

The Nerve

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This Week — September 15, 2015

Stuart Bell

President

The University of Alabama



Dr. Stuart R. Bell became the 29th president of the University of Alabama on July 15, 2015.

Dr. Bell has broad administrative experience and is a nearly 30-year veteran of higher education. He previously served at UA for 16 years where he founded and directed an interdisciplinary research center.

Immediately prior to becoming UA's president, Dr. Bell was executive vice president and provost at Louisiana State University. During his tenure there and earlier at the University of Kansas, where he served as dean of its College of Engineering, those

institutions opened new facilities, and student recruitment, retention and success were emphasized.

First joining UA in 1986 as an assistant professor in the UA College of Engineering's department of mechanical engineering, Dr. Bell was named department head nine years later.

With research interest in combustion engines, Dr. Bell has expertise in alternative fuels for engines, innovative engine designs and modeling of engine and engine processes. He directed UA's

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 22

Ashley Olive

Alumni Events Coordinator
University of Alabama
National Alumni Assn.

SEPTEMBER 29

Charles Karr

Dean
UA College of Engineering

OCTOBER 6

Pat Cross

Rotary District Governor

Center for Advanced Vehicle Technologies.

Dr. Bell was awarded the Society of Automotive Engineers' Ralph Teetor Award for Outstanding Contributions to Research and Teaching in 1988. He was presented the T. Morris Hackney Faculty Leadership Award for the UA College of Engineering in 2001, and, in 2005, he received the Richard S. Woodbury Award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

An Abilene, Texas, native, Dr. Bell earned a nuclear engineering degree from Texas A&M University in 1979. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M in 1981 and 1986, respectively.

He and his wife, Susan, have three adult children, Stuart, Stacy and Stephen.



This Week in History

Francis Scott Key, on Sept. 13, 1814, following the bombardment of Fort McHenry, writes the poem that would later be set to music and become "The Star-Spangled Banner"; a bomb explodes in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham during Sunday morning services on Sept. 15, 1963, killing four young black girls; Congress passes the Burke-Wadsworth Act on Sept. 16, 1940, imposing the first peacetime draft in the history of the United States; Confederate and Union troops clash on Sept. 17, 1862, in the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest one-day battle in American history.

Last Week — September 8, 2015

Cynthia Almond, District 3 representative on the Tuscaloosa City Council, gave the club an update on the city budget and other aspects of municipal government. Almond is serving her third term on the council.

At the head table

Bill Bomar — Pledge of Allegiance – University of Alabama Museums

Byron Abston — Invocation – Shelton State Community College

David Pass — Introduction of Guests – Sealy Realty

Steve Wiggins — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Red Oak Legal, P.C.

Guests

Bob Haver, guest of Buddy Moman; **John Bowers**, guest of David Pass; **Lauren Gallo**, guest of Tina Jones; **Nathan Cordle**, guest of Susan Caples; **Stuart Hartley**, guest of Alan Hartley.

New Rotarians

Lindsey Case was installed as a new member of the club. She was sponsored by Jane Jordan.



Announcements

- We are celebrating our Adopt-a-School relationship with Northside High School through a monthly donation for different school supplies. The month of September is special, though. Northside High has asked the club to help with a canned food drive to help them beat their homecoming rivals, the Holt High Ironmen, on Friday. A tub for food donations will be available at Tuesday's meeting but if you can't bring a can, drop a dollar in and we'll do the purchasing for you. Rotary loves Northside! Go Rams!
- If you would like Dr. Sam Addy's PowerPoint presentation from the Sept. 1 meeting forwarded to you, please let President Susan Caples know.

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.



