

"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

Rotary is Rockin' & Rollin'

2010 District Conference is April 15-17 at the Hollywood Casino in Bay St. Louis. Contact Erin Granberry if you are interested in signing up for the Talent Show on Friday! Assist Lucy Parkman with the Food Fest on Friday, April 16th, in the evening. All members are encouraged to attend and to participate in the Talent Show, Food Fest and to learn more about Rotary in the District Conference meetings. Please see Bill McLeod if you if you have any questions.



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		
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	
Tuesday, 4/13 9:30am	Steve Ramp John Weeks	
Friday, 4/16 9:30am	Sean Priebe	
Tuesday, 4/20 9:30am	David Gustafson Lucy Parkman	

Spokes

March 30, 2010
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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

ROTARY YEAR
2009-2010

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Term Expiring – June 30, 2010

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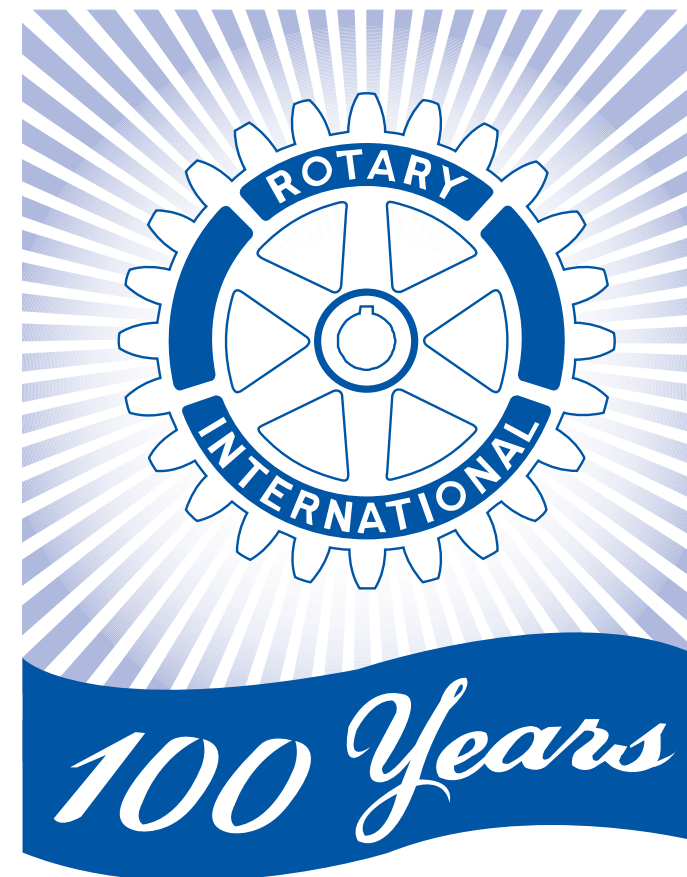
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

MINUTES FROM 3/30/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Steve Ramp pulled double duty today by giving the invocation and leading 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. Milton Wheeler was a visiting Rotarian from the Petal Club. Tracey Fowler was a guest of Kristina Gould. Dr. Liu and Dr. Wang, visiting professors from China were visitors of Scott Hummel.

Thanks to Todd Bradley and Hayden Mitchell, who served as our greeters.

Aime Spears encouraged members to take advantage of this one last day to vote for "Homes of Hope for Children", in the Pepsi-Cola charity event. She also reminded members that they should sign up today if they wished to purchase a Rotary t-shirt or a Polo shirt prior to the Night in Italy event.

Mary announced a mid-print on the Night-in-Italy tickets. Tickets are to be sold for \$10 each rather than \$15 each. Additional tickets are available for those who need them.

Mary announced that the Water Project this past week-end generated almost \$1,200. Greg Buie was thanked for his efforts to secure the donation of water and ice from Brown Bottling. The volunteers who assisted were thanked for their efforts as well.

Bill McLeod announced that the Club has 120 members as of last evening's board meeting. He encouraged anyone considering the sponsorship of a new member before the end of the fiscal year to act promptly. The applications must be reviewed by the membership committee, approved by the board, displayed in the SPOKES for two weeks and an installation ceremony must be scheduled. The deadline to reach our goal of 123 members is June 30.

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

Maura McLaughlan asked members to please bring purchase their 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.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Maura then introduced today's speaker, John McDaniel. John gave members a brief history of the Rotary Foundation and encouraged members to consider a Foundation gift. According to John, the Foundation is the heart and soul of Rotary.

The Foundation began in 1917 by the then Rotary International president. He proposed an endowment that would be created to do good in the world. By 1928 the Foundation had raised \$5,000 and in 1930 it made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. This organization eventually evolved into the Easter Seal Society.

In 1947 with the death of Paul Harris, the Paul Harris Fellowship program began. In 1965 and 1966 additional Foundation programs evolved. Since the very modest beginnings, the Foundation has generated more than one-billion dollars. More than \$70 was raised in 2003-2004. Today there are more than one-million Paul Harris Fellows.

All of these efforts and these contributions support Rotary's mission of improving international understanding and peace. Please consider making your contribution this year and join the other Rotarians who support the organization's heart and soul.

PEPSI CHALLENGE UPDATE



Homes of Hope is a Winner! Thanks to all the voters and businesses in the community who supported this effort to win for our kids and our community!

Hattiesburg Rotary has applied for a \$25K grant to fund 16 schools in our district with "Reading Between the Lions"

Be ready to vote in May!



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Dr. Ernest King
University of Southern Mississippi**

Dr. Ernest King is the Professor of Business Ethics for the College of Business at the University of Southern Mississippi and a Professor in the Department of Finance, Real Estate, and Business Law.

Dr. King has been a professor at Southern Miss for over 20 years. In addition to several books, Ernie has published in many journals, including the American Business Law Journal, Journal of Business Ethics, Real Estate Law Journal, Journal of Real Estate Research, and the Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics.

POLIO PLUS 50/50

50/50 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 days 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



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 6	Dr. Ernest King, Professor of Business Ethics, USM
April 13	TBA
April 15-17	District Conference
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



Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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	Tailorsville - 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	
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Friday
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin County - 12:00
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Slidell, LA - 12:00
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	Pinewood Country Club
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			