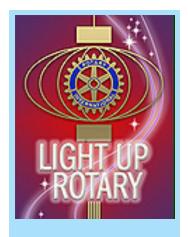
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This Week — September 16, 2014

Sarah Patterson

retired head coach, University of Alabama gymnastics



Sarah Patterson was the head coach of the University of Alabama gymnastics team from 1979 to 2014. During her tenure, Patterson, who announced her retirement in July, built the UA program into one of the most successful in the history of college gymnastics. Her teams won six national championships, eight Southeastern Conference championships and 29 regional titles, and had 27 national top-4 finishes, 22 top-3 finishes and 20 Super Six appearances. Under Patterson, the Crimson Tide earned 1,006 wins and

73 of her student-athletes were named scholastic All-Americans. UA gymnastics has become hugely popular under Patterson. Meets sold out 15,000-seat Coleman Coliseum several times and regularly drew more than 10,000 fans. She also has been a force in the community. In 2004, she started the Power of Pink initiative, which features a pink-themed home meet every year to increase breast cancer awareness. The program has raised more than \$1.5 million for DCH Health System's Breast Cancer Fund to pay for mammograms and screenings for women without health insurance.

Patterson graduated from Union-Endicott High School in En-

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 23
Dr. Scot Duncan

associate professor, biology Birmingham-Southern

SEPTEMBER 30 Chuck Turner

president Tuscaloosa Rotary Club

OCTOBER 7

Jessica Davis
executive director
Tuscaloosa Symphony
Orchestra

dicott, N.Y., in 1974 and Slippery Rock State College in 1978, and was named the head women's gymnastics coach at UA by Coach Bryant.

She and her husband, David, who was her assistant coach, have two children, Jessie, and Jordan. Jordan was a member of the Alabama Crimson Tide 2012 NCAA champion softball team.



Last Week — September 9, 2014

Dr. Richard M. Myers, president of the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville, spoke about advances in genomic research. The non-profit institute was founded in 2008 with a three-fold mission of promoting research, education and economic development through biotechnology and is one of the

leading facilities in the world of its kind.

Myers, who grew up in Tuscaloosa, gave examples of how research in the field has already helped our understanding of human diseases and developmental problems and said it ultimately will lead to prevention, treatment and cures.

At the head table

Dara Longgrear – Pledge of Allegiance – Executive Director, Tucaloosa County Industrial Development Authority

Peter Hlebowitsch – Introduction of Guests – Dean of the University of Alabama College of Education

Foote Hooper – Invocation – Psychiatrist in private practice Sandra Ray – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Owner of Hall-Ray Realty

New members

Three new members were inducted last week:

Andrea Mayfield – President of Shelton State Community College Elizabeth Winter – Senior Vice President and Wealth Advisor, Regions Bank Bill Wright – Director of Prosthetics at Tuscaloosa Prosthetics and Orthotics

Guests

Guests of members included **Bill Prout**, guest of John Duckworth; **Ken W. Swindle**, guest of Nicolas Britto; **Roger Myers**, guest of Pam Parker; **Jerry Hughey (Mrs.)**, guest of Glenda Guyton; **Patty Sobecky**, guest of Carl Pinkert; **Susie Potts**, guest of Jim Drake; **Bill Bomar**, guest of Steve Katsinas



Announcements

- The next Rotary Honor Flight will take place on October 1. For more information about how you can help, please contact Jordan Plaster.
- Rotary is hosting a canned food drive for our Adopt-A-School partner, Northside High School. For the next three Tuesdays, we will be collecting canned foods at our club meetings a collection box will be at our registration desk or you may drop them by the lobby of Northside High School.



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, interative event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org. REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES