

The Nerve

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This Week — October 20, 2015

Jenny Mainz

Head coach

University of Alabama women's tennis team



Jenny Mainz has guided the University of Alabama women's tennis team to the NCAA tournament in 12 of the past 15 seasons. In 2014, the team won the SEC team championship for the first time in program history, made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tourney, also for the first time, and finished that season ranked sixth in the nation. The Crimson Tide reached the round of 16 in 2013 and has reached the second round of the NCAA tourney for five straight seasons.

Mainz was the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Coach of the Year in 2013, the SEC Coach of the Year in 2011, 2012 and 2014 and has been the ITA Southern Region Coach of the Year five times.

During her 19-year tenure at UA, the women's tennis program has also excelled in academics. Mainz has coached eight Academic All-Americans and seven SEC Scholar Athletes of the Year. She has also stressed community service, with members of the tennis team participating in numerous charitable endeavors every year.

Mainz is a 1991 graduate of the University of Houston, where

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 27

David Wilbur

Ret. Marine Lt. Col.
President, Vetergy Group

NOVEMBER 3

Bryan Kindred

President and CEO
DCH Health System

she was a three-year captain of the tennis team and a two-time All-Southwest Conference selection. She was also an Academic All-American for the Cougars.



This Week in History

The U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska on Oct. 18, 1867, after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than two cents an acre; British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown, Va., on Oct. 19, 1781, effectively ending the American Revolution; three members of the southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd die in a Mississippi plane crash on Oct. 20, 1977; President John F. Kennedy on Oct. 22, 1962, announces that U.S. spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

Last Week — October 13, 2015

Paul Houghtaling, associate professor of voice and director of the Opera Theatre at the University of Alabama, spoke to the club about his students and the success of the voice program, which has achieved national attention during his 10-year tenure at the Capstone. His program includes students from 17 states. A native of New York, Houghtaling is an accomplished bass-baritone in his own right, having performed in some of the most prestigious music venues in the world. He concluded his presentation by singing for the club.

At the head table

Nathan Dendy — Pledge of Allegiance – The Advantage Realty Group

Mike Chambers — Invocation – Frontier Enterprises

Patricia Powe — Introduction of Guests – University of Alabama Student Health Center

Carl Pinkert — Introduction of Guest Speaker – University of Alabama Research and Economic Development

New members to be inducted soon

David Albright — Professor, University of Alabama School of Social Work (proposed by Glenda Guyton); **Morgan Mann** — Executive Director, FOCUS (proposed by Thomas Powe).



Announcements

- Rotary and UNICEF will present a live-stream status update on the fight to end polio at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in advance of World Polio Day, which is Saturday, Oct. 24. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors and Rotary members. Watch the event live and join the conversation at <http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday>. Wiping a disease from the face of the earth is not easy, and the final push is the most challenging. With your support and your voice, we can end polio now.
- New member proposal forms may be found at the check-in table before and after each Rotary meeting.
- Yvette Clark, coordinator of the Adopt-A-School program at Northside High School, our club's Adopt-A-School partner, wrote a note thanking us for our recent donation:

On behalf of Northside High School, I would like to thank The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa for the contributions you have given our school. The donation you gave our library will help purchase the renewal of our magazine subscriptions. We also appreciate the support of our baseball and softball teams with the renewal of those signs. Last, the money you collected will contribute to our fund to help several needy families have a blessed Thanksgiving! Again, thank you so much for supporting our school!

*Sincerely,
Yvette Clark*

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.



