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# ROTARYGRAM

**The Weekly Newsletter for the  
Rotary Club of Birmingham**

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

**Today**



**DUDLEY REYNOLDS**

**Chairman, United Way Campaign 2010**

*"The Strength of the Community is Tied to the Strength of United Way"*

Fellow Rotarian Dudley Reynolds is currently President and Chief Operating Officer of Alabama Gas Corporation. A native of Anniston, he attended the Anniston Academy, graduating in 1971. He attended Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina graduating in 1975 with a B.A. Degree in History. While at Furman, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and played varsity tennis for four years. Following graduation, he attended the University of Georgia Law School in Athens, Georgia where he received his JD degree in 1978.

He is a member of the Bar Associations in Alabama, Georgia and Birmingham. He is a past Chairman of the Legal Section Managing Committee of the American Gas Association, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Gas Association and the Monday Morning Quarterback Club. He also serves on the Board of Directors of United Way of Central Alabama (currently 2010 Campaign Chairman), the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, and the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Ballet. He is also on the Board of Governors of the Summit Club. He is also a member of the Dean's Community Advisory Committee of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry and is also on the Birmingham Advisory Board for Regions Financial Corporation. In July, 1990 he was named as one of Birmingham's "Top 40 under 40" business and civic leaders. He participated in the 1993-94 class of "Leadership Birmingham" and the 2001-2002 class of Leadership Alabama.

Dudley joined Energen in April of 1980 as a Staff Attorney. From this position, he was promoted to Senior Attorney in 1985, Assistant Secretary in June, 1985 and Vice President, Legal and Secretary in 1987, General Counsel of the company in 1991 and President and Chief Operating Officer of Alabama Gas Corporation in 2003.

Dudley and his wife, Neal, who is also an attorney, live in Birmingham.

### **BIRMINGHAM ROTARY AND UNITED WAY**

Since the days of Community Chest, this club has been closely affiliated with United Way. "Not only have club members served nationally and internationally within the Rotary organization, but the leadership contributed by members within Birmingham has been outstanding." Birmingham Rotarians have served more than those from any other group as chairman of United Way and the United Way Campaigns. As Rotarians, members are professional leaders united in service. United Way is 100% dedicated to strengthening communities by strengthening the under-served. Rotary and United Way, by their purposes for existing, share the common heart for caring and helping.

Please be here today to thank fellow Rotarian Dudley for taking up the noble cause of chairing the 2010 United Way Campaign and show Rotarian support for Dudley as he leads the community in its largest community service effort.

*Spotlight on  
The Alabama Ballet*

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

**Sept 15 Don Powell  
FDIC**

**Sept 22 OFF-SITE MEETING  
Alys Stephens Center  
EarthHarp**

**Sept 29 Dr. Robert Witt  
President  
University of Alabama**

## ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS



**Dr. Robert Bentley**  
 Republican Candidate for Governor  
 PO Box 2276  
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

**Al Head**  
 State Council on the Arts  
 201 Monroe Street  
 Montgomery, AL 36130-1800

**Jim Miller**  
 CEO, Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
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Membership: 578  
 Honorary Members: 21

## ALSO TODAY - MINI PROGRAM

As the year progresses, so do the spotlights on organizations in Birmingham that make this city the most vibrant culture center in the South. Today's 6- minute mini-program will put the spotlight on The Alabama Ballet whose mission is to "promote the development of classical and contemporary ballet through high-quality performances, dance education, and community outreach." Gia Rabito, the Executive Director, will be here to give you a brief look at the exceptional quality of the company's dancers and its artistic staff as well as the upcoming performances, the Ballet School, and the CityDance and Student Matinee outreach programs.



## ROTARACT CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

Rotaract is welcoming all Rotarians to attend their bi-monthly meetings which begin at noon on Thursdays.

Upcoming speakers are:

- 9/16/2010 Alan Hunter, Chairman, Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival & Hunter Films
- 10/7/2010 Dr. Chris Gunter, Director of Research, Hudson Alpha Biotechnology Institute
- 10/21/2010 Nobuyuki (Nobu) Sanui, Pres/CEO of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama

The cost of their lunch meal is the same as Rotary's so please bring a check or cash to cover the \$13.75 cost of lunch

## COLLECTING EYEGLASSES FOR SVOSH

Please bring your used, broken, or ill-fitting glasses to Rotary now through September 30!

The useless glasses will be transformed into useful glasses and bring improved vision to many.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**JEREMY ERDREICH**

**#513  
(2010)**

**ACTIVE**

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Born, August 25, 1968  
Birmingham, Al

Hobbies:

Reading, blogging, travel, cinema, downtown,  
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**DR. CRAIG WITHERSPOON**

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(2010)**

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Born, February 21, 1966  
Wilson, NC

Hobbies:

Fitness and music

Previous Rotary Club:

Tarboro, N.C.

*Spouse*

*Monique*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN OFF-SITE MEETING

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

**\*\*12 Noon\*\***

Alys Stephens Center

Instead of arriving in time for a 12:20 Call to Order, Birmingham Rotarians need to be present in time for a 12 Noon demonstration of an Earth Harp, a giant musical instrument. Upon arrival, please go to the outdoor Haskell Courtyard, near the lower circular drive. The brief 20-minute presentation will be presented in a performance-art / festival format, and as such, is not a seated performance. There will be some seating opportunities in the area (fixed benches, etc) and the ASC will provide some additional seating opportunities for the group, but space does not permit full seating for the performance. Following the performance, Rotarians will go to the Ingalls Grand Foyer for Lunch and an address by Theresa Bruno.

This work of art, called an Earth Harp has to be seen - and heard - to be believed. Earth Harps have been constructed in many unique locations across the United States including: The Seattle Space Needle, The Kennedy Center, Los Angeles Natural History Museum, and the World Financial Center in New York - to name a few.

