

# The Nerve

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*This Week — October 6, 2015*

## Patricia A. Cross

*District Governor*

*Rotary District 6860*



Retired educator Pat Cross, a member of the Rotary Club of Madison, is the 2015-2016 district governor of Rotary District 6860. She also serves on the district committees for Strategic Planning, the Council of Governors and Finance.

Pat joined the Madison club in 2001 and has served on numerous committees and held various officer positions, including president in 2003-2004. The club selected her “Rotarian of the Year” in 2004-2005 and she received the “Four Avenues of Service Award” in 2009-2010.

From 1994-2001, Pat was a member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton County in her home state of Illinois. She was president of that club in 1999-2000.

At the district level, Pat has been assistant governor, assistant governor coordinator, membership chair, secretary and district trainer along with serving on several committees. She was instrumental in the formation of a Rotary Youth Leadership Award program for Rotary District 6860 while serving as event chair from 2008-2010. In 2011, Pat received the Rotary District 6860 Tom Milford Service

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**OCTOBER 13**  
**Paul Houghtaling**  
Director  
UA Opera Theatre

**OCTOBER 20**  
**Jenny Mainz**  
Head coach  
UA women's tennis

**OCTOBER 27**  
**David Wilbur**  
Ret. Marine Lt. Col.

Above Self Award. She is also a member of the Paul Harris Society. Pat received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Southern Illinois University and is retired from the Illinois education system. She taught home economics in Metamora, Ill., and elementary school in McLeansboro, Ill., and was the K-12 Gifted Education coordinator and an administrator for Hamilton County (Ill.) Schools.

She also taught elementary school in Huntsville, where she is a member of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild and Madison Hospital Women's Guild and volunteers for many causes.

Pat and her husband, Roger, a mechanical engineer, have two daughters and four grandchildren, two boys and two girls.



### *This Week in History*

President Harry Truman makes the first-ever televised presidential address from the White House on Oct. 5, 1947; the Reno gang carries out the first robbery of a moving train in the U.S., making off with over \$10,000 from an Ohio & Mississippi train in Jackson County, Ind., on Oct. 6, 1866; a U.S.-led coalition begins attacks on Taliban-controlled Afghanistan on Oct. 7, 2001; the Great Chicago Fire begins on Oct. 8, 1871, and burns for two days, killing hundreds; socialist revolutionary and guerilla leader Che Guevara, 39, is killed by the Bolivian army on Oct. 9, 1967.

## Last Week — September 29, 2015

Charles L. "Chuck" Karr, dean of the University of Alabama's College of Engineering, updated the club on the college's progress during his decade-long tenure. He noted that the average engineering student now has a GPA of 3.93 and an average ACT score of 29.8 for the incoming 2015 class, but also stressed that grades and test scores are not all that matters and that he wants students who are involved in the community and extracurricular activities. Also, the UA College of Engineering has built more than \$300 million in new facilities.

### *At the head table*

**Peter Millett** — Pledge of Allegiance — Stillman College

**Kirk Cornelius** — Invocation — West Alabama Bank

**Elizabeth Hartley** — Introduction of Guests — University of Alabama

**Pam Parker** — Introduction of Guest Speaker — Retired from the University of Alabama

## Guests

**Bob Haver**, guest of Buddy Moman.



## *New members to be inducted soon*

**Robert Haver** — Engineer-Automotive (proposed by Buddy Moman); **Alison Phillips** — Community-Liaison (proposed by Jane Jordan); **Casey Johnson** — Health Care-Development (proposed by Sammy Watson).

## *September Birthdays*

**Herb Ragsdale** (9/1), **Bruce Burrows** (9/1), **Jerry Humber** (9/2), **Bill Jessup** (9/2), **Buddy Moman** (9/2), **Nancy Jones** (9/4), **Linda Pruett** (9/14), **Caroline Williams** (9/18), **John Duckworth** (9/20), **Sandra Ray** (9/21), **Mike Russell** (9/23), **Brian Wright** (9/23), **Arleene Breaux** (9/25), **Margaret King** (9/27), **Bud Baker** (9/28).

## *Announcements*

- New member proposal forms may be found at the check-in table before and after each Rotary meeting.



### **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 Caroline Williams at [caroline.williams@bbva.com](mailto:caroline.williams@bbva.com).*



