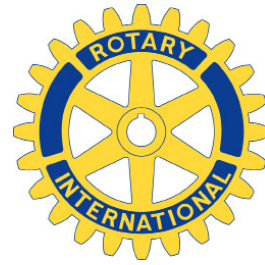


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This Week — May 30th, 2017

Walt Maddox

Mayor of Tuscaloosa



On November 4, 2013, Walter Maddox was sworn in for his third term as Tuscaloosa's 36th Mayor. Since his first inauguration, Mayor Maddox has led initiatives to increase economic development, improve customer service with the implementation of Tuscaloosa 311 and provide quality

pre-k education for academically at-risk four-year old children.

Mayor Maddox has been nationally recognized for his crisis management following April 27, 2011. In 2012, Mayor Maddox was named Municipal Leader of the Year by American City and County (the publication for state and local governments) for his strong, decisive and comforting leadership.

Mayor Maddox is a Tuscaloosa native and graduated from Central High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and master's degree from UAB.

Mayor Maddox is married to Stephanie Roberts Maddox. He has two children. His favorite hobby is running and he has completed several marathons and half-marathons.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 30th

TBD

TBD

June 6th

TBD

TBD

Announcements:

- Pictures from the 100 Anniversary Gala are at the back table. Please come to the next Rotary to pick them up.
- Fellow Rotarian Butch Grimes is ill. Please continue to pray for him.
- Jordan Plaster - Talked about the successful 8th Honor Flight. They took 98 Vietnam Vets. Great TRIP!
- Wade Drinkard announced a new Rotarian - Kay Palan. She was sponsored by Vikki Vandiver. Kay is the Dean of the UA Business School.

Speaker Notes:

- Major General Janet Cobb retired after 42 years in the U.S. Army. She is now the Executive Director of the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Museum in Mobile, Alabama. They have almost 400,000 Visitors each year. From all 50 States and over 70 countries! The motto of the Museum is TO HONOR ALL ALABAMA MILITARY (Past, Present, & Future). The U.S.S. Alabama saw action in WWII in both the North Atlantic as well on the Pacific side of the war. The ship was decommissioned in 1947 in Seattle Washington. In 1962, the boat was announced as scrap by the Navy and the Citizens of Alabama raised money to have her purchased and brought to Alabama. In her route to Alabama they had to go through the Panama Canal. She barely got by because the Canal is 110 feet wide and she is 108 feet wide! Along with the U.S.S. Alabama, this museum also has another WWII Vessel. It is the U.S.S. Drum Submarine. The U.S.S. Drum got 12 battle stars in the South Pacific.



*Major General Janet Cobb
speaking at our lunch club last
Tuesday, May 23th, 2017.*



At the head table

Invocation - Thomas Powe, **Pledge of Allegiance** - Clark Swail, **Introduction of Guests** - Chuck Turner, **Introduction of Speaker** - Gary Fitts.

Guests

Rich Johnson - Guest of Ryan Stallings, **Peggy Hartley** - Guest of Jackie Glenda Guyton, **Jason Patton** - Guest of Bruce Baughman, **Mark Thrash, Nicholas Britto & Chris Shinstock** - Guests of Becky York, **A.J. McCampbell** - Guest of Wade Drinkard.

This Day in History - May 23rd

- 1416 - Jerome of Prague was burned as a heretic by the Church.
- 1431 - Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in Rouen, France, at the age of 19.
- 1527 - The University of Marburg was founded in Germany.
- 1539 - Hernando de Soto, the Spanish explorer, landed in Florida with 600 soldiers to search for gold.
- 1814 - The First Treaty of Paris was declared, which returned France to its 1792 borders.
- 1848 - W.G. Young patented the ice cream freezer.
- 1854 - The U.S. territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.
- 1868 - Memorial Day was observed widely for the first time in the U.S.
- 1879 - William Vanderbilt renamed New York City's Gilmore's Garden to Madison Square Garden.
- 1883 - Twelve people were trampled to death in New York City in a stampede when a rumor that the Brooklyn Bridge was in danger of collapsing occurred.
- 1896 - The first automobile accident occurred in New York City.
- 1903 - In Riverdale, NY, the first American motorcycle hill climb was held.
- 1911 - Ray Harroun won the first Indianapolis 500. At the time, it was known as International 500-Mile Sweepstakes Race. Harroun's average speed was 74.59 miles per hour.
- 1912 - The U.S. Marines were sent to Nicaragua to protect American interests.
- 1913 - The First Balkan War ended.
- 1922 - The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC.
- 1943 - American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.
- 1958 - Unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflicts were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 1967 - The state of Biafra seceded from Nigeria and Civil war erupted.
- 1981 - In Chittagong, Bangladesh, President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated.
- 1989 - The "Goddess of Democracy" statue (33 feet height) was erected in Tiananmen Square by student demonstrators.
- 1996 - Britain's Prince Andrew and the former Sarah Ferguson were granted an uncontested decree ending their 10-year marriage.
- 1998 - A powerful earthquake hit northern Afghanistan killing up to 5,000.
- 2002 - In New York, a ceremony were held to officially mark the end of the clean up from the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.



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 makeups to secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.

