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TODAY: Mary Tillotson

January 4, 2018

Mary Tillotson grew up in Tuscaloosa and majored in journalism at the University of Alabama. She worked for WSB in Atlanta; as a reporter and anchor with WTTG-TV in Washington, D.C.; as a congressional reporter for Independent Television News Association; and as a news anchor for Mutual Radio Network. She was hired



by CNN in 1981, and from 1985-1988 and 1991-1993 was the CNN White House correspondent. From 1988-1991 she covered the U.S. Senate. She also covered the 1984 presidential campaign, including the Democratic National Convention; the 1988 Republican and Democratic National Conventions; the 1992 presidential campaign; and two international summits between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.



President Betsy Jarnigan (second from right) stopped by at the 2 pm shift change at the red kettle, which Exchange Club manned for Salvation Army again this year. 2018 volunteer Bellringers included John Hisey (left), Nan Glaus, Glen Smith, and Bev Leigh (right)

Club Helps Firefighters Aid Elder Woman

The Exchange Club recently donated \$1000 to the Tuscaloosa Christian Firefighters Fund, established with Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Firefighter donations to aid victims of house fires. Recently, some of the funds - and considerable labor by off-duty firefighters - have been used to rescue a house in the West Side that had deteriorated to the level of becoming nearly uninhabitable.

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Openings for Speakers

President-elect/Program Chair Orman Wilson seeks club members' recommendations for speakers on these dates: April 12, April 26, May [all dates], and June [all dates].

If anyone has a speaker suggestion, they can contact the speaker and then let me know. Or, they can send the contact information, and I'll reach out to the speaker. Thanks,

Orman R. Wilson, CPA, Tax Manager

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The Tuscaloosa Exchange Club and Foundation

February 10, 2018

COUNTDOWN

37 Days!

Countdown Sponsor this week
McAbee Construction

Cookoff Committee

Glen Smith, Chair, glenrho@comcast.net

Curtis Baggett	Nan Glaus	David H. Jones
Candice Burge	Bill Goodwin	Bev Leigh
Robert Cotton	Laura Gregory	Larry O'Neal
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Sontonia Stephens



Ron Abernathy	Jan 9
Gene (Poogie) Poole	Jan 9
Robert Cotton	Jan 10
Bill Pool	Jan 15
Mark Sullivan	Jan 27
Milton Collier	Jan 27
Barry Burns	Jan 30
Malcolm G. Smith	Jan 30

Sam Gambrell provides birthday list

Club Helps Firefighters (continued from page 1)

Living in the house is a single, elderly woman, who had asked Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue if it could put a tarp over a roof leak. The firefighters who took the call saw the urgent nature of this disquieting situation and immediately went to work to salvage it.

Tuscaloosa Fire Chief, AJ Martin, told me about this errand of benevolence by his Firefighters and asked if the Exchange Club could lend a hand. The Club approved the donation at its December board meeting, and it was delivered right before Christmas. Citizens of Tuscaloosa County are most fortunate and privileged to have such capable and dedicated firefighting professionals on call to protect us and our property - and, moreover, to engage in community service above and beyond the call of duty. And the Exchange Club is pleased, in general, to play a role in support of our Firefighters and, in particular, to contribute to this special mission of mercy. **-Glen Smith**

Putting Cookoff Funds to Work

In addition to the recent donation to the Tuscaloosa Christian Firefighters' benevolent fund, the Exchange Club also contributed \$1000 to Kentuck in October.

The money for the donations comes from earnings by the Club's annual Chili Cookoff. Other recent Cookoff-sourced expenditures to benefit the community have included: \$3,000 for the Police Athletic League (PAL Christmas gifts); \$2000 for bench at Veterans Memorial Park; \$1000 for FOCUS on Senior Citizens (transportation); \$4000 for Teddy Bears distributed to law enforcement and hospitals to give to traumatized children; \$500 for "Hope 4 My City" (backpacks); and \$800 for secret weekend backpack meals at PAL. In 2015, Cookoff funds were used to donate a total of \$45,000 to Easter Seals of West Alabama; Hospice of West Alabama; and the Miracle League of Tuscaloosa. Moreover, we plan to use accumulated Cookoff funds to make more large gifts in the next few years.

The 12th Annual Great Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at the Bryant Conference Center, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Club is accepting sponsorships and registering cook teams. For more Cookoff and Club information, see website: tuscaloosaexchangeclub.org. The benefits of sponsorship and participation, in terms of exposure, public relations, and relishing a philanthropic experience are significant, says **Glen Smith**, addin: "The Exchange Club is most appreciative of our loyal and generous sponsors and participating cook teams over the years, without whom our ability to serve the community would be severely limited."

Those interested - businesses, organizations, or individuals - in a sponsorship and/or entering a team in the competition can contact **Glen Smith** at 205-750-0719 or glenrho@comcast.net. Cookoff Registration forms and Sponsorship levels/benefits are linked on the Cookoff Info page of the website. Also ticket information and a list of committed sponsors for 2018 are disclosed.

Chili Chief **Glen Smith** sends this sponsor update: Mike Echols and Associates-- now **Echols, Taylor & Associates, PC**-- will be a Jalapeño (\$500) sponsor. Also, Larry & Margaret O'Neal will be a Chilihead (\$250) sponsor.

Here is the REVISED Sponsor list:

RING OF FIRE: Lamar Advertising; NUCOR

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RED HOT: Regions; McAbee Construction; Alabama Power; Spire; Rhoda Smith; Saluting America; Adams Beverages

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JALAPENOS: Award Company of America; Harrison Galleries; Raymond James/Brock Jones; Kyle Office Solutions; Pass Family, LLC; Firefighters Local 403; Buffalo Rock; Echols, Taylor & Associates

CHILIHEADS: Sydney Cook & Associates; Laura Gregory, PC, Attorney at Law; Northport Health Services; Cadence; Raymond James/Debbie Crownover; Remmert & Company, Inc; Hotel Capstone; BamaStuff; Larry & Margaret O'Neal; Bev & Nancy Leigh, Candace & Ray Leigh, and Lucile Leigh-Griender

SWEET PEPPERS: Alcove International Tavern; Loosa Brews