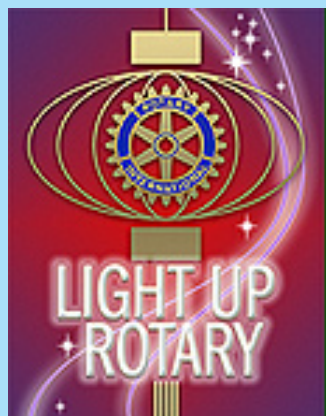


# The Nerve

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## *This Week — December 9, 2014* **Stillman College Choir**



The renowned Stillman College Choir will perform a selection of Christmas music for the club. The choir, led by Director of Choral Activities Jocqueline Richardson, has performed throughout Alabama and the United States, as well as in Canada, Mexico and Europe. The choir's repertoire ranges across a wide variety of periods and styles, from the traditional European choral music of the last four centuries to traditional spirituals and contemporary gospel music.



## *This Week in History*

John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, was shot and killed by obsessed fan Mark David Chapman on Dec. 8, 1980, outside his apartment in New York City; Al Gore conceded the presidential election to George W. Bush on Dec. 13, 2000.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**DECEMBER 16**  
**Dwight McDaniel**  
Retired spy

**DECEMBER 23**  
No meeting

**DECEMBER 30**  
No meeting

## Last Week — December 2, 2014

Retired FBI agent and author Jack Owens, a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, spoke on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which was the subject of his debut novel, “Watchman: JFK’s Last Ride,” published in October 2013. Owens said the evidence shows that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone but that enough mistakes were made following the assassination to give rise to conspiracy theories.

Owens’ memoir of three decades in the trenches of the FBI, “Don’t Shoot! We’re Republicans!” was published in August 2009 and three novels in the “Pock Series,” dark comedies about a serial killer and law enforcement in Alabama, are scheduled for publication. His books are available on his website, [jackowensbooks.com](http://jackowensbooks.com).

### *At the head table*

**Frank Upchurch** – Pledge of Allegiance – Senior Project Manager at TTL

**Frank Deaver** – Introduction of Guests – Retired

**Rhett Cooper** – Invocation – Regions Bank

**Larry O’Neal** – Introduction of Guest Speaker – University of Alabama Office of Advancement



### *December Birthdays*

**John Cook** (12/1), **Jimmy Mixson** (12/6), **John Dill** (12/8), **David Richardson** (12/8), **Andrew Hudson** (12/8), **Helene Hibbard** (12/10), **Peter Millet** (12/12), **Ray Farabee** (12/13), **Mark Crews** (12/13), **J.G. Brazil** (12/15), **Cason Kirby** (12/15), **Kellee Reinhart** (12/15), **Frank Deaver** (12/18), **Alan Hartley** (12/22), **Byron Abston** (12/23), **Don Alverson** (12/23), **Dean Moretz** (12/27), **Camilla Canty** (12/30), **Bobby Hill** (12/31), **Frank Upchurch** (12/31).

### *Announcements*

- The Rotary Club will not meet on Tuesday, Dec. 23, or Tuesday, Dec. 30.
- The Salvation Army bell ringing will take place this holiday season on Dec. 13 at Wal-Mart on Skyland Boulevard. The sign-up sheet will be available at the entrance

table. This is also the last meeting that the Salvation Army red kettle will be set up for anyone who would like to make a donation.

- Ted Turner will be asking for volunteers in the coming weeks.
- The Rotary Holiday Party will be Tuesday, Dec.16, at Innisfree in downtown Tuscaloosa. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include a cash bar and musical entertainment. This will also count as a make-up meeting. Please bring a guest.
- The Rotary Club 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.
- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is looking for a secretary and a programs coordinator to participate on next year's board of directors. If you are interested in either of these positions or have questions, please contact Susan Caples or Karen Baldwin.

### **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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

*Report all makeups to club secretary Nancy Jones.*



