

The Nerve

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This Week — November 17, 2015

Walt Larisey

CEO

YMCA of Tuscaloosa County



Walt Larisey has been chief executive officer of the YMCA of Tuscaloosa County since May 2011.

Walt lived in Tuscaloosa until he was 11 years old and then moved to Birmingham, where he graduated from high school in 1999. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves and in 2004 he graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in business management. Immediately upon graduation, he accepted his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

In September 2004, Walt moved to Quantico, Va., for Marine Officer training and was selected to be an infantry officer. His first duty station was in 29 Palms, Calif., where he was a platoon commander for Lima Company, 3rd Battalion 7th Marine Regiment. He deployed to Ramadi, Iraq, in 2005. After returning, he was assigned as a platoon commander for Weapons Company and again deployed to Ramadi in 2007. In January 2008 he was assigned to be an instructor at the Basic School in Quantico, where his specialty was in the field of military operations in

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 24

Drew Kyle

Rotary Foundation

DECEMBER 1

Dr. Robert Witt

Chancellor

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System

urban terrain. In June 2010, Walt rejoined the Marine Corps Reserves and moved to Huntsville, where he became a company commander and also worked as a senior consultant for Booze Allen Hamilton, a government consulting firm. After a year there, he moved to Tuscaloosa to head the YMCA.

He is president of the Druid City Business League, the district chair for West Alabama Early Intervention and sits on the Governor of Alabama's Inter-Coordinating Council for Special Needs Children.

Walt and his wife Amber have three children, Luke, 7, Cole, 4, and Annabelle, 3.



Last Week — November 10, 2015

Last week's program honored our veterans and was moderated by Clark Swail and our very own historian, Dr. Earl Tilford. Veterans and members of our club shared their accounts of the various wars that they served in. Ray Farabee gave an account of World War II, Bob Haver presented on the Korean War, Bruce Burrows spoke on the Vietnam War and Jay Herndon informed the club about his experiences in the Persian Gulf/Iraq War. The program ended with a clip celebrating Honor Flight. The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is the only Rotary club left in the state that still holds Honor Flights. Thank you to all of our veterans for sharing their stories with us and thank you for your service!

At the head table

Ray Farabee — Pledge of Allegiance — Retired

Alan Hartley — Invocation — Morrison & Smith CPAs

Chuck Turner — Introduction of Guests — Retired, past Rotary president

Guests

Veterans who were guests of the club for our special program were **J.P. Ray, Mike Rhodes, Jeff Brown, David Maxwell, Buddy Massey, David Waltzman, Curtis Colburn, Wayne Crawford, Ron Howard, David Struthwolf, Bob Bowers, Jimmy Warren, Eddie Oswalt, Ted Howell, Don Salls, Tennis Jackson, Jim Phillips, Bill Strickland, Carl Wells, Leon Jones, Billy Elmore, Jay Herndon, Cecil Ethridge, Stan Gray, Richard Dickinson and William W. Horton.**

Other guests of the club were **Elaine Farabee, Amy Prickett, Todd Prickett, Justin Brasfield, James Shirley** and **Vikki Vandiver**.



Announcements

- We are collecting No. 2 pencils for our Adopt-A-School partner, Northside High School, throughout November. Please bring them to any Rotary meeting this month and drop them in the box by the check-in table.
- 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

Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.



