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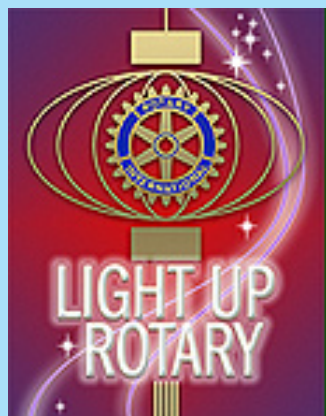
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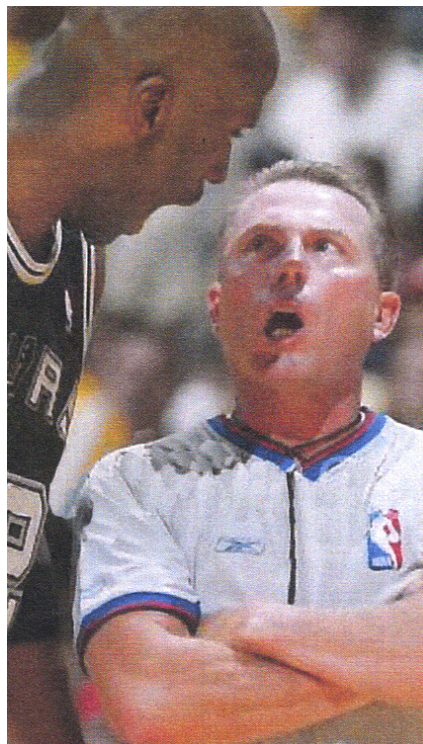
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This Week — May 12, 2015

Phil Robinson

Retired NBA referee



Northport native Phil Robinson officiated SEC basketball for six seasons and then moved on to the NBA, where he was a referee for 13 seasons, before retiring in 2011.

Robinson graduated in 1979 from Tuscaloosa County High, where he played basketball and baseball. After graduating from Livingston University, he taught history and coached football and baseball at Hillcrest High, while also refereeing youth basketball.

He went on to officiate high school basketball games, where he was spotted by then-SEC associate commissioner John Guthrie, who suggested he move on to the college game. After a stint as a referee in junior college and for several mid-major conferences, Robinson officiated his first SEC game in 1993.

His NBA career began in 1998. He went on to call more than 680 games in the league, including the 2004 All-Star game, and received the NBA Community Service Award in 2000.

Following his retirement, Robinson moved back to his hometown to be close to his parents.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 19

The Hon. John England
Circuit Judge
Tuscaloosa County

MAY 26

Lesley McClure
Regional Exec./Sr. Officer
Birmingham Branch
Federal Reserve of Atlanta

JUNE 2

TBA

This Week in History

The transcontinental railroad is completed on May 10, 1869, with a ceremony in Promontory, Utah; B.F. Goodrich Co. announces on May 11, 1947, that it has developed a tubeless tire, an innovation that would make automobiles safer; the American freighter *Mayaguez* is captured by Cambodian naval forces on May 12, 1975, setting off an international incident; President James K. Polk declares war on Mexico on May 13, 1846, in a dispute over Texas; the Lewis and Clark expedition leaves St. Louis on May 14, 1804.



Last Week — May 8, 2015

Last week's meeting was held on Friday as part of the 2015 District Conference. Speakers were Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox, who updated district Rotarians on the city's progress since the April 27, 2011, tornado, and Stephen Black, founder

and director of the Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at the University of Alabama, who stressed the importance of taking individual responsibility for addressing poverty and other societal issues.



Adopt-A-School honor

The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama held its 30th Anniversary Adopt-A-School Luncheon at the Embassy Suites on May 5, 2015, to celebrate the long-term partnerships in the Adopt-A-School program. The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa received the plaque shown at left to commemorate its 25-year partnership with Northside High School. Congratulations Rotary Club!

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.



