

The Nerve

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This Week — September 29, 2015

Charles Karr

*Dean of the College of Engineering
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Dr. Charles L. “Chuck” Karr has been dean of the University of Alabama’s College of Engineering since July 2005.

Karr, a native of Gulf Breeze, Fla., is a three-time graduate of UA, completing his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1984 and his master’s and doctorate degrees in engineering mechanics in 1987 and 1989, respectively.

After receiving his doctorate, he spent seven years working as a research engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Tuscaloosa Research Center. He joined the UA faculty in 1995 and was head of the aerospace engineering and mechanics department before becoming associate dean for research and graduate studies in 2004.

Considered a leading expert in the area of intelligent systems, Karr is the author of three books and 20 book chapters, and he has published 44 refereed journal articles and more than 90 conference papers. He has become widely known for his pioneering work in combining genetic algorithms and fuzzy logic, and he has successfully applied these techniques in the aerospace,

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 6

Pat Cross

Rotary District Governor

OCTOBER 13

Paul Houghtaling

Director

UA Opera Theatre

OCTOBER 20

Jenny Mainz

Head coach

UA women's tennis

mineral processing, manufacturing and steel industries. In addition, he holds four international patents in the area of intelligent systems for locating the sources of radio signals.



This Week in History

Ted Williams gets six hits in eight at-bats in a doubleheader on Sept. 28, 1941, to finish with a .406 average, making him the last Major League player to bat at .400 or better for a season; Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, French Premier Edouard Daladier, and British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain sign the Munich Pact on Sept. 30, 1939, leading Chamberlain to declare "peace in our time"; Ford Motor Co. unveils the Model T on Oct. 1, 1908; Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 2, 1967; East and West Germany reunite on Oct. 3, 1990, after being divided since the end of World War II.

Last Week — September 22, 2015

Ashley Olive, coordinator of Alumni Events and Alumni Tours for the University of Alabama Alumni Association, told the club about the association's "Travelin' With the Tide" program and described some upcoming trips, which are not limited to UA alumni. For more information, go to alumni.ua.edu/travelin-with-the-tide.

At the head table

Caroline Williams — Pledge of Allegiance — BBVA Compass

Lindsey Case — Invocation — Capstone Bank

Alan Hartley — Introduction of Guests — Morrison & Smith LLP

Bruce Burrows — Introduction of Guest Speaker — Retired pilot

Guests

Alison Phillips, guest of Jane Jordan; **Lauren Gallo**, guest of Tina Jones; **Savannah Millsaps**, guest of Appie Millsaps.

New Rotarians

Kathleen Cramer was installed as a new member of the club. She was sponsored by Susan Caples.



Announcements

- We are celebrating our Adopt-a-School relationship with Northside High School through a monthly donation for different school supplies. For the month of October, we are collecting plain ol' printer paper. You can either bring a ream of paper to our meeting or donate a dollar and we'll do the purchasing for you. We will have one pick-up day on Oct. 27. Rotary loves Northside! Go Rams!

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.



