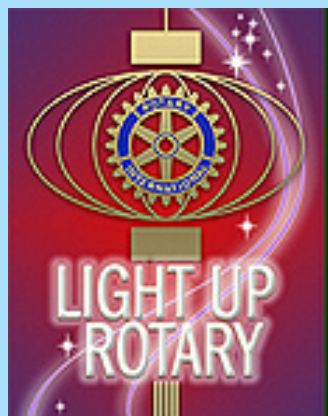


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This Week — August 26, 2014

Terry Waters

*Executive Director of Workforce and Economic Development
Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education*



Retired Alabama Power Co. executive and longtime Tuscaloosa resident and civic leader Terry Waters became senior executive director of workforce and economic development for the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education in November.

In his new role, Waters will work with the state's two-year colleges, most of which offer some type of technical training, as well as with new and existing industries, to develop a skilled and

competent workforce that meets demand in the 21st century. The state's 25 community colleges now offer 152 technical training programs in a variety of fields, such as automotive manufacturing, industrial automation, aviation maintenance and renewable energy.

Gov. Robert Bentley recently appointed Waters to the Alabama Workforce Council, a group that will examine ways to design education programs that match the needs of businesses, as well as advise state education leaders.

Waters had a 38-year career with Alabama Power, including 15 years as head of its Western Division, based in Tuscaloosa. He

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2

Kristy Curry

Head coach

University of Alabama
women's basketball

SEPTEMBER 9

Dr. Rick Myers

CEO

Hudson Alpha

SEPTEMBER 16

Sarah Patterson

retired head coach

University of Alabama
gymnastics

retired in 2010 as senior vice president for marketing and customer service, working at the company's headquarters in Birmingham.

Waters served stints as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama and the Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, which recruits new industries, as well as the state's Region 3 Workforce Development Council. He later served as interim president of the chamber and also served on the boards of numerous Tuscaloosa-area business, educational, charitable and civic organizations and institutions.

Among his many business and civic honors, he was 2005 Tuscaloosa County Citizen of the Year, a West Alabama Pillar of the Community in 2006 and was inducted into the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame in 2008.



Last Week — August 19, 2014

State Revenue Commissioner Julie Magee, who is responsible for the operation and management of the Alabama Department of Revenue, told the club that state tax revenue is expected to be about \$9.2 billion this year, down slightly from last year, but still on the upswing compared to the recent recession years.

She also discussed several Department of Revenue initiatives:

- Implementation of an online insurance verification system, making it harder for people to get away with driving without insurance. The first offense for not having up-to-date insurance includes a fine of \$200. Each occurrence after that is \$400. This makes having insurance cheaper than simply paying the fine.
- One Spot provides business taxpayers with the option to file sales, rental and use tax returns all in one spot.
- Free E-File system for state tax returns, available to anyone, regardless of income.
- Free refund Visa card, which enables people who have no banking relationships to avoid check-cashing fees. This system also helps to avoid fraudulent cashing of tax refund checks and saves the state printing, postage and processing costs.

At the head table

Bud Baker – Pledge of Allegiance – Retired

Byron Abston – Introduction of Guests – Associate Dean of College and Community Relations, Shelton State Community College

Peter Hlebowitsh – Invocation – Dean of the College of Education, University of Alabama

Mike Hardin – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Dean of the Culverhouse College of Commerce, University of Alabama

Guests

Guests of members included **Alan Taylor**, guest of Ray Farabee; **Andrea Mayfield**, guest of Byron Abston; **Bill Wright**, guest of Jim Drake; **Sarah Moore**, guest of Stacie Kirkland; **Patty Sobecky**, guest of Carl Pinkert; **Jacqueline Morgan**, guest of Karen Baldwin. **Tobias Sharp** was a guest of the club.



Announcements

- Join your fellow Rotarians on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 5-7 p.m. at Brumfield's, 4851 Rice Mine Road NE. Enjoy happy hour price beverages and appetizers provided by the club. Bring your significant other and prospective members! Live music will begin at 6:30 PM.
- If you have not paid your recent Rotary bill, please contact Treasurer Patricia Parnell to find out your balance at Patricia.Parnell@gmail.com or 205-789-2736.
- An Adopt-A-School golf tournament will be held Sept. 11 at Ol' Colony Golf Course. To participate, please sign up at an upcoming Rotary meeting or contact Camilla Canty.
- Thank you to Ryan Stallings for volunteering to play the piano before club meetings.

August Birthdays

Happy birthday to our fellow Rotarians who celebrated a birthday in July: **Lucas Hayes** (8/6), **Appie Millsaps** (8/10), **Jack Pfaudler** (8/12), **Brad Springer** (8/12), **Jim Merrell** (8/12), **Trey Moseley** (8/13), **Rhett Cooper** (8/14), **Earl Tilford** (8/17), **John Jessup** (8/20), **Jim Drake** (8/23), **Jerry Shepherd** (8/23), **Scott Hickman** (8/28), **Scott McClanahan** (8/29), **Tom Ozment** (8/29).



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