

**University of Alabama  
National Alumni Association  
East Tennessee Chapter**

**Minutes for Friday, January 15, 2016 Luncheon Meeting  
Cherokee Country Club**

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**Members met at 11:30 AM** and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM with 30 people attending. Ed Lester gave the invocation.

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**Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin**

- Marianne gave a brief financial report commenting that our checking account balance was \$5,326.

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**Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell**

- Bill reported that while we had no new members at the meeting, Clay Pruitt was attending his first meeting, while Greg Stroud and Adriana (AJ) Olson were attending their first meetings in quite some time. AJ came to one of our Watch Parties, while Clay has attended just about all of the Watch Parties.
- Ann Payne reported that Clair Shepherd is at Shannondale Health Care Center; she had some heart issues around Christmas and hopes to be returning home soon. Bob also mentioned that Bill Stallworth is in the hospital with the flu and pneumonia; Norene mentioned to Bill Campbell that her husband hopes to be well enough to return home in a day or two.

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**Vice President's Report: Brandon Clark**

- Brandon gave a report on the Watch Parties that were held at the Carolina Ale House this past year. The no RSVP policy seemed to work fine with the Ale House. Many people came to the Parties who had never been involved with our chapter, so it provided a good opportunity for adding new members. The Ale House agreed to donate 10% of our food sales to our scholarship fund. Brandon asked for feedback to help make the Parties even more successful. The plan is to return to the Ale House next year; however, Brandon still plans to look into other facilities which might provide an even better venue. We may even have some Parties this spring for some of the big upcoming basketball games or the A-Day game.

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**Sports Committee: David Chandler**

- David talked about our exciting victory over Clemson for the National Championship; we're already appearing on the cover of Sports Illustrated. 4 National Championships in the last 7 years is unprecedented. Saban and his staff are already working on the 2016 recruiting class.
- Our men's basketball team is 10 and 5 for the season with a victory over previously undefeated South Carolina. The women's basketball team is 12 and 3. The gymnastics team is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> after a defeat by UCLA.

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**President's Report: Bob Bland**

- Bob asked Charlie Schilleci to talk about attending the Championship game and his pregame experiences before the game. Clemson probably out-numbered BAMA fans by 3 to 1, so we all got tired of seeing orange and hearing the chants of all the vocal Tiger fans! Charlie talked with Tony Johnson on the flight back home; Tony was a member of our 1992 National Championship football team. He will be our guest speaker at the February 18 evening meeting. Charlie is also working on getting the men's golf coach Jay Seawell to speak at a future meeting.
- Leslie Grossman talked about her son's participation as a freshman in the Honors Program at the University as well as some of the upcoming A-Club fund raising events which includes a golf outing this May in Nashville.
- Bob mentioned that there will be an Executive Committee meeting next week to begin discussions about the annual meeting in May and upcoming fund raising events, the major one of which is our Riverboat event. Chris Lambert and his team will be working to identify other fund raising. There will be an auction at this year's annual meeting and Bob asked members to remember that they can donate items or money to the auction.
- The University will be sending the East TN Scholarship information to Jim Mungenast and our Scholarship Committee after they complete their selection the UA scholarship recipients for 2016.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

**The next meeting's date is February 18 at 6:30 PM at the Cherokee Country Club.**