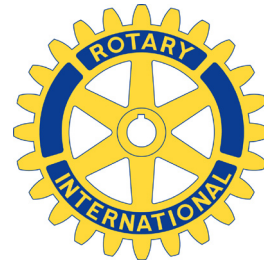
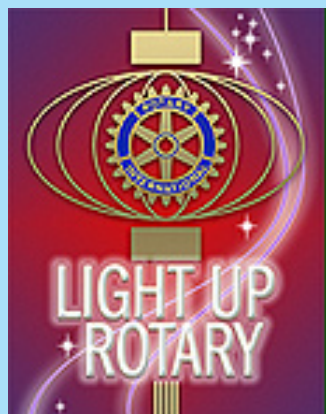


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This Week — September 23, 2014

Dr. Scot Duncan

author of "Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity"



Dr. R. Scot Duncan, an associate professor of biology and urban environmental studies at Birmingham-Southern College, is the author of "Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity," which won the Southern Environmental Law Center's 2014 Phil Reed Environmental Writing Award.

"Southern Wonder" (University of Alabama Press, 2013) interweaves the disciplines of ecology, evolution

and geology into an explanation of why Alabama is home to more species than any other state east of the Mississippi River. The foreword was written by Alabama native, UA alumnus and world-renowned entomologist Dr. Edward O. Wilson.

A native of Pensacola, Fla., Duncan earned a B.S. in Biology from Eckerd College in 1993, an M.S. in Zoology from the University of Florida in 1997 and a Ph.D. in Zoology from UF in 2001. He has done research on ecology and conservation biology in Alabama, Costa Rica, Panama, Uganda and Florida.

Duncan took a position at BSC in 2002 and teaches courses in conservation, ecology and environmental studies.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 30

Chuck Turner

President

Tuscaloosa Rotary Club

OCTOBER 7

Jessica Davis

Executive Director

Tuscaloosa Symphony
Orchestra

OCTOBER 14

Rick Bragg

Author, writing professor at
the University of Alabama

Last Week — September 16, 2014

Sarah Patterson, who retired as coach of the University of Alabama gymnastics team in July, spoke about her new position as Special Assistant to the Athletics Director and her continued commitment to UA and the Tuscaloosa area community.

Coach Patterson said her new duties include assisting with fundraising and development at UA. She also said helping the university and community achieve at the highest level was always part of her mission during her 36-year tenure as the



Photo by Nicolas Britto

Tuscaloosa Rotary President Chuck Turner and retired University of Alabama gymnastics coach Sarah Patterson.

Crimson Tide's gymnastics coach, and that she would continue those efforts in her new role.

Coach Patterson will undergo double knee-replacement surgery at the end of this month. Once her recovery is complete, she will be more involved than ever in the community, she said.

At the head table

Bobby Hagler – Pledge of Allegiance – Head Engineer for Tuscaloosa County

Ken DeWitt – Introduction of Guests – President of DeWitt LLC

Rufus Lewis – Invocation – Retired

Buddy Moman – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired



Members to be inducted soon

Jheovanny Gomez — Co-owner of Jalapenos Mexican Grill (proposed by Chuck Turner)

Dr. Jacqueline Morgan — Director of the University Honors Program, University of Alabama (proposed by Karen Baldwin)

Dr. Patricia Sobecky — Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Alabama (proposed by Dr. Carl Pinkert)

Announcements

- The Rotary Foundation has awarded a \$3,567 district block grant to Tuscaloosa Rotary to buy textbooks for students participating in the Central High School/Shelton State Community College dual enrollment program during the spring semester of the 2014-15 academic year.

Of the 41 clubs in District 6860 that applied and qualified for 2014-15 foundation grants, all received at least partial funding. The district had \$109,483 in grant funds to distribute, but requests totaled more than \$136,000.

The criteria used to review grant applications included: (1) how the proposed project related to the mission of the Rotary Foundation and complied with terms and conditions for use of TRF grant funds, (2) club per capita giving to the Annual Fund in 2013-14, and (3) how much clubs planned to contribute to the project. The three subcommittee members each made recommendations for awards. These recommendations were averaged and an award amount determined.

- Rotary is hosting a canned food drive for our Adopt-A-School partner, Northside High School. For the next two Tuesdays, we will collect 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.

- The next Rotary Honor Flight will take place on October 1. For more information about how you can help, please contact Jordan Plaster.



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 NANCY JONES

