

# The Nerve



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## This Week, September 18, 2012 Phil Williams District Governor

### Officers, 2012-13

James Leitner  
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Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1961, Dr. Williams is a US Army combat veteran with 22 years service time. During his service career he held various leadership positions, such as, platoon leader, company commander, battalion and squadron commanders, and a number of staff positions. Dr. Williams served one tour in Korea, two tours of duty in Vietnam covering 7 major campaigns, and engaged in numerous heavy ground operations including the 1968 Tet Offensive. In his second Vietnam tour he was assigned to the

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as a Provisional Squadron Commander, and later as Deputy Commander of the last Squadron of the Regiment left in Vietnam.

During his service Dr. Williams has been awarded the Legion of Merit; 6 Bronze Stars, with Valor devices; 7 Air Medals, with Valor devices; 4 Commendation Medals, with Valor device; 3 Meritorious Service Medals; VN Gallantry Cross for Valor; VN Honor Medal 1st Class and a number of other awards and honors.

A graduate of a number of US Army and Defense schools, to include the National Defense College and the prestigious Project Management Course at the Defense Systems Management College, while in service Dr. Williams also completed two Masters Degrees and a Doctorate in Management and Public Administration.

As a Project Manager of more than one developing system in the US Army, Dr. Williams gained first hand experience in managing complex organizations, joint military groups, and multi-million dollar budgets.

Additionally, from 1977 to 1980 Dr. Williams served as the TRADOC Officer in the U.K. responsible for all US Army Operational, Research & Development, and Training issues coordinating with the highest levels of government, military, and other foreign country representation.

After retiring from the Army, Dr. Williams started and later sold a telecommunication company, then began a career in consulting with the defense industry and business community, and later served as the Finance Director for the State of Alabama in 1995 and 1996; a Trustee at the University of North Alabama (UNA); a Director of the UNA Foundation from 2002 to Present; a Republican candidate for Governor of Alabama in 1998; and District Governor of Rotary District 6860 (Northern Alabama) from 2001 to 2002, and currently serving in that role for 2012-2013

He and his wife, Ramsey, are active lay leaders in Whitesburg Baptist Church. They have five boys and 13 grandchildren. Three of their sons are licensed ministers.

## Last Week, September 11

Last week Rotarians welcomed University of Alabama Athletics Director **Mal Moore**. Coach Moore discussed the challenges of raising money for the Athletic Program. After permission from then President Witt, Coach Moore had a goal of raising \$50 million dollars in 5 years. They raised \$70 million in just 4 years!

He spoke on the success of the University with over 200 National Merit Scholars enrolled as freshman this year. The University received National Championship's in Men's and Women's Golf, Softball, Gymnastics, and Football.

Coach Moore reminisced about the plane ride back with Coach Saban after he was hired as our head football coach. They joked about Coach Saban's abilities, and Coach Saban said he would be nothing without his players. That has been his key to success-recruiting only the best and brightest.



### Announcements

Jim Shamblin presented special recognition of Caring Days Major Donors who have completed their pledge. As Major Donors complete their pledges they will be recognized during the club meetings.



### Rotary Club Tailgate on September 22:

In keeping with President James Leitner's goal of "fun" this year the Rotary Club will be hosting a tailgate on the Quad for the Florida-Atlantic game on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The tailgate will be free of charge for all Rotarians and their families to attend.

Come and help us cheer on the Crimson Tide as they roll over the Owls and enjoy a time of fellowship with your fellow Rotarians. In order to aid the Fellowship Committee in planning for the tailgate, we ask that you please RSVP to Elizabeth Hartley (via e-mail at [ehartley@ua.edu](mailto:ehartley@ua.edu) or by phone at 348-8376) by September 18<sup>th</sup> and let us know if you will be bringing any guests along with you.

If parking is a concern for anyone there is free public parking in downtown Tuscaloosa at the Intermodal Facility parking deck (which is located on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street). Over 400 parking spaces are available in the parking deck. Tuscaloosa Transit will also be running 16 buses from this location, starting 3 hours prior to game time. Buses will remain running until 1 hour after the game. The bus system is a very cheap and easy way to get to and from the Quad.

See the attached PDF File with a map to the location of the tailgate. We hope to see you at the tailgate for food, fun, and football!



## Guests, September 11

Guests at the September 4 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: **Don Salls**, guest of Diane Salls; Ryan **Delfin** guest of James Leitner; **Richard Smith** (Retired Coach), guest of Don Alverson; **Debra Lott** (Frontier Enterprising), guest of Mike Chambers; **Charlie Baily** (Insurance Agent), guest of Andrew Hudson; **Butch Henry** (Retired), guest of Clark Swail; **Debbie Lane**, guest of Karen Baldwin; **Joe Hocutt** (Southland), guest of James Leitner; **Fred Mickelson**, guest of Jim Page; **Allison Gary**, guest of Karen Baldwin



## At the Head Table, September 04

**Pam Parker** (speaker intro), **Randall Huffaker** (guest intro), **Joe May** (pledge), **Laura Aaron** (Invocation).



## **News from the Rotary International Foundation**

The Rotary District 6860 Conference, Lake Guntersville Lodge, April 18-20, 2012, offers clubs the opportunity to receive awards in various areas of service. Those award opportunities for our Tuscaloosa Club pertaining to the Rotary Foundation are;

**FOUNDATION GIVING** – Awarded to the club with the highest average per member contribution to the Annual Program Fund of the Rotary Foundation. The winner will be calculated by dividing the Club's total unrestricted giving to the Annual Program Fund as reported by the Rotary Foundation for the period July 1 through March 31 by the Club's membership as of June 30.

**EVERY AWARD** – A TRF RIBBON will be awarded to each club in which **Every Rotarian** makes a contribution to the Annual Program Fund **Every Year**. All clubs achieving 100% member participation will be recognized.

**STAR CLUB** – Awarded to each club achieving or exceeding \$100 per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund during the current Rotary year. Clubs achieving this level of contribution by March 31 will be recognized at the District Conference by award of a STAR.

**PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY and BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP** – Members joining the Paul Harris and/or Bequest Societies will be formally recognized by the District Governor at an appropriate time and place.

**FUTURE VISION CERTIFICATION** – All clubs attaining or renewing their certification as a Future Vision Club will be recognized by presentation of an appropriate Certificate of Certification.

**As a leading club in District 6860, we have the opportunity to receive awards in all categories. Make a contribution. Reach for Paul Harris Fellow and above. Support your Foundation.**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 25

James Williams  
PARCA Samford  
University

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October 2

Caroline Novak  
A+ Education  
Partnership

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October 9

McCollum/Sexton  
Probate Judge  
Debate

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“If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things.”

— Paul Harris

## ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY...

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 AM 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, Interact event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES