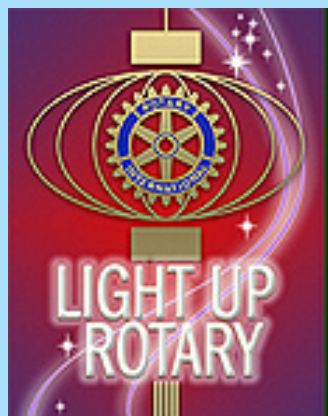


# The Nerve

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*This Week — August 5, 2014*

## **Nimrod Frazer**

*Retired CEO and author of "Send the Alabamians"*



**N**imrod T. Frazer is a retired investment banker, member of the Alabama Business Hall of Fame and author of "Send the Alabamians: World War I Fighters in the Rainbow Division," published in May by the University of Alabama Press.

His father, a member of D Company in the Rainbow Division's 167th Infantry (Alabama) Regiment, was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received at the critical Battle of Croix Rouge Farm.

Frazer himself was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action as a tank platoon

leader in Korea, later received an MBA from Harvard Business School and became the CEO of The Enstar Group, among other successful business pursuits.

He also is a founder and benefactor of the Croix Rouge Farm Memorial Foundation, which erected a memorial to the Rainbow Division, a 10-foot bronze sculpture of an American soldier carrying a dead comrade, on the site of the battlefield.

Copies of "Send the Alabamians" will be available at the club meeting for \$35. Frazer will provide a personalized inscription.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**AUGUST 12**

**United Way**

Annual Campaign  
Kickoff Luncheon

at the

Bryant Conference Center

**AUGUST 19**

**Julie Magee**

Commissioner, Alabama  
Department of Revenue

**AUGUST 26**

**Terry Waters**

Executive Director of  
Workforce Development  
Alabama Community  
College System

## Last Week — July 29, 2014

Allan Rice, executive director of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, recounted the history of the college, explained its operations and outlined plans for upgrades and expansion of training.

The Fire College, established in 1936 in Tuscaloosa, trains firefighters from throughout Alabama, as well as from other states and internationally.

Fifty-six of the classes taught at the Fire College are nationally accredited and boasts a pass rate of 86 percent, exceeding the state and national averages.

The college recently launched 13 new career tech programs around Alabama that teach young people how to become successful firefighters and EMS workers within five weeks of starting courses. This ensures that these physically demanding jobs will be filled by able-bodied individuals who will be around to assist those in need of help well into the future.

### *At the head table*

**Jane Jordan** – Pledge of Allegiance – Banker with Regions Bank

**Stacie Kirkland** – Introduction of Guests – CPA with JamisonMoneyFarmer PC

**Jim McClean** – Invocation – Retired Dean, UA College of Education

**Bruce Henderson** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Attorney at Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson & Fowler LLP

### *Guests*

Guests of members included **Bill Wright** and **Susie Potts**, guests of Jim Drake; **Bromley Dyson**, guest of Glenda Guyton; **Alan Martin**, guest of Larry O'Neal; **Andrea Mayfield**, guest of Byron Abston; **Steve Tsapatoris**, guest of Warner Johnson; **Steve Niven**, guest of Rodney Landreth. **Dominique Yancey** attended from San Ramon Valley (Calif.) Rotary.



## *Announcements*

- Rotary will hold an off-site meeting Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Bryant Conference Center as the United Way of West Alabama kicks off its 2014 fundraising campaign. Please sign up at the Rotary meeting to attend.
- Boilin' & Braggin', a Rotary District 6860 event, will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, at Otey's Tavern in Birmingham. The event benefits the Critical Care Transport Team at Children's of Alabama. They have encouraged the Tuscaloosa club to attend and we hope to see you all there!
- An Adopt-A-School golf tournament will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at Ol' Colony Golf Course. To participate, please sign up at an upcoming Rotary meeting or contact Camilla Canty.
- The club is looking for a piano player to play a little music before each meeting. If you would like to help out, please contact Chuck Turner.

## *The Rotary Foundation*

The Rotary International Foundation Committee has completed for each member of the club a record of contributions to The Rotary International Foundation. This information was handed out to Rotarians at last week's meeting and will be distributed again this week. The purpose is to let each Rotarian know his or her giving record and to provide information so appropriate planning can be made for contributions during this 2014-2015 Rotary year. **Every Rotarian, Every Year** is a goal of Rotary International, accepted by our club, with the understanding that Rotary programs cannot exist and **"Do Good in the World"** without every Rotarian participating. All members of the Foundation Committee are listed in the handout and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## *July Birthdays*

Happy birthday to our fellow Rotarians who celebrated a birthday 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), **Randall Huffaker** (7/17), **Roger Sayers** (7/20), **Jerry Baggett** (7/23), **Linda Wilson** (7/24), **Jack Warner** (7/28), **Larry O'Neal** (7/28), **Bill Lunsford** (7/30) and **Drew Kyle** (7/31).



## **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 NANCY JONES**