

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 25	Dr. Kim Goodwin, Asst. Prof. of Real Estate University of Southern Mississippi
April 28	11:30 - Tentative Board Meeting at The Children's Center at USM
May 3	Keith Mitchell, MegaGate Broadband
May 16-27	Rotary International Convention Hospitality Tours and Events
June 4th	Rotary Golf Tournament at Timberton

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel, is coordinating a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. The prizes last week were 3 Daylilies donated by Freddy Walters. To donate items call Scott 601-318-6497 or 601-466-61.56 (cell). Thanks to all for the continued participation!

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Tuesday or Friday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes. The Gaudy Child Development Center is located at:



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808

Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
dan@Unitedwaysems.org
call 601-545-7141

April Reading Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 4/1 9:30am	Audra Cummings	David Johnson
Tuesday, 4/5 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 4/8 9:30am	Anthony Harris David Johnson	Audra Cummings Wes Brooks
Tuesday, 4/12 9:30am	Mike Ratliff Conrad Welker	Lucy Parkman
Friday, 4/15 9:30am	NO READING THIS DAY	NO READING THIS DAY
Tuesday, 4/19 9:30am	Gene Owens Chris Price	Chris Strebeck Robert Cummings
Friday, 4/22 9:30am	NO READING THIS DAY	NO READING THIS DAY
Tuesday, 4/26 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	Aaron Ladner
Friday, 4/29 9:30am	Dr. Scott Hummel	Wes Brooks

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEW ORLEANS, MAY 21-25, 2011

**ONE DAY PASS FOR HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ON
SATURDAY MAY 21 ONLY \$40**
STILL AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER UNTIL 5/21
FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS \$380



Volunteer to Help: If you go down Saturday, you can sign up to volunteer to help at the House of Friendship with all our other district members, 2-4 Hour shifts.

We are also looking for volunteers to help bake brownies for the Death by Chocolate Dessert out District will serve Saturday night at Fun, Food and Fellowship at the Aquarium. Members are asked to prepare basic brownie recipes that will be used for the dessert. Please contact Suzi or Aime if you can assist. We are in need of 4 more volunteers for brownie making.

Contact Suzy Steen if you have any questions.
601.266.4344 - s.l.steen@usm.edu

**A message from Subhash Kulkarni,
Chairman, Host Organization Committee
2011 RI Convention New Orleans:**

"Now I can boast that our club participation for the Convention Assessment Fee for 2010-11 has reached ONE HUNDRED PERCENT. My heartfelt thanks to all club presidents, Boards of Directors, ADG's, and members of each club. Special thanks to DG Dick. The projected attendance now has surpassed any expectations. We are going to have a fantastic convention thanks to all of you."

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL ~ AGAIN!!!

ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITTING ARC

Mark your calendar June 4th for the
annual Rotary Golf Tournament Timberton Golf Course

Sponsored by Forrest General Hospital
For questions and to participate, contact Erik Graham
Program Chair



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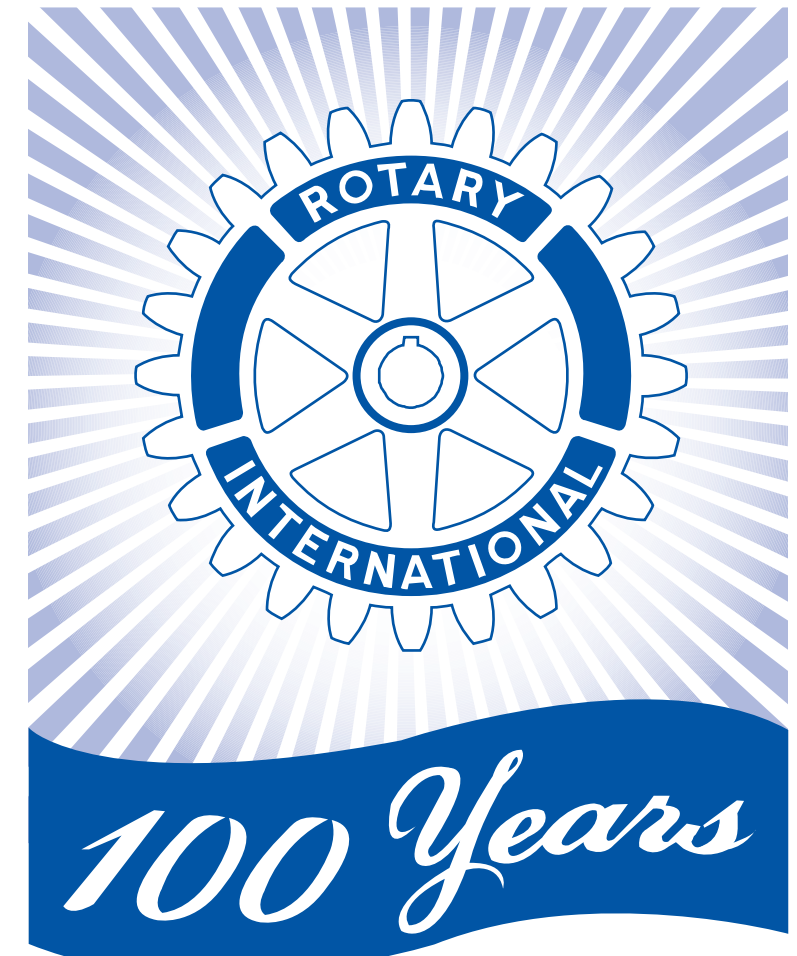
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TODAY'S PROGRAM

BIO OF KIMBERLY GODWIN

Kimberly Goodwin is an Assistant Professor of Finance at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Goodwin holds a B.S. in Geophysics from the University of Delaware, a M.B.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi, a M.S. in Finance from the George Washington University, and a Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Alabama. Her research interests are in the areas of real estate markets and real estate investment trusts, and she has published in top real estate journals. Dr. Goodwin is an active member of the Financial Management Association, the American Real Estate Society, and the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association.

LAST WEEK'S NIGHT IN ITALY FUND RAISER

Night In Italy was a huge success again this year!

Conrad Welker gave us a count for people served:

Dining room :	187
Take-out:	1047
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Total:	1234 Served



Greg Buie, our program chair, did a fantastic job coordinating this year's event.

Other groups that helped facilitate this event, include Frank and Jane Cade, Lisa Cade Gunter, Jimmy Cade with Southern Oaks, Brown Bottling for the bottled water/tea, The Children's Center for all of their volunteers and for selling tickets, Larry and Paulette LeBlanc with Southland Florist, WHLT for the public service announcement, WDAM (Midday Show), Tracie Fowler with The Hattiesburg American for the ads, the piano player, and there were many others, including our own Rotary volunteers.

All those who came out to eat and take out dinners were appreciated, as well! Looking forward to a report of the proceeds and the presentation of the check to the Children's Center in the next few weeks.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ron Edwards has been proposed for membership by Erik Graham. If you would like more information about Ron you can see Robert Cummings or Erik Graham. Ron will be inducted this week or next week.

PLANS FOR APRIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Children's Center at USM has offered to host our next board meeting on Thursday April 28th at 11:30. Please let Bill know if you can attend or not. We need RSVP's from all board members.

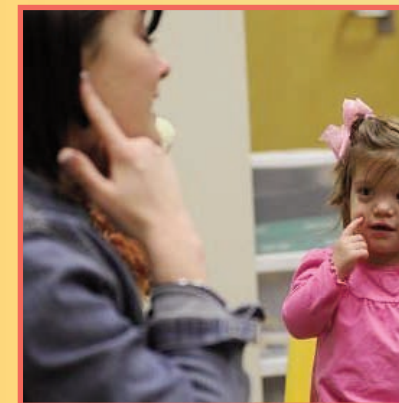
NIGHT IN ITALY

APRIL 19TH AT SOUTHERN OAKS HOUSE AND GARDENS

BENEFITING THE CHILDREN'S CENTER AT USM



For the 7th year, The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg presents "A Night in Italy" benefitting The Children's Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi. Since 1973, The Children's Center has provided services throughout Mississippi for infants, toddlers and preschoolers with communicative and developmental disabilities. Currently over 90 children receive early intervention through a team of pediatric specialists in speech-language pathology, special education, physical and occupational therapy, behavior therapy and audiology. In addition, university students gain hands-on clinical training for their practicum teaching experiences at Southern Miss.



Director Margaret Brinegar, "The staff, children and families at The Children's Center are very appreciative of the support given by the Rotary Club through this wonderful annual event. Being the recipient of proceeds from "A Night in Italy" is especially meaningful during this time of significant state budget cuts. These funds will help to continue the operation of the Center so that services to our young students with disabilities will not be disrupted. We look forward to sharing this special event with our Rotary friends and the community."