

The Nerve

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This Week — December 1, 2015

C. Ray Hayes

*Executive Vice Chancellor, Chief Operating Officer
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Ray Hayes is Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer of the University of Alabama System. A 35-plus year career veteran in higher education, Ray Hayes has been unanimously selected to succeed University of Alabama System Chancellor Robert Witt as CEO of the UA System in the fall of 2016.

In his current role, Ray Hayes is responsible for the overall fiscal integrity of UA System resources, working in partnership with the campus presidents and administrative teams at UA, UAB, UAH and the UAB Health System on finance, investments, physical properties, and human resource management. He coordinates the annual budget, leads institutional planning and the prioritization of initiatives, implements cost-cutting strategies and resource allocation and is responsible for budget requests to the executive and legislative branches of state government. He is also charged with the oversight of major construction projects on the three campuses and for the UAB Health System.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 8
Northside High Choir

DECEMBER 15
Nucor Steel
off-site meeting

DECEMBER 22
No meeting

Hayes is the former vice president for Finance and Administration at Mississippi State University and executive vice president for Finance and Administration at Texas A&M – Corpus Christi. He earned his bachelor's and MBA degrees from Mississippi State and has held leadership roles with the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), the Society for College and University Planning and other regional and national entities. Since 2012 he has been a member of the Board of Control of the State of Alabama Teachers Retirement System.



Last Week — November 24, 2015

Three members of our club shared their experiences about the Rotary Foundation:

Frank Deaver spoke about the work the Foundation has done toward eradicating polio in the world. He recalled his visit in 1999 to India, where he helped administer polio vaccines to 150 children. This is a fine example of our motto: “Doing good in the world.”

Jimmy Mixson talked about the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program, which he said helped him choose his path in life. The year of training through the program got him into graduate school and led to his job at the University of Alabama. He has since sponsored one of his UA students in the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

Mark Nelson spoke about the Group Study Exchange program. He visited Stuttgart, Germany, through this program, which is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professionals. Participants must be age 25-40 and in the early stages of their careers. These travel teams shadow people in their own professions in different countries and cultures. This program inspired Mark to start the “UA Away” program at the University of Alabama. This program enhances the international perspective of the next generation of leaders.

At the head table

Frank Deaver — Pledge of Allegiance – Retired journalism professor

Jimmy Mixson — Invocation – Associate professor of history, University of Alabama

Mark Nelson — Introduction of Guests – Dean of the UA College of Communication and Information Sciences

Guests

Erica Pannell and **Melody Duggan**, guests of Susan Caples.

The Rotary Foundation

For their contributions to the Rotary Foundation, **Mike Woodard** and **Chris McCune** were designated new Paul Harris Fellows and **Steve Wiggins** was designated Paul Harris Fellow+2. Congratulations to these Rotarians. Rotary's work around the world through District and Global grants would not be possible without the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" support of individual Rotarians.



New members to be inducted soon

Vikki Vandiver — Dean, University of Alabama School of Social Work (proposed by Mark Nelson).

Announcements

- We will have a joint social event with the Rotary Morning Club on Dec. 15 at Jalapenos' North of the River location. Details are forthcoming.
- 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.



