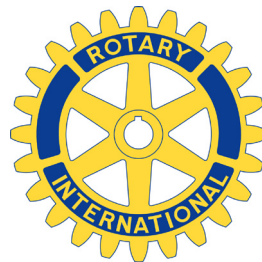
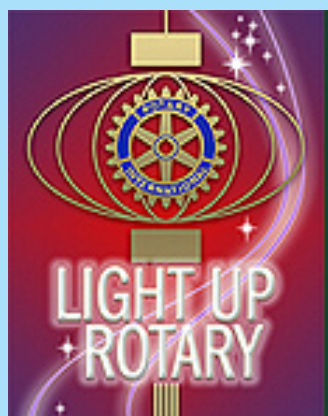


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*This Week — September 9, 2014*

## **Richard M. Myers, Ph.D**

*President, Science Director of the HudsonAlpha Institute*



Dr. Richard M. Myers, whose parents founded Tuscaloosa-based Jim Myers Drug, is president and science director of the non-profit HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville.

The HudsonAlpha Institute was created in 2008 with a mission to use biotechnology to improve human health through genomic research, stimulate economic development and inspire young people to seek careers in science.

A Selma native, Myers came to the Institute with 35 years' experience in genetics and genomics and previously directed the Stanford Human Genome Center, one of the first U.S. human genome centers, pioneering the next-generation sequencing techniques that are elemental to the field today.

In addition to his role as president and science director, Myers continues to conduct research using genomics tools and genetics to understand how genes interacting with the environment contribute to human diseases and other traits.

The HudsonAlpha Institute is the cornerstone of the 152-acre Biotech Campus of Cummings Research Park, the second largest research park in the United States and the fourth largest in the world. The non-profit institute is housed in a state-of-the-art,

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**SEPTEMBER 16**

**Sarah Patterson**

retired head coach

University of Alabama

gymnastics

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**Dr. Scot Duncan**

associate professor, biology

Birmingham-Southern

**SEPTEMBER 30**

**TBA**

270,000-square-foot facility, where hundreds of innovative researchers, forward-thinking entrepreneurs and inventive educators work in a collaborative environment to translate the promise of genomics into real-world benefits for people and their communities in all practical realms: medical, agricultural, educational and commercial.



## Last Week — September 2, 2014

Kristy Curry, head coach of the University of Alabama women's basketball team, gave an overview of the team and the upcoming season. Coach Curry stressed the importance of giving back and that she wants her players to be involved in the community. She invited Rotarians to let her know of any events the team could help with, and also encouraged club members to attend one of their games this season, even offering to help anyone who is interested to secure tickets.

On November 14, the Crimson Tide women's and men's teams will play a double-header in Coleman Coliseum. This is an excellent opportunity to see both teams in action early in the season. Season tickets for UA women's basketball may be purchased for \$35. Visit [rolltide.com](http://rolltide.com) for more information about the basketball program.

### *At the head table*

**Cason Kirby** – Pledge of Allegiance – Attorney with Tanner and Guin and a member of the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education

**Pam Parker** – Introduction of Guests – Fundraising Consultant with Philanthropic Partners

**Diane Salls** – Invocation – Independent Sales with Crimson Magazine and Doncaster Clothing

**David Pass** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Partner with Sealy Realty

### *New members*

Three new members were inducted last week:

**Bromley Dyson** – Retired Dyson Construction Co. (proposed by Buddy Moman)

**Dr. Peter Millet** – President of Stillman College (proposed by Frank Deaver)

**Torrie Grelle** – Local Sales Manager for Charter Media (proposed by Mark Crews)

## *Guests*

Guests of members included **Bob Brooks**, guest of Joe Bedingfield; **Lance Wilson**, guest of Joe May; **Gay Burrows**, guest of Bruce Burrows; **Patty Sobecky**, guest of Carl Pinkert; **Susie Potts**, guest of Jim Drake; **Bill Bomar**, guest of Steve Katsinas



## *Announcements*

- An Adopt-A-School golf tournament will be held Thursday at Ol' Colony Golf Course. To sign up, contact Camilla Canty.



## **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**

