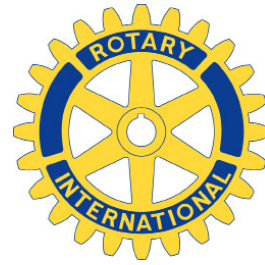


# The Nerve

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*This Week — May 16th, 2017*

## Greg Byrne

*UA Athletic Director*



One of the most acclaimed and respected administrators in collegiate athletics, Greg Byrne was formally introduced as The University of Alabama's Director of Athletics on January 19, 2017, and officially began his tenure leading the department on March 1.

Byrne's role at Alabama is his third venture at the helm of a major collegiate athletics program. Prior to coming to Alabama, Byrne was Vice President for Athletics at the University of Arizona from 2010-17 and was Director of

Athletics at Mississippi State University from 2008-10. With more than 20 years of experience as an athletics administrator, Byrne has fashioned an impressive administrative career hallmarked by consistent success in fundraising, innovative strategies and competitive success with a strong emphasis on academic excellence.

As the son of veteran athletics administrator Bill Byrne, one of the nation's most prominent college sports administrators with 30 years of experience as an Athletics Director, Greg Byrne has been around the enterprise of running successful athletic programs for most of his life.

A native of Pocatello, Idaho, Byrne earned his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University in 1994 and his master's degree from Mississippi State University in 2009. Byrne is married to the former Regina Misa of Junction City, Ore., and the couple has two sons, Nick and Davis.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 23th

**Janet L. Cobb**

Executive Director, USS  
Alabama Battleship

May 30th

**Walter Maddox**

Mayor of Tuscaloosa

## Last Week — May 9th, 2017

### Announcements:

- Rotarian Drew Kyle recognized several club members as new Paul Harris Fellows and other Rotarians were acknowledged for their continued support of the Rotary Foundation. Last Tuesday Drew recognized the following: Mark Atkins (New Paul Harris Fellow), David Albright (New Paul Harris Fellow), Ray Farabee (Paul Harris +1), David Pass (Paul Harris +2), Jack Pfaulder (Paul Harris +3), Bruce Baughman (Paul Harris +5). **THANK YOU ROTARIANS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### Speaker Notes:

- Northport Mayor Donna Aaron told Rotarians that it is an exciting time in her city's history. She said the governing body is working well together and they are striving to reduce the city's debt. The mayor said the city had hired a firm to handle economic development and that Northport's riverfront was a "diamond in the rough". Mrs. Aaron also said that Northport residents will now have the opportunity to purchase a pink garbage cart with funds benefitting breast cancer research.



*Past President Bruce Henderson, Mayor Donna Aaron, and Rotary President Alan Hartley at our lunch club last Tuesday, May 9th, 2017.*



*A group of Rotarians volunteered with the Miracle League of Tuscaloosa last Saturday, May 13th, 2017. Pictured is Rotarian Torrie Grelle with a few of the ball players!*



## *At the head table*

**Invocation** - Sammy Watson, **Pledge of Allegiance** - Wade Drinkard, **Introduction of Guests** - Bill Bomar, **Introduction of Speaker** - Bruce Henderson.

## *Guests*

**Cookie Keller & Betty Zoller** - Guests of Glenda Guyton, **Richard Ahlquist** - Guest of Ryan Stallings, **Cynthia Warrick** - Guest of Samory Pruitt, **Jason Patton** - Guest of Jackie Wuska, **Chelsea Musser** - Guest of Leif Lacey, **Ron Davis & Joseph W. Rose** - Guest of Bruce Henderson, **Roger Sanders** - Guest of Dr. Steven Landreth.

## *This Day in History - May 16th*

- 1770 - Marie Antoinette, at age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.
- 1866 - The U.S. Congress authorized the first 5-cent piece to be minted.
- 1868 - U.S. President Andrew Johnson was acquitted during the Senate impeachment, by one vote.
- 1879 - The Treaty of Gandamak between Russia and England set up the Afghan state.
- 1881 - In Germany, the first electric tram for the public started service.
- 1888 - The first demonstration of recording on a flat disc was demonstrated by Emile Berliner.
- 1888 - The capitol of Texas was dedicated in Austin.
- 1910 - The U.S. Bureau of Mines was authorized by the U.S. Congress.
- 1914 - The American Horseshoe Pitchers Association (AHPA) was formed in Kansas City, Kansas.
- 1920 - Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.
- 1929 - The first Academy Awards were held in Hollywood.
- 1939 - The Philadelphia Athletics and the Cleveland Indians met at Shibe Park in Philadelphia for the first baseball game to be played under the lights in the American League.
- 1946 - "Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway.
- 1946 - Jack Mullin showed the world the first magnetic tape recorder.
- 1960 - A Big Four summit in Paris collapsed due to the American U-2 spy plane incident.
- 1960 - Theodore Maiman, at Hughes Research Laboratory in California, demonstrated the first working laser.
- 1963 - After 22 Earth orbits Gordon Cooper returned to Earth, ending Project Mercury.
- 1965 - Spaghetti-O's were sold for the first time.
- 1969 - Venus 5, a Russian spacecraft, landed on the planet Venus.
- 1975 - Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- 1977 - Five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling on top of the Pan Am Building in Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.
- 1985 - Michael Jordan was named Rookie of the Year in the NBA.
- 1988 - A report released by Surgeon General C. Everett Koop declared that nicotine was addictive in similar was as heroin and cocaine.
- 1988 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police do not have to have a search warrant to search discarded garbage.
- 1991 - Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.
- 1996 - Admiral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, the nation's top Navy officer, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after some of his military awards were called into question.
- 2005 - Sony Corp. unveiled three styles of its new PlayStation 3 video game machine.



## 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).

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