

NIGHT IN ITALY
VOLUNTEERS
3:30 – 6:30

Allen Anderson
Aime Spears
Brian Moore
Mike Ratliff
Tom Montgomery
Dan Kibodeaux
A.D. Hunt
Susan Light (?)
Lucy Parkman
Terry Miller
David Owens
Greg Buie
Kristy Gould
Heath Hillman

Jerome Brown
Conrad Welker
Richard Jones
Lamar Evans
James Duncan
Robert Cummings
Susan Steen
Jeff Bowman (4 pm)
Annie Wimbish
Jonathan Shemper (4pm)
Steve Ramp
Carolyn Jones
Jacklyn Adams
Adrea Hood
Bill Pace
Bill MacLauchlan

NIGHT IN ITALY
VOLUNTEERS
5:30 – 8:30

Freddy Walter
Wes Brooks
Richard Topp
Conrad Welker
Mickey Allen
Lamar Evans
Bill McLeod
Annie Wimbish
Jared Easklack
Janice Touchstone
Sean Priebe
Jeff Bowman
Wally Weakley

Jonathan Shemper
Betsy Rowell
Vicki Shaw
Hayden Mitchell
Robert Cornett
Jerry Gilder
Erik Graham
Tom Potter
Patrick Ward
David Owens
Terry Miller
Greg Buie
Heath Hillman



“A NIGHT IN ITALY”

Tuesday, April 20th
4:30 - 7:30 PM
Southern Oaks House and Gardens
Tickets \$10

Menu

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, & Iced Tea
Dine In or Carry Out
Proceeds Benefit The Children’s Center for
Communication and Development
and
Other Rotary Projects
See Terry Miller or Heath Hill for additional
tickets



Royal Blue Polo with
Embroidery Logo

Order will be placed when we have a
minimum order of 24 shirts.

Hattiesburg Rotary Shirt for all occasions
Sm - XL \$16 or \$17 for XXL, XXXL
email or call you order to Aime Spears
Pay when shirts are ready.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS
LITERACY PROGRAM

We are looking for reading volunteers every week
on Tuesday or Friday mornings.



The Gandy Child Development
Center
2201 South 28th Avenue
Extension
601-268-0808

See Erik Graham if you have
questions.

Sign-up sheet located at sign-in table.
Takes 30 minutes or less
to read a book or two.

The kids really enjoy being read to! Don’t miss out.
This program supports our campaign for Literacy.

DATE	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Friday, 3/19 9:30am	Audra Cummings. Mary Cromartie	
Tuesday, 3/23 9:30am		
Friday, 3/26 9:30am	Aime Spears	
Tuesday 3/30 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	
Friday, 4/2 9:30am	Patrick Ward, Jerome Brown	
Tuesday, 4/6 9:30am	Chris Streckbeck Andrea Hood	
Friday, 4/9 9:30am	Brian Moore Annie Wimbish	Jaclyn Adams
Tuesday, 4/13 9:30am	Steve Ramp John Weeks	
Friday, 4/16 9:30am	Sean Priebe Robert Cummings	
Tuesday, 4/20 9:30am	David Gustafson Lucy Parkman	

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April 13, 2010

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ROTARY YEAR
2009-2010

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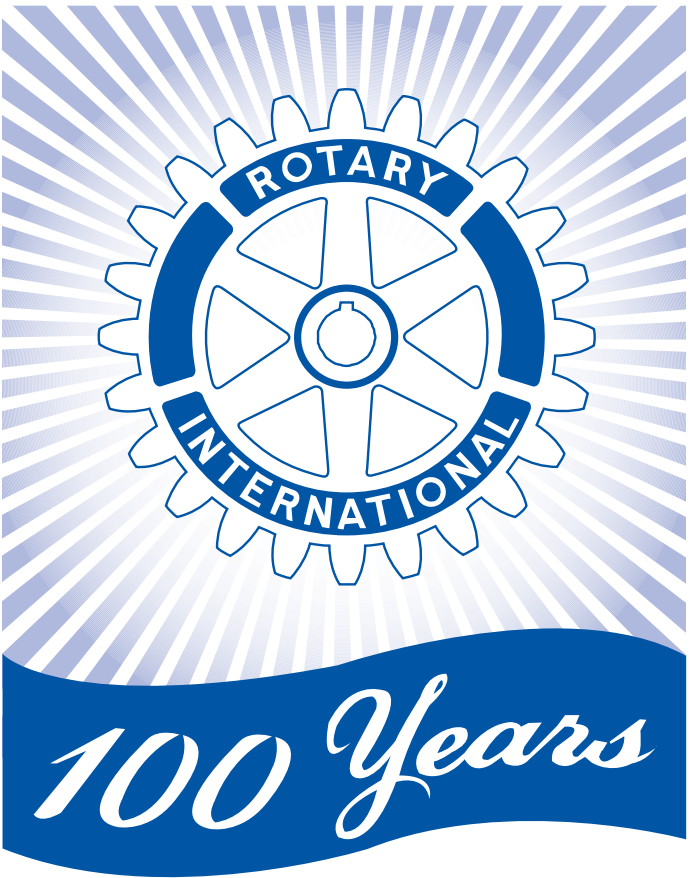
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 4/6/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Thank you to Freddy Walters, who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced today's visitors and guests. Aaron Ladner was a guest of Jeri Buti. Lance Nail brought a USM student, Jessica Browder.

Thanks to Mickey Allen and James Duncan, who served as our guest greeters.

Mary announced that the next Kollege of Knowledge program is scheduled for May 25th at 10:30am. All Red Badge members must attend in order to move onto the level of Blue Badge.

Heath Hillman announced that the annual Night-In-Italy, set for April 20th, still needs workers. This is a major fundraising event that needs plenty of help in order to run smoothly. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet as soon as possible. Working at this function will count as a meeting. Red Badge members are especially encouraged to participate!

Due to the misprint of Night-In-Italy tickets (each ticket should only cost \$10), new green tickets were printed. We have plenty available for those who need additional ones. Each member should sell 15 tickets at \$10 each.

Bill McLeod did not have any new information to report on Membership, other than a new member will be inducted on April 27th. Her name is Christina Ghents.

Maura McLaughlin is now selling District Conference raffle tickets. Each member is asked to make a \$10 purchase. Proceeds from the raffle go to benefit the Rotary Foundation as a District gift. Also, Maura circulated sign-in sheets for members who are willing to commit to either a Paul Harris Fellowship or a Sustaining Member contribution to the Foundation. Every club member is encouraged to participate this year.

Aime Spears shared the exciting news! Homes of Hope for Children won the \$250k Pepsi Challenge! Aime thanked all those who participated, spread the word, and voted. Homes of Hope is very grateful, and they would like to support our Rotary Club in our new Pepsi Challenge. We have applied for a \$25k grant to be awarded to our "Reading Between the Lions" program. This money will help spread literacy to 16 different schools in our district with new kits and hundreds of books. Voting will begin May 1st.

Aime then announced the start-up of the 50/50 Polio-Plus Campaign. This is a three-year-long challenge. Our Club has committed to raise \$33 per member to meet the matching grant. Numbered tickets will be sold each week at the meetings at \$5 per ticket. The winner must be present at the meeting when the number is called. The money will be split 50/50 with the Gates Foundation to help end Polio. Today's winner was Todd Bradley, with \$344 being raised for the Foundation!

Wally Weakley shared the great success of the GSE (Group Study Exchange) program. After the students were picked up and had a chance to get to know their wonderful host families, they were shown many of the areas of Hattiesburg.

John McDaniel proudly announced all the winners of the two different scholarship awards:

The two winners of the "RYLA scholarship" are Sylvia Reah-Anna Donald, a junior at Hattiesburg High School, and William B. Stevens, II, a junior at Presbyterian Christian School.

The three winners of the "Grover B. Anderson scholarship" are all the descendants of Rotary Club members. Chelsea Regina Cruce is the granddaughter of Tom Porter, Helen Delaney Gore is the daughter of Maura McLaughlin, and Lauren Carley Morgan is the daughter of Susan Morgan. John expressed congratulations to all of these very deserving students.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Tom Potter introduced today's speaker, Dr. Ernest King. Dr. King, a native of Mobile, AL and Tampa, FL, has been a professor at USM for over 20 years. He is the Professor of Business Ethics for USM's College of Business and also a Professor in the Dept. of Finance, Real Estate, and Business Law.

Using HealthSouth and its founding CFO, Aaron Beam, as an example for his presentation, Dr. King discussed how any organization or corporation can spiral downward and out of control if the right business ethics are not applied. In the quintessential American success story, someone identifies a niche, forms a company to exploit it, becomes hot on Wall Street, and makes millions of dollars. However, the corporation was making the same mistakes many others do...creatively "fixing the numbers" and committing corporate fraud.

A friend of his, Marianne Jennings, wrote a book called "Seven Signs of Ethical Collapse". Ernest highlighted each of these seven signs, which included: 1. The pressure to maintain the numbers, 2. Fear in Silence, 3. Young'uns and a Bigger-than-life CEO, 4. A weak Board of Directors, 5. Conflicts of interest, 6. Innovation like "no other company", 7. Goodness in some areas atones for evil in others.

Many great companies with great people and great intentions cross that ethical line and they shouldn't have to. Many companies become misguided when they tell themselves things like, "we're all in this together" and "it's no big deal", and "we're going to make a lot of money". It is important to realize that no matter how big or small the company is, as long as you are giving yourself an "ethical audit", you can stay on the right track. You need to decide where you are and where you want to be. You need to know who would get hurt if you crossed that line. Pay attention to the warning signs and prevent meltdowns. Ernest then answered several questions from a few Club members.

Mary thanked Ernest for his presentation and adjourned the meeting with our motto: "Service above self"

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Lieutenant John Harless has been employed by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics for 12 years. He also served as a Lamar County Sheriff's Deputy for two years. During his time at MBN, Lieutenant Harless has been assigned to the Tupelo, McComb, and Hattiesburg Districts as well as Special Operations Division. Lieutenant Harless has also been assigned to both Drug Enforcement Administration and the Department of Homeland Security as a task for officer. Lieutenant Harless is certified as an expert witness in all areas of drug enforcement in several state judicial districts. Lieutenant Harless is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and is a guest lecturer in the criminal justice, forensics, and psychology departments.

Lieutenant Harless is married and has one daughter. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading and working out.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Christina Lou Ghents has been proposed for membership by Johnny Stevens. She is the Center Director for United Blood Services in Hattiesburg. Please see any board member if you have questions regarding Christiana's application.

We presently have 120 Members. Our Membership Goal for the 2009-10 FY is 123. Please continue to invite others to visit. Don't forget that our membership challenge is still in place!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 13	Lieutenant John Harless
April 15-17	District Conference
April 16	Lunch Meeting for the Golf Committee
April 19	Monthly Board Meeting
April 20	Night In Italy at Southern Oaks - No lunch meeting
April 27	John Cox, Director of Sports Broadcasting, USM



Planning Meeting for the Annual Golf Tournament

Those who have agreed to or would like to help with the golf tournament on Saturday, July 31st, please meet with me for lunch at Timberton clubhouse Friday, April 16th, at 11:45 AM.



This will be the planning meeting to get the ball rolling and ensure a successful tournament.

Please RSVP to erikgraham@comcast.net so I can get a head count for lunch (my treat).

Erik Graham

POLIO PLUS 50/50

50/50 Raffle for Polio Plus Challenge

Our club has committed to raise \$33 per member to meet the Gates Foundation Matching Grant Challenge.
Deadline June 30th.

Each week we will have numbered tickets for sale and then at the end of the meeting draw one winner who will relieve half of the proceeds from that day's ticket sales.

One ticket is \$5 or for every 5 you buy get one extra ticket.
\$20 = 5 tickets

\$100 = 25 tickets

Donations qualify toward Paul Harris Fellow Don't want to play? Write a check for \$33-note Polio Plus

