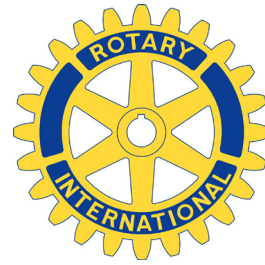
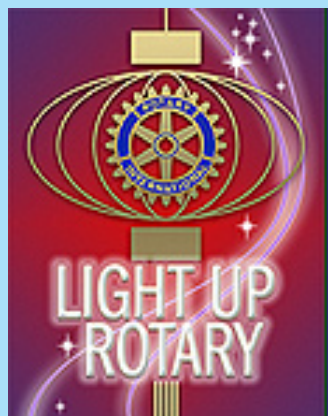


# The Nerve

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*Service above self*



*This Week — September 30, 2014*

## **Chuck Turner**

*President, Tuscaloosa Rotary Club*



**T**his week's meeting will be a Club Assembly led by Tuscaloosa Rotary Club President Chuck Turner.

The business meeting will include a brief financial report, with time allotted for questions; the club's officers and directors will report on their areas of responsibility, as well, also with time allotted for questions.

Members are encouraged to share their ideas and suggestions during this Assembly.

Individual copies of the club's financial report will not be provided at the meeting, although a single copy will be available at each table to share. Chuck attached the report in an email sent to members last week. You can make a copy and bring it with you.

It is important that everyone attend this meeting, but members should refrain from inviting guests or prospective members.



### *This Week in History*

Ford introduced the Model T on Oct. 1, 1908; "Peanuts" appeared in newspapers for the first time on Oct. 2, 1950; "The Andy Griffith Show" premiered on Oct. 3, 1960.

#### **OFFICERS**

**Chuck Turner**

President

**Susan Caples**

VP/President-Elect

**Nancy Jones**

Secretary

**Patricia Parnell**

Treasurer

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Jim Drake**

Membership

**Elizabeth Hartley**

Communication

**Larry O'Neal**

Programs

**Mitchell Loper**

Community/Finance

**John Snider**

Projects

**Karen Baldwin**

Past President

**Frank Deaver**

Executive Director

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**OCTOBER 7**

**Jessica Davis Tagg**

Executive Director  
Tuscaloosa Symphony  
Orchestra

**OCTOBER 14**

**Rick Bragg**

Author, writing professor at  
the University of Alabama

**OCTOBER 21**

**Steve Davis**

Historian, Alabama Department  
of Mental Health

## Last Week — September 23, 2014

Dr. Scot Duncan gave a synopsis of his book, “Southern Wonder: Alabama’s Surprising Biodiversity,” which explores Alabama’s status as one of the most ecologically diverse states in the nation.

Duncan, an associate professor of biology and urban environmental studies at Birmingham-Southern College, said Alabama ranks fifth in number of species behind California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, largely because of the state’s climate and geological diversity.

Unfortunately, the state ranks second in number of extinctions. Pollution and climate change contribute to this ranking, he said, but Forever Wild and other state programs are helping to protect and restore endangered flora and fauna, as well as educate Alabamians in ways to care for the environment.

### *At the head table*

**Bernard Harwood** – Pledge of Allegiance – Owner of Harwood Real Estate

**Jeremy Jones** – Introduction of Guests – Transportation Manager with Almon Associates

**Carol Wright** – Invocation – Owner of Tide Treasures

**Mitchell Loper** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Financial Advisor with Raymond James

### *Guests*

Guests of members included **Kirk Cornelius**, guest of Mitchell Loper; **Alan Taylor**, guest of Jordan Plaster; **Brandt Garrison**, guest of Patricia Parnell; **Bill Bomar**, guest of Steve Katsinas; **Kayla Fields**, guest of Lucas Hayes.



### *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)

## *New Paul Harris Fellows*

The following Rotarians were awarded pins during the Sept. 16 meeting for achieving multiple Paul Harris Fellow:

**Bob Almon**, PHF+2; **Charles Compton**, PHF+3; **Chuck Turner**, PHF+5.

During the Sept. 23 meeting, **Tina Jones** was recognized as a new Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations to all for their support of The Rotary Foundation.

## *Announcements*

- Rotary is hosting a canned food drive for our Adopt-A-School partner, Northside High School. We will collect canned foods at this week's club meeting — a collection box will be at our registration desk — or you may drop your donation by the lobby of Northside High School.
- The next Rotary Honor Flight will take place Wednesday. The flight will depart the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport at 6:30 a.m. and will return at 8:30 p.m. Please be at the airport to welcome our veterans home.



### **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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

*Report all makeups to club secretary Nancy Jones.*



