

# The Nerve

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*This Week — July 21, 2015*

## Guy Caldwell

*University Distinguished Research Professor*

*University of Alabama*



Earlier this year, the University of Alabama board of trustees named Dr. Guy Caldwell, professor of biological sciences, a University Distinguished Research Professor. Caldwell is one of only two faculty members holding the title, which recognizes UA faculty who have achieved international accomplishments in their field and have been given extensive peer recognition for their scholarly contributions and noteworthy academic service.

Caldwell is internationally known for his research and expertise on

malfunction in basic cellular mechanisms associated with diseases of the nervous system, particularly movement disorders like Parkinson's and dystonia.

Caldwell joined UA's department of biological sciences in 1999, and has received contracts and grants worth more than \$5.6 million to support his research and that of his students. He has authored or co-authored three books and more than 70 refereed publications in scientific journals and given more than 200 invited lectures and presentations at national and international confer-

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**JULY 28**

**John Merrill**

Alabama Secretary of State

**AUGUST 4**

**The Hon. Walt Maddox**

Mayor

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**AUGUST 11**

**United Way Kickoff**

Bryant Conference Center

ences. His research has been published in some of the most prestigious scientific journals, including Science, Cell, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science and various Nature journals.

He graduated from Washington and Lee University with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1986, earned his doctorate in cell and molecular biology at the University of Tennessee and was a post-doctoral Fellow in neurogenetics at Columbia University, where he trained under 2008 Nobel Laureate Dr. Martin Chalfie.

In 2003, the National Science Foundation selected Caldwell as a CAREER Award recipient, the most prestigious award the NSF bestows on faculty early in their careers.



### *This Week in History*

The Rosetta stone is found on July 19, 1799, providing the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphics; On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the moon; the first Battle of Bull Run (also known as First Manassas), the first major land battle of the Civil War, begins on July 21, 1861; serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer is caught on July 22, 1991; Machu Picchu, an ancient Inca settlement in Peru, is discovered on July 24, 1911; Louise Joy Brown, the world's first test tube baby, is born on July 25, 1978.

## Last Week — July 14, 2015

Jim Page, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, spoke to the club about the chamber's role in the community. He began with a brief synopsis of the chamber's history and its growth – it now has more than 1,200 members -- and then focused on the its role in economic development and support of local businesses through efforts such as networking events, education initiatives, minority business development, public policy and advocacy, small business training and workshops, and workforce development. For more information on the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, please visit their website at [www.tuscaloosachamber.com](http://www.tuscaloosachamber.com).

### *At the head table*

**Kirk Cornelius** — Pledge of Allegiance – West Alabama Bank & Trust

**Dean Moretz** — Invocation – The Salvation Army

**Jonathan Guin** — Introduction of Guests – Attorney with Campbell, Guin, Williams, Guy & Gidiere LLC

**Al Spencer** — Introduction of Speaker – Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama

## Guests

**Ken Urban** of the Clovis, N.M., Rotary Club was a guest of the club.



## July Birthdays

These Rotarians celebrate birthdays in July:

**Steve Katsinas** (7/4), **Max Moody** (7/5), **John Owens** (7/7), **Kim McMurray** (7/12), **Don Brown** (7/15), **Linda Chambers** (7/15), **John Carter** (7/15), **Randall Huffaker** (7/17), **Roger Sayers** (7/20), **Jerry Baggett** (7/23), **Linda Wilson** (7/24), **Kirk Cornelius** (7/25), **Jack Warner** (7/28), **Larry O'Neal** (7/28), **Bill Lunsford** (7/30), **Bromley Dyson** (7/30), **Drew Kyle** (7/31).

## Recent Resignations

The following Rotarians have resigned from the club: Rob Moore, effective June 30; David Richardson, effective June 30; Markus Haefner, effective July 31, 2015.

## 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.



Photo by Julie Mann, United Way of West Alabama

### *Pie-Eating contest*

Rotarian Patricia Powe, left, enjoys a bite of pie during the United Way Young Leaders Society Pie-Eating Contest last Thursday at Temerson Square. The event raised \$5,500 for the American Red Cross and Turning Point, the charities of choice for the winners, James Cochrane and Nick Porter. Rotarian Ryan Stallings also was a contestant and Rotarian Pam Parker judged the contest.

## 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 at [caroline.williams@bbva.com](mailto:caroline.williams@bbva.com).*

