

The Nerve

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This Week — July 28, 2015

John Merrill

Alabama Secretary of State



Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill is a native of Wedowee and grew up in Heflin before going on to graduate from the University of Alabama, where he was Student Government Association president in 1986-1987.

After stints with the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama and the Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, he became director of Community Relations and Community Education for the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education, a position he held from 1994-2010.

In November 2010, Merrill was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives from District 62, which encompasses southeast Tuscaloosa County, winning 87 percent of the vote. During his term in the House, he served as secretary/treasurer of the Republican Caucus and was a member of the powerful Rules Committee, as well as the Economic Development and Tourism and Constitution, Campaigns, and Elections committees.

He was elected Alabama's 53rd secretary of state on Nov. 4, 2014



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUGUST 4

The Hon. Walt Maddox

Mayor

City of Tuscaloosa

AUGUST 11

United Way Kickoff

Bryant Conference Center

AUGUST 18

Mike Reilly

Chairman

Randall-Reilly

This Week in History

The U.S. postal system is established on July 26, 1775, with Benjamin Franklin as first postmaster general; on July 27, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee recommends that Richard Nixon be impeached and removed from office; Congress passes legislation establishing NASA on July 29, 1958; LBJ signs Medicare into law on July 30, 1965; Jimmy Hoffa disappears in Detroit on July 31, 1975; Charles Whitman goes on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas, killing 16 people and wounding more than 30.

Last Week — July 21, 2015

Dr. Guy Caldwell, professor of biological sciences and Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Alabama, discussed his research, which involves finding cures for neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Caldwell began by recognizing the importance of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. His grandfather, Dr. Guy A. Caldwell, M.D., was interested in the disease and was one of the physicians who attended FDR. His grandfather also was instrumental in founding the Ochsner Clinic and the Shriners Hospital for Children. His grandfather's work is what influenced Dr. Caldwell to enter a field where he could make a difference in disease research.

At the head table

Mike Chambers — Pledge of Allegiance – Frontier Enterprises

Bill Bomar — Invocation – University of Alabama Museums

Billy Kirkpatrick — Introduction of Guests – West Alabama AIDS Outreach

Dr. Terry Olivet — Introduction of Speaker – retired physician

Guests

Thomas Powe and **Mike Reilly**, guests of Ryan Stallings; **Linda Dill**, **Carla Wilhite**, **Jerry Elmore** and **Mike Elmore**, guests of John Dill; **Alison Phillips** and **Lindsey Case**, guests of Jane Jordan; **Kathleen Cramer**, guest of Pam Parker. **Leslie Wheat**, **Kimberly Wheat**, **Morgan Wheat** and **Wayne Wheat** were guests of the club. **Ken Urban** of the Clovis, N.M., Rotary Club and **Dominique Yancey** of the San Ramon Valley, Calif., Rotary Club were guests of the club.



New members to be inducted soon

Ken Urban — Life Insurance-Sales (proposed by Chuck Turner); **Thomas Powe** — Digital Analyst (proposed by Ryan Stallings); **Mike Reilly** — Publication-Periodicals (proposed by Jackie Wuska)

Announcements

- An off-site Rotary meeting will be held Aug. 11 for the annual United Way Kick-Off Luncheon at the Bryant Conference Center. Sign-up sheets and campus parking passes for the event will be available at our meetings through Aug. 4. Please mark your calendars for this annual luncheon and help show Rotary's support of the United Way.
- There will be an after-hours Rotary get together on August 18th at Innisfree. The Rotations Band will be playing and it will be a good time to gather together with your fellow Rotarians outside of meetings. Look for sign-up sheets for this event at future Rotary meetings.
- There will be a Veterans and Family Reunion on Aug. 28-30 for all Alabama veterans and their families. Special guests include singer Glen Templeton, Noah Galloway of Dancing with the Stars and Lt. Gen. Willie Williams. For more information, please visit www.alabamaveteransreunion.com.



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.



