

# The Nerve

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*This Week — August 4, 2015*

## The Hon. Walt Maddox

*Mayor of Tuscaloosa*



Walter Maddox was sworn in for his third term as Tuscaloosa's 36th mayor on Nov. 4, 2013. Since his first inauguration, Maddox has led initiatives to increase economic development, improve customer service with the implementation of Tuscaloosa 311 and provide quality pre-k education for academically at-risk four-year old children.

Maddox has been nationally recognized for his crisis management following April 27, 2011, when an EF-4 tornado destroyed 12 percent of the city and severely damaged or destroyed 5,300 homes and businesses. He is currently a fellow with the Program on Crisis Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and in 2012 was named Municipal Leader of the Year by American City and County (the publication for state and local governments).

A Tuscaloosa native, Maddox graduated from Central High School and earned his bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in public administration from UAB. While at UAB, he was a four-year letter-winner on the football team.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUGUST 11

United Way Kickoff  
Bryant Conference Center

AUGUST 18

Mike Reilly  
Chairman  
Randall-Reilly

AUGUST 25

Jenny Mann  
Executive Director  
Tuscaloosa Symphony  
Orchestra

In 1996, Maddox began his professional career as a field director with the Alabama Education Association. In 2001, he was appointed executive director of personnel for the Tuscaloosa City Schools. In that same year, he was elected to represent District 6 on the City Council.



### *This Week in History*

Iraq invades Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, setting the stage for Operation Desert Storm; Whittaker Chambers accuses Alger Hiss of being a communist spy during hearings before the House Un-American Activities Committee on Aug. 3, 1948; Jesse Owens wins the long jump on Aug. 4, 1936, to claim the second of four gold medals he would win at the Summer Olympics in Berlin; the first electric traffic signal is installed in Cleveland, Ohio, on Aug. 5, 1914; the *Enola Gay* drops an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1946; President Richard Nixon resigns on Aug. 8, 1974.

## Last Week — July 28, 2015

Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill outlined some of the steps he has taken to improve the operation of his department since taking office in January. Those steps include ensuring that all employees are performing as expected, upgrading computers and other equipment and making sure the office is more diverse. He also ordered the first audit of the department in six years and plans to implement changes to improve voter registration. His steps to improve efficiency have already saved taxpayers \$866,117, he said.

### *At the head table*

**Kirk Cornelius** — Pledge of Allegiance – Branch Manager with West Alabama Bank  
**Nathan Dendy** — Invocation – Realtor with the Advantage Realty Group  
**Mitchell Loper** — Introduction of Guests – Financial Advisor with Raymond James  
**Mark Crews** — Introduction of Speaker – Alabama Power

### *Guests*

**Scott Anders** and **Faith Hagler**, guests of Bobby Hagler; **Ford Fitts**, guest of Lewis Fitts; **Lindsey Case**, guest of Jane Jordan; **Kathleen Cramer**, guest of Pam Parker; **Douglas Craddock Jr.**, guest of Dr. Charles Nash; **Sue Evely** of the Devon, England, Rotary Club, guest of Frank Deaver. **Dominique Yancey** of the San Ramon Valley, Calif., Rotary Club was a guest of the club.

## *New Rotarians*

**Thomas Powe** of Randall-Reilly was installed as a new member of the club. He was sponsored by Ryan Stallings.



## *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 the Aug. 4 meeting. 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 18 at Innisfree. The Rotations Band will play 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 will include singer Glen Templeton, Noah Galloway of Dancing with the Stars and Lt. Gen. Willie Williams. For more information, please visit [www.alabamaveteransreunion.com](http://www.alabamaveteransreunion.com).
- Rotarian Walter Grant suffered a stroke in early July and is now in rehabilitation at Northport Medical Center. He is in room 202 and would like visitors (forshort visits).

### **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 committe 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).*



