

# The Nerve

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*This Week — July 14, 2015*

**Jim Page**

*President and CEO*

*Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama*



As president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, Jim Page is responsible for management of the professional staff and has oversight of all programs for the Tuscaloosa-based pro-business advocacy organization, which serves more than 65,000 working men and women through more than 1,250 business enterprises, civic organizations and educational institutions. He also is lead spokesman for the chamber on public policy issues, economic development projects and community initiatives, and represents

its interests to the media, community leaders and elected officials.

Prior to his tenure in Tuscaloosa, which began in January 2012, Jim served nine years as vice president of public policy and business development for the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce. In that role, he was responsible for government relations and lobbying at the local, state and federal levels. He also led the successful retail recruitment and development efforts of the city of Decatur through a partnership between the Chamber

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JULY 21

**Dr. Guy Caldwell**  
University of Alabama

JULY 28

**John Merrill**  
Alabama Secretary of State

AUGUST 28

**The Hon. Walt Maddox**  
Mayor  
City of Tuscaloosa

and Decatur City Council.

Preceding his time in Decatur, Jim was a consultant with the Montgomery-based lobbying firm of Fine, Geddie and Associates and worked on multiple statewide political campaigns.

Jim is a graduate of Leadership Morgan County, Leadership Tuscaloosa, Leadership Alabama and the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management (IOM). In 2011, he earned the professional designation of Certified Chamber Executive (CCE). He holds a degree in Political Science and Marketing from the University of North Alabama, where he was elected president of the Student Government Association.



### *This Week in History*

Leading Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale announces Rep. Geraldine Ferraro of New York as his running mate on July 12, 1984; revolutionaries storm the Bastille on July 14, 1789, signaling the start of the French Revolution; President Nixon announces on July 15, 1971, that he will visit communist China, marking a dramatic turning point in U.S.-China relations; the first atom bomb is successfully tested in Alamogordo, N.M., on July 16, 1945; Disneyland opens in Anaheim, Calif., on July 17, 1955; FDR is nominated for a third term on July 18, 1940.

## Last Week — July 7, 2015

Chief Steve Anderson gave the club a brief update on the Tuscaloosa Police Department, the city's largest department with nearly 300 employees. The department has an annual budget of \$30 million, which makes up 35 percent of the city's budget, and in 2014 answered more than 110,000 calls for service. He cited several interesting statistics, including that 70 percent of all unlawful vehicle break-ins in the city occur simply because the owner of the car left it unlocked, and that of the 167 auto thefts were reported in the city in 2014, the majority occurred in the winter months when people leave their cars running unattended.

### *At the head table*

**Glenda Guyton** — Pledge of Allegiance – Capstone Village at the University of Alabama

**Chuck Turner** — Invocation – Retired, Past President of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

**Mark Atkins** — Introduction of Guests – AVP and Senior Loan Officer at First South Farm Credit

**Bruce Burrows** — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired Airline Pilot

## *Guests*

**Thomas Powe**, guest of Ryan Stallings; **Mike Reilly**, guest of Jackie Wuska; **Faith Hagler**, guest of Bobby Hagler; **Alison Phillips**, guest of Jane Jordan; **Katie Hancock**, guest of Becky York; **Tyler Luker**, guest of Nathan Dendy; **Laura Maria Lopez Ortiz**, guest of Jim LaMoreaux.



## *Announcements*

• An off-site Rotary meeting will be held Aug. 11 for the annual United Way Kick-Off Luncheon. More information will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars for this annual luncheon and help show Rotary's support of the United Way.

### **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 Caroline Williams.*



