

# The Nerve

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*This Week — August 30th, 2016*

## **Danielle McInerney & Whitney Jamison** *Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama*



Danielle McInerney is the CEO/Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama. A graduate of the University of Alabama - College of Communications. Danielle lives in Tuscaloosa with her husband, Mike, and their two sons, Declan and Fitz. In 2004, Danielle created the Finn and Quinley Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation organized to provide support to the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at DCH. Through her leadership and dedication to the infants of West Alabama, the Finn

and Quinley Memorial Foundation merged with The DCH Foundation to become The Finn & Quinley Children and Infants Fund at The DCH Foundation.

In 2012 Danielle began to focus her skills on older children facing adversity in West Alabama by serving as the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama. The organization has thrived and expanded under her leadership. The organization is growing and serving more children in our community each year due to her introduction of the Krispy Kreme Challenge fundraiser which has quickly become one of the largest races in West Alabama, drawing crowds from all over the state! Danielle's goal is to help Big Brothers Big Sisters grow its mission—to help children realize their potential and build their futures by nurturing these children and strengthening the community in which they live.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 6th

**Gary Andrew**

Rotary District Governor

September 13th

**Dr. Mike Daria**

Tuscaloosa City Schools  
Superintendent



Whitney grew up in Birmingham and attended Mountain Brook High School before completing her Bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama in Early Childhood Education. She previously worked for the University at the Child Development Research Center and at Tuscaloosa Academy before coming on at Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama as the School Based Coordinator and Director of Recruitment in January of 2016. She is married to Almon Jamison and they have a 2 year old little girl Mary Ellis and expecting a baby boy in early October.

## *Last Week — August 23rd, 2016*

### **Announcements:**

- Shanda Sartain explained our Rotary District's attempt to get every Rotary member to run, walk or bike 100 miles to help end polio and to celebrate the Rotary Foundation Centennial. The goal is to raise \$30 per member to end polio. Details are available from Shanda at 205.799.0155.
- The Rotary Foundation is accepting donations to help Louisiana flood victims.
- David Pass told members about a project to help the Municipal Hospital of San Isidro purchase a much needed piece of imaging equipment. Total cost of the equipment is \$35,000 (US).

### **Speaker Notes:**

- Lt. Colby Grelle, a U.S. Navy pilot, credited the movie Top Gun as one of the reasons he developed an interest in becoming a Naval aviator. Colby spoke to the club about leadership, saying that there are two types of service; service to one's self or service to others. He explained that small gestures can make a large difference in the lives of others. Colby was introduced by his proud mother, Rotary club member Torrie Grelle, who called her son "her hero".





*Colby Grelle, speaking to the lunch Rotary club this past Tuesday, August 23h, 2016.*

### *At the head table*

**Invocation** - Chuck Turner, **Pledge of Allegiance** - Ryan Stallings, **Introduction of Guests** - Jackie Wuska, **Introduction of Speaker** - Torrie Grelle

### *Guests*

**Cody Mordecai** - Guest of Kirk Cornelius. **Lynn Shaw** - Guest of Bill Jessup. **Katie Grelle** - Guest of Torrie Grelle. **Michael Parker** - Guest of Vikki Vandiver. **Whitney Jamison** - Guest of Shanda Sartain. **Hays Webb** - Guest of Jordan Plaster. **John Tyson** - Guest of Jim McLean. **Sarah McFarland & Richard Self** - Guests of the the club.



## *This Day in History - August 30th*

- 1146 - European leaders outlawed the crossbow.
- 1645 - American Indians and the Dutch made a peace treaty at New Amsterdam. New Amsterdam later became known as New York.
- 1682 - William Penn sailed from England and later established the colony of Pennsylvania in America.
- 1780 - General Benedict Arnold secretly promised to surrender the West Point fort to the British army.
- 1806 - New York City's second daily newspaper, the "Daily Advertiser," was published for the last time.
- 1809 - Charles Doolittle Walcott first discovered fossils near Burgess Pass. He named the site Burgess Shale after nearby Mt. Burgess.
- 1862 - The Confederates defeated Union forces at the second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, VA.
- 1905 - Ty Cobb made his major league batting debut with the Detroit Tigers.
- 1928 - The Independence of India League was established in India.
- 1941 - During World War II, the Nazis severed the last railroad link between Leningrad and the rest of the Soviet Union.
- 1945 - General Douglas MacArthur set up Allied occupation headquarters in Japan.
- 1951 - The Philippines and the United States signed a defense pact.
- 1956 - In Louisiana, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway opened.
- 1965 - Thurgood Marshall was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a Supreme Court justice. Marshall was the first black justice to sit on the Supreme Court.
- 1982 - P.L.O. leader Yasir Arafat left Beirut for Greece.
- 1983 - The space shuttle Challenger blasted off with Guion S. Bluford Jr. aboard. He was the first black American to travel in space.
- 1984 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and several others, were inducted into the Sportscasters Hall of Fame.
- 1993 - On CBS-TV "The Late Show with David Letterman" premiered.
- 1994 - Rosa Parks was robbed and beaten by Joseph Skipper. Parks was known for her refusal to give up her seat on a bus in 1955, which sparked the civil rights movement.
- 1994 - The largest U.S. defense contractor was created when the Lockheed and Martin Marietta corporations agreed to a merger.
- 1996 - An expedition to raise part of the Titanic failed when the nylon lines being used to raise part of the hull snapped.
- 1999 - The residents of East Timor overwhelmingly voted for independence from Indonesia. The U.N. announced the result on September 4.
- 2002 - Conoco Inc. and Phillips Petroleum merged to create ConocoPhillips. The new company was the third largest integrated energy company and the second largest refining company in the U.S.

### **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 Caroline Williams at [caroline.williams@bbva.com](mailto:caroline.williams@bbva.com).*

