the executive committee member and past chairman of the board of directors of the Tuscaloosa Metropolitan YMCA, a member of the local board of advisors for Regions Bank and a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. He is also vice chairman of the Administrative Board for the First United Methodist Church and serves on the church's Finance Committee, and is a 2007 graduate of Leadership Tuscaloosa and the Alabama Leadership Initiative.

Mr. Parker and his wife, Megan, live in Tuscaloosa and have two sons, Mize, 7, and Rhett, 5.

Last Week — March 29, 2016

Lydia Ellington Joffray, director of the Gorgas House Museum at the University of Alabama, recounted the history of the house, which was the first structure built on campus, and the Gorgas family. Built in 1829, the house has had many uses over the years, including dining hall, hotel, infirmary, post office, steward's residence, classroom space and faculty residence. It is one of four structures that survived the Union Army's burning of the campus in 1865. The university reopened in 1871 and the house was occupied by the Gorgas family, who served UA as librarians, from 1879-1953. The Gorgas House opened as a museum in 1954. For information: gorgashouse.ua.edu

At the head table

Michael James — Pledge of Allegiance – The Tuscaloosa News

Jimmy Mixson — Invocation – The University of Alabama

Camilla Canty — Introduction of Guests and Guest Speaker– Consultant to NASA

Guests

Max Bonnin, guest of Bill Lunsford; **Peggy Dotson**, guest of Linda Wilson; **Dennis Steverson**, guest of Nancy Jones.

Members to be inducted soon

Shanda Sartain — President, Social Services (proposed by Earl Tilford); **Lee Tolbert** — CFO, Building Construction (proposed by Chuck Turner); **Steve Brewer** — Service Manager, Building Construction (proposed by Alan Hartley).



Announcements

- Feb. 14, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary. The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is forming a planning committee to prepare for celebrating this occasion. To find out more or to volunteer, please contact David Pass, who has agreed to head this committee.
- Several copies of “Starting From Scratch,” the autobiography of Tuscaloosa native John Barfield, are available for sale. The cost of the book is \$27, with \$18 of that going to Rotary’s Polio Plus initiative. If you would like to purchase a copy, contact Tina Jones.
- “Wine Down with Rotary” will be this Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts 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 and the Honor Flight committee is offering corporate sponsorships to help with expenses. For more information, contact Jordan Plaster at james_plasterjr@ml.com or 205-759-9534.
- Gen. George Hamner will celebrate his 99th birthday this Saturday. The General was president of the club in 1985-86 and was chairman of the district conference committee when the district conference was held in Tuscaloosa in spring 1985. He is now an honorary member. Birthday cards from Rotarians would be welcome:

Gen. George Hamner
51 Cherokee Hills
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

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.



