

The Nerve

A Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa
P.O. Box 2403, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
www.Rotarytuscaloosa.com
Volume 98 — Issue 54 — July 12th, 2016
Nerve Editor: Thomas Powe



Service above self



OFFICERS

Alan Hartley

President

Mark Nelson

VP/President-Elect

Caroline Williams

Secretary

Patricia Powe

Treasurer

Susan Caples

Past President

Frank Deaver

Executive Director

Lindsey Case

Sergeant-at-Arms

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bruce Burrows

Membership

Sammy Watson

Communication

Jackie Wuska

Rotary Rose

David Pass

Centennial Celebration

Byron Abston

Community / Finance

Mike Chambers

Projects / Other

This Week — July 12th, 2016

Jo Bonner

Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, UA



Josiah (Jo) Robins Bonner, Jr. is the Vice Chancellor for Economic Development for The University of Alabama System.

He joined the UA System in August 2013, initially holding a joint appointment for both Economic Development and Government Relations. In September 2015, Bonner was given sole responsibility for Economic Development. In making the announcement, UA System Chancellor Robert Witt said, "This is a critically

important time in the history of our state, and the UA System is extremely mindful of our leadership role in job creation, industrial recruitment and business retention. We are fully committed to doing everything we can to help Alabama continue to grow."

As Vice Chancellor, Bonner works the Vice Presidents for Research and Economic Development on the three campuses that make up the UA System – The University of Alabama, The University of Alabama at Birmingham and The University of Alabama in Huntsville. Additionally, Bonner works on a daily basis with state, local and national leaders to advance the System's stra-



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 19th

Dr. Steve Katsinas
Director, Educational
Policy Center, UA

July 26th

John Merrill
Secretary of State,
Alabama

tegitic mission, building on existing relationships and developing new ones that will enhance the mission of the state's largest enterprise of higher education and help grow Alabama's economy. The UA System has a total enrollment in excess of 60,000 students and an annual economic impact of over \$8 billion.

Bonner earned a B.A. degree in Journalism from The University of Alabama in 1982. He is married to the former Janée Lambert, and they are parents of a daughter, Lee, a sophomore at The University of Alabama, and a son, Robins, a senior in high school. The Bonners make their home in Tuscaloosa.

Last Week — July 5th, 2016

Dr. Samory Pruitt, Vice –President of Community Affairs at the University of Alabama, and fellow Rotarian, told the club about numerous successes in Community Affairs since the division was created in 2004. Dr. Pruitt said that ideas for projects overseen by his division have come from students, faculty or community partners.

One recent program, Swim to the Top, provides swim instruction as well as fitness and nutrition instruction to over 120 students each summer. Saving Lives works to address common health issues. The program works with local churches to build a culture of health and support healthier lifestyles. The Parent Teacher Leadership Academy is another program that works with the community to increase parental involvement and improve student achievement. The program was honored by the National Association of School Boards in 2012.



Also the Changing of the Guard happened with the Past President, Susan Caples, giving the new President, Alan Hartley, the gavel. This was his formal Introduction as President for the 2016-2017. We Thank Susan and all the Executive team for their service to Rotary for the 2015-2016 year.



At the head table

Mike Reilly, Invocation

Byron Abston, Pledge of Allegiance

Chris McCune, Introduction of speaker

Susan Caples, Introduction of guest, Carol Agomo from UA



Guests

Carol Agomo, guest of Dr. Samory Pruitt

This Day in History - July 12th

1806 - A Spanish army repelled the British during their attempt to retake Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1839 - British naval forces bombarded Dingai on Zhoushan Island in China and then occupied it.

1863 - U.S. Federal troops occupied Vicksburg, MS, and distributed supplies to the citizens.

1935 - U.S. President Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act into law. The act authorized labor to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining.

1950 - U.S. forces engaged the North Koreans for the first time at Osan, South Korea.

1989 - Former U.S. National Security Council aide Oliver North received a \$150,000 fine and a suspended prison term for his part in the Iran-Contra affair. The convictions were later overturned.

1995 - The U.S. Justice Department decided not to take antitrust action against Ticketmaster..

1998 - Japan joined U.S. and Russia in space exploration with the launching of the Planet-B probe to Mars.

2000 - 10 Bengal tigers, including 7 rare white tigers, died at the Nandankanan Zoo in India. The tigers died of trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness).

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.

