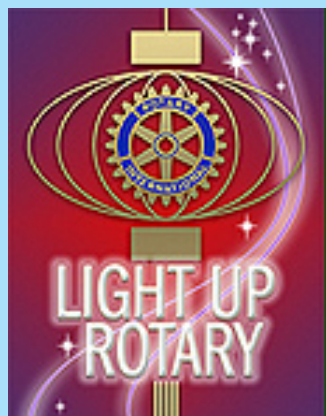


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This Week — October 14, 2014

Rick Bragg

Author, writing professor at the University of Alabama



Rick Bragg is a best-selling author, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, University of Alabama writing professor and noted storyteller.

Bragg, a Piedmont native, was a reporter and national correspondent for The New York Times, where he won the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for feature writing. He has written a half-dozen books, including his bestselling memoirs, “All Over But the Shoutin’” and “Ava’s Man,” and has won more than 50 writing awards, including two American

Society of Newspaper Editors’ Distinguished Writing Awards.

He also has worked for the Anniston Star, Los Angeles Times and the St. Petersburg Times, and taught writing at Harvard and other universities.

Bragg credits his writing ability to the oral storytelling of family and friends during his childhood in the Appalachian foothills of Alabama.

He now teaches writing in the journalism department at UA and writes a column for Southern Living magazine. His latest book, a biography of Jerry Lee Lewis (HarperCollins), is scheduled for release on Oct. 28.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 21

Steve Davis

Historian, Alabama Department of Mental Health

OCTOBER 28

Ken Gaddy

Director, Paul W. Bryant Museum

NOVEMBER 4

Jerry Shepherd

District Governor
Rotary District 6860



This Week in History

"I Love Lucy," starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, premiered on Oct. 15, 1951. The show ran for six seasons and won five Emmy Awards; the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the worst to hit the San Francisco Bay area since 1906, struck on Oct. 17 and killed 60 people.

Last Week — October 7, 2014

Jessica Davis, executive director of the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, gave the club an overview of the TSO's 2014-2015 season. The first concert was Monday night, with other performances scheduled for Nov. 24 ("Autumn"), Dec. 15 ("A TSO Christmas"), Feb. 9 ("My Romance"), March 13 (Family Discovery) and May 11 ("Russian Spectacular").

For more information on wTSO or to purchase tickets, please visit their website tsoonline.org or call by phone 205-752-5515.

At the head table

Allen Maxwell – Pledge of Allegiance – Director of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Almon Associates

Jim Drake – Introduction of Guests – Owner of Kwik Kopy Printing

Jimmy Mixson – Invocation – University of Alabama Department of History

Bruce Burrows – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired airline pilot

Guests

Guests of members included **Bob Brooks**, guest of Joe Bedingfield; **Hallie Hull**, guest of Glenda Guyton; **Alan Taylor**, guest of Jordan Plaster; **Gay Burrows**, guest of Bruce Burrows; **Rusty Hughes**, guest of Loy Singleton; **Bill Bomar**, guest of Steve Katsinas; **Jacqueline Morgan**, guest of Karen Baldwin.

New members

Two new members were inducted last week:

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

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



Members to be inducted soon

Bill Bomar — Executive Director, University of Alabama Museums (proposed by Steve Katsinas)

Bob Brooks — Retired, Vice President of Operations, Stein Mart Inc. (proposed by Joe Beddingfield)

Kirk Cornelius — Vice President, West Alabama Bank (proposed by Mitchell Loper)

Alan Spencer — Vice President for Economic Development and Public Policy, Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama (proposed by Chuck Turner)

Alan Taylor — Retired, Fine Furniture Retailer (proposed by Jordan Plaster)

October Birthdays

John Snider (10/1), **Joe Wheeler** (10/3), **Clark Swail** (10/3), **Patricia Parnell** (10/6), **Chris McCune** (10/8), **Donny Jones** (10/9), **Anthony Holloman** (10/10), **Byron Heifner** (10/13), **John Wise** (10/14), **Narayan Krishnamurthy** (10/14), **Molly Ingram** (10/17), **Michael James** (10/17), **Ted Turner** (10/18), **Lewis Fitts** (10/20), **Joe B. Duckworth** (10/21), **Robert Helms** (10/24), **Chuck Turner** (10/28), **Glenda Guyton** (10/29), **Samory Pruitt** (10/29), **Bobby Ingram** (10/29), **Joe May** (10/29), **Dara Longgear** (10/30).



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.



