

The Nerve

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This Week — April 12, 2016

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Deborah Boswell is a business communication coach, consultant, speaker and seminar leader with more than 24 years of experience. She works with business leaders, managers, executives and technical professionals to sharpen business presentation skills, interpersonal communication and more. Trained as a speech pathologist, Deborah brings her clinical experience to each corporate assignment.

She is founder and president of Professional Speech Services of Alabama

P.C. and managing partner of Child's Play Therapy Center (with a combined staff of 36). Her offices are in Birmingham and Huntsville. She also serves clients in Nashville, Atlanta and across the country.

Deborah received her undergraduate degree from Auburn University in education/speech pathology and her master's degree in speech pathology from the University of Montevallo.

She has been featured in Business Alabama, Birmingham Business Journal, SMPS Newsletter and other publications and recently released an audio product "Tame Your Wild Southern Accent." Auburn University's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering selected

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL 19

Stillman College Choir

APRIL 26

Bob Haver

MAY 3

Rotary Away

National Water Center

her to produce the DVD, “Technically Speaking: Presentations Skills for Engineers and Technical Professionals” as part of its continuing education curriculum, and she is a contributing author to the book “Live Every Day Motivated, Successful and Happy,” released by James & Brookfield Publishers.

Her professional affiliations include the National Speakers Association, Alabama Chapter; American Society for Training and Development, Greater Birmingham Chapter; American Speech-Language and Hearing Association; Corporate Speech Pathology Network; National Association of Women Business Owners; and the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama.



Last Week — April 5, 2016

Tim Parker III, president of Parker Towing Co., spoke to the club about the barge company, which was founded by his grandfather after he lost his job during The Great Depression. Parker Towing operates from six different river terminals along the Warrior River system, the Tombigbee River system and the Tennessee River system, hauling raw materials such as steel coils and coal. He said cheap natural gas has reduced the demand for hauling coal and steel in recent years, but that lately the company has seen an increase in inquiries to move scrap, a sign that the economy is on the upswing.

At the head table

Drew Kyle — Pledge of Allegiance – Kyle Office Solutions

Earl Tilford — Invocation – Retired

Tina Jones — Introduction of Guests – Tuscaloosa Tourism & Sports

Bruce Burrows — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired

Guests

Merry Lee Booth, guest of Linda Wilson; **Keren McElvy**, guest of Cason Kirby; **Holly Brewer**, guest of Steven Brewer; **Leif Lacey**, guest of Thomas Powe; **Alison Stephens**, guest of Bart Hull; **Charlotte Bower**.

New Rotarians

Shanda Sartain (sponsored by Earl Tilford); **Lee Tolbert** (sponsored by Chuck Turner); **Steve Brewer** (sponsored 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.
- 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.

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.



