

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 7TH-9TH

**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.

**RYLA** participant still needed(preferably a male student) that we will sponsor to this wonderful leadership conference to be held July 19-23 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Loranger, Louisiana. Student must be an upcoming senior in high school. Applications available on at the district web site. [www.rotary6840.com](http://www.rotary6840.com)

**R3SM UPDATE FROM PATRICK WARD**

There will not be another work day scheduled at the house. There will be a dedicaion ceremony (date to be announced). The R3SM House is located at 701 Katie, Hattiesburg. Directions: Located behind the Hattiesburg Police Station. Edwards Street ends at Police Station and Katie begins.

**NIGHT IN ITALY**

We need everyone to sign up to help with The Night in Italy. Volunteers are able to work 2 hours shifts from 4:30-8:30. Tickets have been mailed out to everyone, if you have not received your tickets please see Lamar. Southern Oaks will cook but we need everyone to help set up, serve and clean up.

**PLACEMAT ADS FOR NIGHT IN ITALY**

Tom Potter and Terry Miller are creating placemats with advertisements for sponsoring businesses. Cost for a business card size ad is \$50. Deadline for ads is April 7th. Contact Tom Potter [tpotter@trustmark.com](mailto:tpotter@trustmark.com) 601-583-5309 or Terry Miller [terrygmiller@yahoo.co](mailto:terrygmiller@yahoo.co) 601-606-0967 to get your ad now.

**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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 4/07	Dr. Michael Murphy, Wiliam Carey University
Tues 4/14	Dr. Doug Rouse, College Board
Tues 4/14	Deadline for Night in Italy placemat ads
Tues 4/21	Night In Italy - 4:30-7:30 @ Southern Oaks
May 7-9	District Conference - Bay St. Louis
June 21-24	International Convention Birmingham, England



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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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## “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 3/24/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. He opened with a silent memorial for Wilbur Bullock, a Rotarian Club member who passed away this weekend. Mike Ratliff reflected on Wilbur's happy demeanor and noted that if anyone in the room has a piano, it was probably tuned by Wilbur. He will be missed.

Dan Kibodeaux gave the invocation. Mary Cromartie 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 guests.

Janice Touchstone was a guest of Jaclyn Adams.

Peter Smeele was a guest of Bill Wicht.

Wade Wicht was a guest of Rob Jackson.

Richard noted the many projects that the Hattiesburg Rotary Club is involved in that are listed on the back of this week's SPOKES newsletter. He encouraged Aime Spears, editor, to submit this issue to the District for this year's newsletter award. He thanked Aime for her hard work on the newsletter this year.

Volunteers are still needed for the April 21 Night in Italy event. Sign up sheets are available and Bill McLaughlin is encouraging everyone to get involved. Richard requested that members who have not yet sold their tickets to the event consider getting them sold within the next few days. A planning committee meeting for the event will be held next Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. It was noted that the Club will not have a noon meeting the day of the Night in Italy event.

Tom Potter reminded members of the opportunity to purchase advertisements on the place mats to be used during the event. Any business or member interested should contact Tom. Terry Miller noted that ads must be confirmed and submitted by April 7.

Richard Topp continued to ask members to consider accepting his \$100 challenge for the Boys and Girls Club Steak to Steak event. Two members have agreed to participate thus far. In order for the Club to have a table at the event, eight others are needed. The deadline is next Tuesday.

Dan Kibodeaux thanked Club members who participated in the Water Project held this weekend dur-

ing Hub Fest. He reported that the event generated \$565.03. He thanked Greg Buie and Brown Bottling for contributing the water and ice for the project. The funds will go to the District's Rotary International clean water project fund.

Members are encouraged to sign up for the District Conference coming up May 7 - 9 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Gene Owens then introduced today's speaker, Wynona Winfield, Hospital Director for the South Mississippi State Hospital in Purvis.

Ms. Winfield brought members information on the, almost ten-year old facility. She reported that she continues to hear from people who are not aware that the hospital exists.

The South Mississippi State Hospital is a 50 bed facility that is charged by the State Legislature to providing high quality acute psychiatric care for south Mississippi residents. The hospital plans on a 14 to 21 day stay at the facility before then being integrated back into the care of their friends, family and/or medical providers of their community. Currently the average stay for a patient is 30 days. In the past, all patients at the facility came by virtue of a Chancery Court ruling. Just recently the facility has been able to offer voluntary admissions. SMSH is state licensed and JCAHO certified. In addition to the continuum of care focus, the facility also offers education and support programs for patient families.

South Mississippi State Hospital is a twin of another facility in Tupelo and is one of four state psychiatric hospitals in the state. South Mississippi State Hospital also operates the Crisis Intervention Center in Laurel. That facility is a 16 bed facility that was first opened in 2004. It is designed to serve patients who need immediate, emergency, psychiatric care. A staff of 37 operates the facility.

Because of the strong support for locating South Mississippi State Hospital in this area, the Patient Services Building is named after State Senator Jim Bean.

Club members are encouraged to consider becoming a Friend of South Mississippi State Hospital. The Friends act as a support group or booster club for both the staff and the patients. Calling cards, Christmas gifts, clothes and other items are provided to patients by the Friends. They also contributed to employee retention and appreciation activities.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



Dean: Michael K Murphy, D.O., FACOFP, dist., FAODME

Michael K. Murphy, D.O., FACOFP, dist., FAODME is a 1973 graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He received his Bachelors of Science from King's College in Wilkes-Barre in 1969.

Dr. Murphy was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1970 and did his internship and residency in Family Practice at Navy Hospital Camp Pendleton, CA. During his over twenty-nine years of service in the Navy he was stationed all over the United States and the world and served as the Commanding Officer of a Navy Hospital. Retiring as a Captain in the United States Navy Medical Corps in 1998, he took the position of Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Des Moines University.

In 2000 he was recruited to the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine as Professor in Family Medicine, Associate Dean for Post graduate Studies and Executive Director for the Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute Consortium. July 1, 2003, he was appointed as Associate Dean for Postgraduate Training and Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences in 2006 at PCSOM.

Dr. Murphy was appointed the Vice President and founding Dean for at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in January of 2008. The American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians granted Dr. Murphy his Fellowship in 2000 and his distinguished Fellowship in 2007. The Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators (AODME) awarded Dr Murphy his Fellowship in May of 2007. Currently, Dr. Murphy serves the osteopathic profession as Trustee of the American Osteopathic Association. He also serves as a Trustee of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) and the AODME.

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 I55 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorsville - 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			