

The Nerve

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This Week — April 4th, 2017

Crossing Points

Dr. Kagendo Mutua



KAGENDO MUTUA was born and raised in Kenya on a tea farm in a family that dabbled in farming, education, politics, and community activism. She is the youngest of seven siblings. She is married to Dr. Carlton McHargh. They have two daughters, Makena and Kendi, who attend Tuscaloosa City Schools.

Dr. Mutua is a Professor of special education in the College of Education at The University Of Alabama. She holds a Bachelor of Education degree from Kenyatta University, in Nairobi, Kenya, a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and a doctoral degree from Kent State University in Ohio. Her specialization in Special Education is in the area of secondary/transition programming for youth with significant disabilities. At The University of Alabama, she teaches classes in severe disabilities and secondary programs for students with severe and multiple disabilities and has published related research in several journals in Education.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 11th
Alabama REACH
Shannon Hubbard

April 18th
Steve Wiggins
Attorney

Announcements:

- The next Honor Flight will be May 10. The flight to Washington will focus on Viet Nam era veterans.
- Mark Nelson said the Rotary Rose Committee is seeking input from club members for this year's honoree. The committee looks for those "unsung heroes" in our community who serve others, often without recognition. If you have a nominee, please get the name to Mark or Jackie Wuska by April 25.

Speaker Notes:

- Theatre Tuscaloosa's Executive Producer, Tina Turley, told the club about the organization's upcoming salute to Paul and Susan Looney. The Looneys have been involved in Theatre Tuscaloosa for decades, and laid the groundwork for today's successful operation. An event honoring Paul and Susan will be held April 8 at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center. Theatre Tuscaloosa is also launching an endowment named in their honor as a tribute to the couple. Rotary Club members were also treated to music from Theatre Tuscaloosa's upcoming production. Ava Buchanan and Dylan Davis performed songs from *Company*, which runs March 31-April 9, at the Bean-Brown Theatre at Shelton State.

At the head table

Invocation - Kathleen Cramer, **Pledge of Allegiance** - Donny Jones, **Introduction of Guests** - Kirk Cornelius, **Introduction of Speaker** - Terry Olivet.

Guests

Jim Kellen - Guest of Jim McLean, and **Valina Bujeja** - Guest of Alan Hartley.



This Day in History - April 4th

- 0896 - Formosus ended his reign as pope.
- 1541 - Ignatius of Loyola became the first superior-general of the Jesuits.
- 1687 - King James II ordered that his declaration of indulgence be read in church.
- 1841 - U.S. President William Henry Harrison, at the age of 68, became the first president to die in office. He had been sworn in only a month before he died of pneumonia.
- 1848 - Thomas Douglas became the first San Francisco public teacher.
- 1887 - Susanna M. Salter became mayor of Argonia, KS, making her the first woman mayor in the U.S.
- 1902 - British Financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will that would provide scholarships for Americans to Oxford University in England.
- 1914 - The first known serialized moving picture opened in New York City, NY. It was "The Perils of Pauline".
- 1917 - The U.S. Senate voted 90-6 to enter World War I on the Allied side.
- 1945 - During World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.
- 1949 - Twelve nations signed a treaty to create The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- 1953 - Fifteen doctors were released by Soviet leaders. The doctors had been arrested before Stalin had died and were accused of plotting against him.
- 1967 - The U.S. lost its 500th plane over Vietnam.
- 1968 - Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the age of 39.
- 1969 - Dr. Denton Cooley implanted the first temporary artificial heart.
- 1971 - Veterans stadium in Philadelphia, PA, was dedicated this day.
- 1973 - In New York, the original World Trade Center twin towers opened. At the time they were the tallest building in the world.
- 1974 - Hank Aaron tied Babe Ruth's major league baseball home-run record with 714.
- 1975 - More than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed just after takeoff from Saigon.
- 1984 - U.S. President Reagan proposed an international ban on chemical weapons.
- 1986 - Wayne Gretzky set an NHL record with his 213th point of the season.
- 1987 - The U.S. charged the Soviet Union with wiretapping a U.S. Embassy.
- 1990 - In the U.S., securities law violator Ivan Boesky was released from federal custody.
- 1995 - U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato ridiculed judge Lance Ito using a mock Japanese accent on a nationally syndicated radio program. D'Amato apologized two days later for the act.
- 1999 - The Colorado Rockies and the San Diego Padres played the first major league season opener to be held in Mexico. The Rockies beat the Padres 8-2.

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.

