

## ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 7 TH - 9 TH

### NEW MEMBER SET THE BAR HIGH

Patrick has been a member less than a year. He led the house build, coordinating with R3SM and recruiting subcontractors to donate or discount their labor and materials and provided outstanding leadership. If it hadn't been for Patrick Ward, there would be no house on Katie Ave. We owe him a huge debt of thanks. You've got the right stuff. You showed us what service above self looks like. Thank you, Patrick Ward. The Membership Committee

**BEAR, A BOOK, AND A BAG LITERACY PROJECT** is progressing so we will soon need readers to participate in delivering books and reading to children. Please see Perrin Lowery to sign up to read to the children who will benefit from this program.

### R3SM UPDATE FROM PATRICK WARD

The house is finished. There will be a dedication ceremony (date to be announced). The R3SM House is located at 701 Katie, Hattiesburg.

### PENNIES FOR POLIO

We are doing well with our donations for this project. Our goal of \$33 per member is still a long way away. If anyone would like to take a bottle to their place of business for a week or two and give others the opportunity to contribute please feel free to notify Susan Morgan or Aime Spears. So far, AD Hunt is the only member to take advantage of this opportunity.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE** is May 7-8th. Don't miss the fun, even if you can only attend one of the days. For a complete list of all the events and registrations visit the district web site at [rotary6840.org](http://rotary6840.org).

See Erin Granberry to volunteer to participate in our club's skit. Our theme is Court TV.

### NIGHT IN ITALY

Members who have electronic billboards at their place of business please run an ad for "A Night In Italy 4/21/09 at Southern Oaks, tickets \$10."

If you haven't sold or paid for your tickets, please do so as soon as possible. Also, we need as many volunteers as possible to assist with the Night In Italy Fundraiser, particularly any new/redshirt Rotary members. Sign up sheets are available.

### "A Night In Italy"

#### Dinner Fund Raiser

Tuesday, April 21st 4:30-7:30pm

SOUTHERN OAKS HOUSE & GARDENS

Menu: Spaghetti, Mixed Green Salad w/ Italian Dressing  
Garlic Bread, Dessert and Iced Tea

All Proceeds Benefit  
Children's Center for Communication and Development

Tickets \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting  
Gene Owens at (601) 544-3444 or Richard Jones at (601) 583-3810

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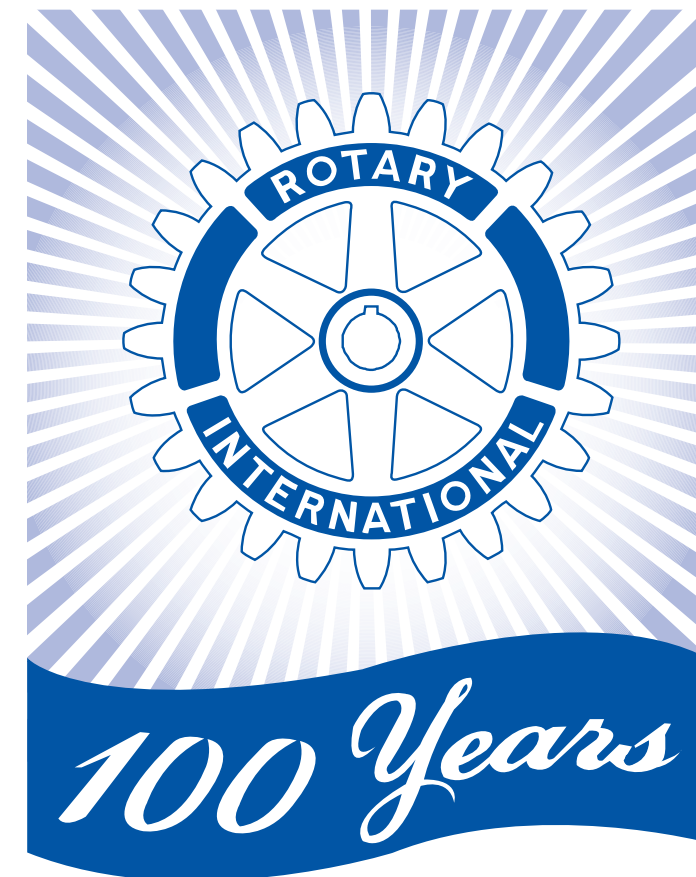
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

## "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

## MINUTES FROM 4/7/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting.

Larry LeBlanc gave the invocation. Maura McLaughlin led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Topp then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Gene Owens sat in for Heath Hillman and introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Pierce and Jesse Stevens attended from the Petal Club Jack Gay also attended from the Petal Club. Tom Light attended from the Sunrise Club. Jack Kyle was a guest of Freddy Walter.

Wallace Weakley reminded Club members of the District's goal of \$200,000 in Rotary Foundation contributions this year. As of today only \$48,000 has been contributed. He noted that this year's collections will have a direct impact on the amount of funding received for Foundation projects for the next two to three years. He encouraged members who have not yet made their commitment to do so.

Richard reported that the R3SM project is now complete. He thanked Patrick Ward for taking on the majority of the work associated with this project and the other Rotarians who helped. He noted that a dedication ceremony will take place within the next few weeks. All Club members are encouraged to attend the ceremony.

Club members were reminded that they have only two weeks left to sell their tickets for the Night in Italy event. Allen Anderson will make a television appearance in the 6:00 am hour on WDAM on April 13th promoting the event. Businesses are encouraged to promote the event on their outdoor marquees on the day of the event.

Mary Cromartie gave a brief report on this past weekend's District Assembly. She reported the event as very informative. An example of one of the things discussed is the Rotary Foundation grants of up to \$2,000 that are made available to Club projects. She encouraged other Club members to become involved in future District Assemblies.

Jack Kyle, the Area Development Partnership's Cultural and Quality of Life Director, invited members to see the Charles Parks exhibit underway at William Carey University. To learn more about this artist, visit [www.charlesparks.com](http://www.charlesparks.com). He also provided information about The Power of a Beautiful Place event scheduled for the Lake Terrace Convention Center May 4 - 5. You can contact the Lake Terrace Convention Center for details.

Topp also reported that two candidates have been selected for the RYLA program. Applications and registrations will follow.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Kris King then introduced today's guest speaker Dr. Michael Murphy, D.O. and Dean of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Murphy introduced Dr. Darrell Lovins who gave Club members an overview of what it means to be a Doctor in Osteopathic.

This practice takes the "whole person" approach to medical services. D.O.'s are fully licensed physicians in all 50 states and focuses on the musculoskeletal system. The practice also focuses on the preventative health care approach rather than the treatment of health care issues. Dr. Lovins reports that Osteopathic medicine is the fastest growing segment of health care in the United States. The forecast is that more than 100,000 D.O.'s will be practicing in the U.S. by the year 2020. He also reports that the United States will have 20,000 fewer physicians than needed to serve the population by 2015.

Dr. Murphy then brought members up to date on the development of the College of Osteopathic Medicine that is being developed at William Carey. It is anticipated that the program will receive accreditation from the AOA Council of Osteopathic Association within the next three weeks. The program has raised about 50% of the initial 20-million dollars needed to build and staff phase one of the program. The expected start-up date for the College is still next year. The goal is to begin the four year program with 100 students.

The College anticipates that the majority of the students for the program will come from Mississippi. Others will come from Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas. The goal is to encourage graduates to practice within the same region. The goal is to recruit 90 to 126 students from Mississippi. The College anticipates having as many as 1,000 applicants for the program which will cost approximately \$38,000 per year.

Some of the benefits that will come to the community as a result of the College include an economic impact of approximately 7.5 million dollars annually, creating forty new jobs and bringing 450 new households into the area.

Teaching is the College's first priority with primary care being the program's emphasis. The program's goal is to create compassionate, competent and confident graduates who will practice medicine in this region.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dr. Doug Rouse is a sports medicine orthopaedic surgeon. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi where he played football. He received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi.

He completed a one-year fellowship in arthroscopy and sports medicine at the Toronto Western Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.

When he and Dr. Richard Conn started Southern Bone and Joint Specialists almost 25 years ago, they had a handful of employees. They have grown to 15 physicians with 150 employees with four locations. Two more physicians will join SBJ in the next two years. Dr. Rouse has served on various committees and boards in the community. He is currently serving a 10-year-term on the College Board.

He and his wife Pam have three children and recently became grandparents.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues 4/14** Dr. Doug Rouse, College Board  
**Tues 4/21** Night In Italy - 4:30-7:30 @ Southern Oaks  
**Tues 4/27** Delbert Hoseman, MS Secretary of State  
**May 7-9** District Conference - Bay St. Louis  
**June 21-24** International Convention  
Birmingham, England



## Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bay Springs - 12:00	Columbia - 12:00	Clinton - 12:00	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00
City Hall	The Backdoor Restaurant	Baptist Health Plex	Steam Room Grill 155 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorville - 12:00
Collins - 12:00	Laurel - 12:00	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00	MS Power Co. Building
Cedars Restaurant	Laurel Country Club	Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Wiggins - 12:00
Ellisville - 12:00	North Jackson - 12:00	Heidelberg - 12:00	Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
J.C.J.C. Cafeteria	St. James	Library	
Jackson - 12:00	Episcopal Church	Poplarville - 12:00	<i>Friday</i>
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Rankin County - 12:00
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			