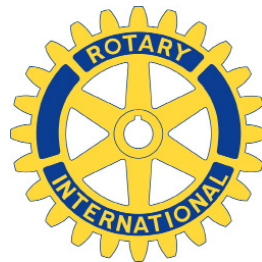
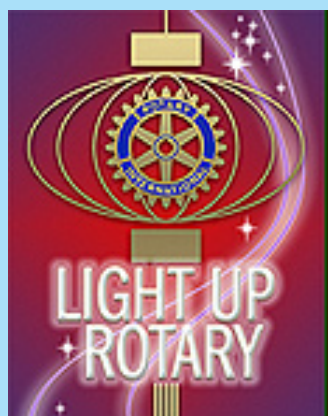


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*This Week — May 7-9, 2015*

## Rotary District Conference

*Embassy Suites, Tuscaloosa*

**T**his week's meeting will be held Friday, May 8, at the Embassy Suites in Tuscaloosa as part of the 2015 Rotary District Conference. Friday's meeting will be the same format as a regular meeting. **The deadline to sign up is the close of business today. To register, send an email to James Leitner at [jleitner@southlandbenefit.com](mailto:jleitner@southlandbenefit.com).**

Also, members are asked to bring a shoebox, or at least a handful, of travel-sized hygiene items and other toiletries to the meeting. The items will be distributed to women's and homeless shelters and other non-profits.

#### *This Week in History*

Niccolo Machiavelli, famed for his influential political treatise, *The Prince*, is born on May 3, 1469; National Guardsmen fire into a group of students at Kent State, killing four and wounding 11, on May 4, 1970; Navy Commander Alan Shepard becomes the first American launched into space -- the suborbital flight lasts 15 minutes -- on May 5, 1961; the British ocean liner *Lusitania* is torpedoed by a German submarine on May 7, 1915, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans; Victory in Europe Day is celebrated in America and Britain on May 8, 1945.



## Last Week — April 28, 2015

The Rotary Rose Committee presented this year's Rotary Rose to Jimmy Osborn. The honor, unique to our club, was estab-

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 12

**Phil Robinson**  
Retired NBA referee

MAY 19

**The Hon. John England**  
Circuit Judge  
Tuscaloosa County

MAY 26

**Lesley McClure**  
Regional Exec./Sr. Officer  
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lished more than 70 years ago to recognize an “unsung hero” for community service.

When Jimmy Osborn was born with cerebral palsy, his doctors told his mother that she should commit him to an institution as he would never have a good quality of life. She did not and Jimmy has defied the odds to have a very successful life. He serves on the board of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and worked to build a playground in the Tuscaloosa area for kids with all abilities to use, including swings for kids in wheelchairs. He also works to put together the West Alabama Fair for UCP at Sokol Park each year; the funds raised go back to UCP programs. Jimmy collects new and used wheelchairs, as well, so that he may help people in need of a wheelchair who may not be able to afford them on a normal basis receive the wheelchair that they need to live. One of his other current projects includes setting

up a computer lab at a children’s home in Honduras. Jimmy is a wonderful example of “where there’s a will, there’s a way.”

### *At the head table*

**John Owens** — Pledge of Allegiance – Attorney with Owens and Millsaps

**Loy Singleton** — Invocation – Retired Dean of the University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences

**Jackie Wuska** — Introduction of Guests – CEO of United Way of West Alabama

**Chuck Turner** — Introduction of Guest Speaker – President of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

### *Guests*

**Jimmy Osmore** and **Judy Turner**, guests of Chuck Turner; **Garrett Powe**, guest of Ryan Stallings; **Kathy Shepherd**, guest of Jerry Shepherd; **Stephen Durant**, guest of Frank Deaver; **Peggy Hartley** and **Carl Hartley**, guests of Alan Hartley; **Sue Mitchell**, guest of the club.

### *Rotary Foundation*

Two Rotarians — **Elizabeth Hartley** (University of Alabama) and **Harry Shumaker** (Merrill-Lynch) — were presented Paul Harris Fellow certificates and pins recognizing

their contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Also, Sue Mitchell, chair of the District Paul Harris Society committee, presented **Jerry and Kathy Shepherd** with an award for their generous donation to the Paul Harris Society, which will be used to further Rotary programs around the world. The Shepherds were also recognized at this meeting for their generous donation to Rotary Humanitarian and Education programming.



## 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

*Report all makeups to club secretary Nancy Jones.*



