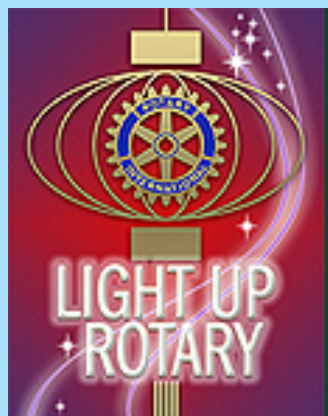


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This Week — December 2, 2014

Jack Owens

Author, retired FBI agent



Jack Owens grew up in the coal fields of southern West Virginia and in the Philadelphia suburb of West Chester, Pa. He graduated from American University with a bachelor's degree in 1966 and from the University of Alabama School of Law with a juris doctor degree in 1969. Then, after four months of training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., he was assigned to the Denver Field Office as a special agent. He was transferred to

the Birmingham Field Office in September 1970 and served there until his retirement on Aug. 31, 1999.

During his FBI career, Owens was a member of the first SWAT team in the state of Alabama, and worked investigations involving bank robberies, kidnappings, fugitive apprehensions, foreign counterintelligence, terrorism and the recruitment of women and minorities to the Bureau. He was coordinator of the physical fitness program for agents in Birmingham and north Alabama. He also worked undercover for four years against hostile intelligence services during the Cold War.

Owens retired in 1999 to write. His articles and short stories have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Alabama Heritage*, *Now and Then*, *Cats*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 9

Stillman College Choir
Rotary International

DECEMBER 16

Dwight McDaniel
Retired spy

DECEMBER 23

No meeting

DECEMBER 30

No meeting

and Kittens, The Spook and Metropole magazines. His memoir of three decades in the trenches of the FBI, “Don’t Shoot! We’re Republicans!,” was published in August 2009.

His debut novel, “Watchman: JFK’s Last Ride,” was published in October 2013 by Keith Publications, which also will publish Owens’ three novels in the “Pock Series,” dark comedies about a serial killer and law enforcement in Alabama.



This Week in History

On Dec. 2, 2001, the Enron Corp. files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in a New York court, sparking one of the largest corporate scandals in U.S. history; Workers place a 9-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble on Dec. 6, 1884, completing construction of the Washington Monument. Made of some 36,000 blocks of marble and granite stacked 555 feet in the air, the monument was the tallest structure in the world at the time of its completion; The Japanese conduct a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, drawing the United States into World War II.

Announcements

- The Rotary Club will not meet on Tuesday, Dec. 23, or Tuesday, Dec. 30.
- The Salvation Army bell ringing will take place again this holiday season. Ted Turner will be asking for volunteers in the coming weeks.
- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is collecting bottle caps to give to Northside High School for an art project. We will be collecting them throughout the rest of the year. Please donate your clean bottle caps to the club.

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.



