

# The Nerve



A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa

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## This Week, November 20, 2012 David Blair

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**Programing Change:** Stillman Choir had to cancel, and David Blair with UA's Veterans' outreach program will be moved up from his later date to speak to the club.

The Outreach Mission is to attract and retain excellent students by seeking out all veterans, service-members, dependents and survivors in order to provide them the opportunity to enhance their lives by obtaining a degree here at The University of Alabama. The mission consists of building relationships in the community and beyond as well as increasing awareness of the Center for Veteran and Military Affairs throughout the civilian community as well as the military community.

Outreach Services provided:

1. Reaching out to veterans, service members, dependents, and survivors of veterans throughout Alabama and the Southeast to inform them of their opportunities here at The University of Alabama.
2. Advising prospective students on the admissions process.
3. Advising students on their benefits and options.
4. Giving campus tours to students and their families.
5. Assisting in all initial paperwork for the GI Bill, Federal Tuition Assistance, Tuition Assistance, and Vocational Rehabilitation.
6. Providing liaison services to students (voice between students and departments).

## Last Week, November 13

Last week Tuscaloosa Rotarians welcomed Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey. According to Ivey “Alabama is on the move”. During Governor Bentley’s 1<sup>st</sup> term over 26,000 jobs were created. Ivey stated that our leaders are focused on four initiatives for change. They include growing jobs, the right size government, new leadership in Medicaid, and a balanced budget. The main goal for Ivey is real solutions to long term problems without sacrificing services.



### Announcements

Two new candidates have been proposed for membership into the Club: The first, Lucas Hayes is President of Delta Oil. The second is Brandon Clark who works with Bill Lunsford Construction. Both candidates were proposed by **Rotarian John Owens.**

The United Way of West Alabama is looking for volunteers on 12/10/2012 to help build a playground. This will be a full day commitment. For those that are interest in helping contact the UWWA at 205-345-6640.

Jordan Plaster announced that Lee Hallman and all the Veterans of Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor flight have been named Grand marshal of the 2012 West Alabama Christmas Parade scheduled for December 3, 2012. He stated they are looking for modes of suitable transportation for the parade like old jeeps, a bus, tractor trailer, etc.

Secondly, plans are in the works for a Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight for 2013. WWII Vets will receive highest priority in the selection process, while local Korean War Vets will be accepted if room allows. Plans are also in the works for a trip for Korean War Veterans to their memorial. Jordan stated the club would have a lot of work to do, and it will take about \$30,000 to make it happen.



## At the Head Table, November 13

**Jordan Plaster** (speaker intro), **Scott McClanahan** (guest intro), **Foot Hooper** (pledge), **Todd Bryant** (Invocation).



## Guests, November 13

Guests at the November 13 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: **James Shirley**, guest of Jordan Plaster (DCH); **Matt Hood**, guest of Pam Parker, (Capstone Hotel); **John Merrill** (First Federal); **Marty Wright**, guest of Tina Jones (Courtyard Marriott).



## News from the Rotary International Foundation

STICKERS, STICKERS, STICKERS everywhere.....or ALMOST everywhere. The small yellow, green, blue striped sticker with date 2012-2013 located at the bottom of a member's name badge indicates that the Rotarian has made a contribution this Rotary year to The Rotary Foundation. The club is coming closer to 100% but is not there yet as indicated by the name badges without an attached sticker. The easiest way to contribute is to have an amount added to your quarterly billing. Or if preferable, a single check payable to The Rotary Foundation will work also. Either way makes the Rotarian eligible for recognition and the club eligible for Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) recognition from the District and Rotary International. Our Club's other opportunity for a District award is to be recognized as a STAR CLUB. That designation is awarded to each club achieving or exceeding \$100 per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund during the current Rotary

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**November 27  
Judge Drinkard  
Rotary Foundation**

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**December 4  
Sid McAnnally  
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“If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things.”

— Paul Harris

year. If our club achieves this level of contribution by March 31 it will be recognized at the District Conference. Please consider supporting the global humanitarian outreach of the Foundation now. For those Rotarians sporting a sticker on your name badge, THANK YOU!

## **ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY...**

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 AM 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, Interact event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES