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Hattiesburg, MS

Joe Graves Spell, 80, died on August 5, 2011 at his home in Hattiesburg. He was a faithful husband, father, and grandfather who lived a life of integrity governed by his simple faith: to love God and to love his neighbors. Born in Covington County, MS, Mr. Spell attended Salem High School and Jones County Junior College. He served in U.S. Army Intelligence during the Korean War. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics from Mississippi State University. Mr. Spell married Anna Ruth Wood on June 21, 1958. They first lived in Laurel, where Mr. Spell began work for the Federal Land Bank. The family moved to Hattiesburg in 1968 when Mr. Spell became president of the bank's Hattiesburg office. After he retired from the bank in 1987, he worked as a consultant and land appraiser.

Mr. Spell was an active member and former president of the Hattiesburg Rotary Club and of Toastmasters. He was sought after as a speaker due to his keen humor and his deep reservoir of anecdotes and down-home wisdom. His love of Jesus Christ was evident to all who knew him. Mr. Spell worked in the nursery of the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, calming restless babies for almost three decades. For the past several years, he and Mrs. Spell had been faithful members of Bay Street Presbyterian Church. After family and church, Mr. Spell's avocation was restoring antique tractors and engines.

Mr. Spell was preceded in death by his parents, Olin and Ella Spell, and his sister Olene Spell Fowler. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and their four children: son Scott and daughter-in-law Lou Ann M. Spell of Birmingham, AL; daughter Suzanne and son-in-law Mark Tribble of Starkville, MS; son Steven and daughter-in-law Suzanne T. Spell of Kingsport, TN; daughter Sharon Spell of New York, NY; and six "perfect" grandchildren: Mary Claire Spell, Ellen Tribble, Rob Spell, Caleb Tribble, Jordan Tribble, and Amelia Spell. He has four surviving sisters, Vivian Magee, Jane Funderburk, Nelda Mitchell, and Eloise Corley, and a host of beloved brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. His children wish to thank his caregivers, friends, and neighbors who have been so kind to "Mr. Joe" and "Miss Ruth" during his illness, especially Patricia Petro, a dear friend.

Visitation will be at Hulett-Winstead Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9. Funeral services will be held at Bay Street Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, with Rev. Brian Davis officiating. Friends desiring so may make memorial donations to the charity of their choice.

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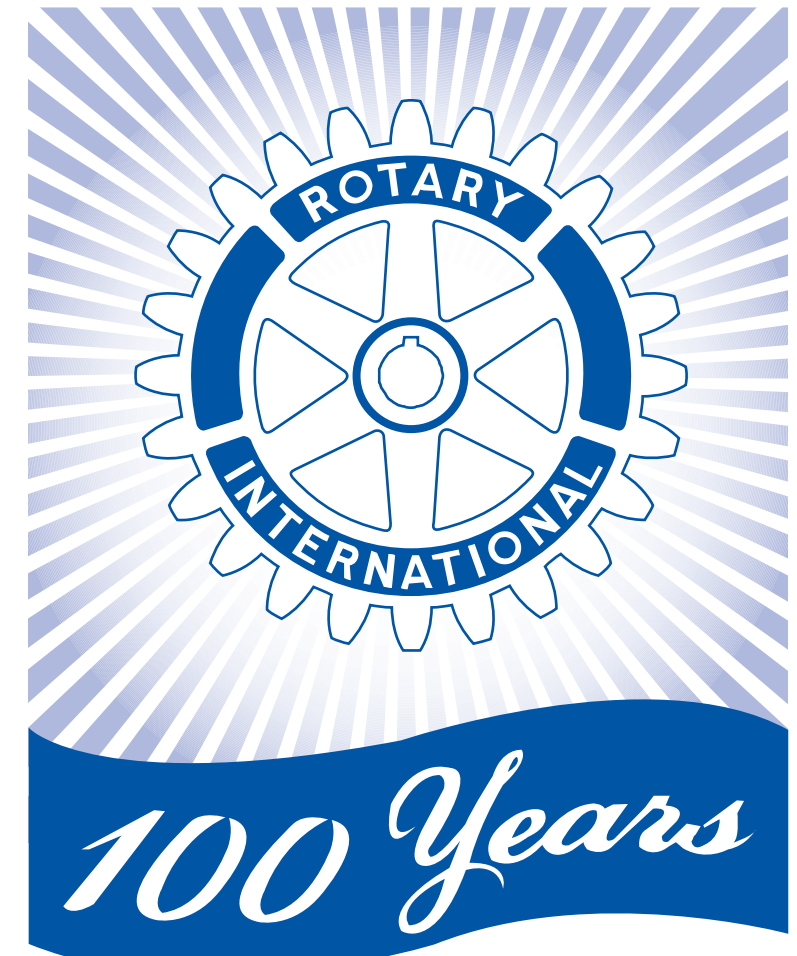
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MINUTES FROM 08/02/11

President Robert Cummings presided over today's meeting.

Thanks to Scott Hummel, who gave the Invocation and to Wes Brooks, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to Allen Anderson for serving as our greeter today.

Sean Priebe welcomed today's visiting guests. Brian Anglick was a guest of Jerome Brown and Milton Wheeler visited today from the Petal Rotary Club.

Congratulations to Wes Brooks, the lucky winner of today's Rotary Foundation Raffle---a \$40 gift card to The Grand Theater. The prize was provided this week by Janice Touchstone and was presented by Jaclyn Adams. Anyone interested in donating a prize for the weekly meeting raffle is encouraged to get on the list.

Robert reminded everyone that the one-half day District Seminar will be held on August 13th from 8am until noon at Pearl River Community College. Board and committee members and other club members interested in attending should mark the date on their calendars.

Dan Kibodeaux circulated a sign-up sheet among the group for anyone interested in participating in the Read Between the Lions reading program at the Hattiesburg Family Y. The program continues to need volunteers for children's reading sessions (approximately 20-minutes long per/session).

Now that the school term is about to resume, Dan said the program will soon switch to a Tuesday & Friday schedule and there are still several time-slots open throughout August & September for anyone who would like to volunteer for this special program.

Rotarians and the general public now have one more way of keeping up with many of the activities and functions of the local Club, thanks to efforts of Jaclyn Adams, Aime Spears, and Jared Eastlack, who have been working on the Hattiesburg Rotary Club's Facebook Page. Everyone is invited to check it out---just go to Facebook and search Rotary of Hattiesburg (select "like" us).

Robert announced that the Rotary Board of Directors voted Monday night to establish a \$1,000 scholarship at William Carey University in the name of Milton Wheeler. The Board's next scheduled meeting will be Monday night, August 29 (location to be announced soon).

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Greg Buie introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Richard Conn, co-founder of Southern Bone & Joint Specialists, who was accompanied today by his wife, Lisa, and assistant Leigh Ann Underwood.

Dr. Conn showed a power point presentation that focused on the past, current, and future of orthopedic healthcare in our community, state, and region.

Dr. Conn's father, Dr. Francis R. Conn, is considered the pioneer of orthopedic surgery in Hattiesburg since he established the first-ever bone and joint clinic here in 1952. It was the "roots" of orthopedic care in this community. The elder Dr. Conn relocated to Hattiesburg from the Jackson area after learning of the growing need here for this type of medical care, and since Jackson already had two surgeons serving that area.

After graduating from Hattiesburg Public Schools, Dr. Conn attended Mississippi State University and received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He completed his internship/residency in orthopedic surgery in Greenville, SC, followed by a year-long fellowship in arthritic joint replacement surgery at the Mayo Clinic, which he completed in 1984 and returned home to Hattiesburg.

In 1985, Dr. Conn and co-founder Dr. Doug Rouse, started South Mississippi Orthopedic Associates, a small 1,000-sq.ft. clinic on 28th Avenue. He said they opened the doors on a wing and a prayer with two full-time employees. In 1990, the clinic had grown to the point that prompted them to move to the Wesley Medical Center Towers, where they remained for about 10 years.

Meanwhile, in 1997, Dr. Conn had a vision of expansion and decided to purchase a 50-acre tract of land along Veterans Memorial Blvd. Three years later, on June 26, 2000, the practice relocated again and opened its doors as Southern Bone & Joint Specialists as we know it today.

Southern Bone & Joint, which was home to the first open-MRI in this area, offers outpatient services as well as full-service inpatient orthopedic treatment by a broad diversity of specialists in fields ranging from trauma, spine, shoulder, hand, foot/ankle, sports medicine, general orthopedics, anesthesia, and advanced pain therapy.

In addition to the main location, SBJS also offers services through its three satellite facilities including Highway 98 West at Bellevue; Encore in Columbia; and its clinic in Collins.

The initial property deal that started with a mere handshake on the tailgate of the owner's pickup has resulted in the facility's impressive current location. What's more amazing is that they're not finished yet. In fact, groundbreaking is already underway for approximately 9-acres adjacent to the existing structure, with construction to begin soon.

The new development, estimated to be a \$40-million investment, will be called The Orthopedic Institute at Southern Pointe. Dr. Conn said the joint service of Forrest Health System and Southern Bone & Joint is being designed as a world-class rehabilitation center that will include six state-of-the-art operating rooms and at least 30 complete in-patient suites.

"We're very excited about this project and what it will bring to the community," Dr. Conn said. "We want to grow the scope of orthopedic healthcare and make Hattiesburg the hub for the surrounding 250 miles."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 9 Grover Anderson Scholars & RYLA Participant
- Aug 13 District Training for Officers- 8 am - 12 @ PRCC
- Aug 16 Marco J. Giardino, Ph.D - Stennis Space Center
- Aug 23 Christina Ghents - United Blood Services
- Aug 30 Mandi Stanley- Certified Speaking Professional

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Brian Moore coordinates a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. Last week Wes Brooks won a \$40 gift card to the Grand Theatre. Thanks to Janice Touchstone for providing the gift card.

If you have items to donate to the raffle contact Brian Moore or Janice Touchstone.

We Have a Facebook Page!

Thanks to Jared Eastlack for setting this up and Jaclyn Adams for getting some items posted. Please go to Rotary Club of Hattiesburg on Facebook and "like" our page. Post your pictures and comments.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808
Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
or email
dan@unitedwaysems.org
call 601-545-7141

August Reading Volunteers Needed!

Reading schedule will go back to Tuesday & Friday starting August 8th.

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Monday, 8/1 9:30am		
Wednesday, 8/3 9:30am	Aime Spears	Mary Cromartie
Tuesday, 8/9 9:30am		
Friday, 8/12 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams Anthony Harris	Wally Weakley
Tuesday, 8/16 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 8/19 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams Bill McLeod	Wes Brooks
Tuesday, 8/23 9:30am		
Friday, 8/26 9:30am		Erik Graham
Tuesday, 8/30 9:30am		

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

RYLA Participant - Grant Mitchell

Grover Anderson Scholars:
Yusef Buti - son of Jeri Buti
Claire Ratliff - daughter of Mike Ratliff
Austin Clinton- grandson of Stanley Carpenter

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RYLA & Grover Anderson Endowed Scholarship Recipients



RYLA Recipient

Grant Mitchell:

High School Name Presbyterian Christian High School

List school and community activities, including honors/offices held.

- Co-captain PCS Debate Team (1st 4 year member)
- 2nd time qualifier National Catholic Forensics League national tournament
- PCS Drama (lighting technician)
- Over the Rainbow Theater (lighting technician)
- Salvation Army Angel Tree distribution volunteer
- American Heart Walk participant
- MS Diabetes Walk participant

One short term goal that I have is to continue to do well in high school and graduate from PCS and USM with honors. This would make my family proud and make me proud of myself. I realize the importance of studying hard and know that obtaining a quality education is an important factor in helping me achieve my potential in life and establish the best possible career.

A long term goal of mine is to attend law school after graduating from USM and become a practicing attorney. I think this would provide me a challenging and rewarding career and also give me the opportunity to help others in my community. I have really enjoyed my debate activities and have job shadowed Mr. Scott Schwartz and think the legal profession will be a good match for my interests and abilities. It will also permit me to provide a much needed service to others.

Grover Anderson Endowed Scholarship Recipients

Yusef Buti, son of Jeri Buti:

Please consider my son, Yusef Buti, for the Rotary Grover Anderson Scholarship. He got a 3.47 GPA and 27 ACT scores. He did more than 40 hours of community service plus he helped me ring the bell during the holiday season with the club.

Claire Ratliff, daughter of Mike Ratliff:

Claire went from kindergarten through the 10th grade in the Hattiesburg Public Schools. She maintained all A's. In the 11th grade, she entered the Mississippi School for Math and Science. She will graduate in May with an average of approximately 3.75.

Claire has participated in many extracurricular activities including dance (jazz, ballet, tap), soccer, strings, and Beta Club. She attends University Baptist Church and has participated as in the youth program there. Claire will attend USM this fall. She received a Presidential Scholarship and will live in Century Park.

Austin Clinton, grandson of Stanley Carpenter:

Austin graduated from the Mississippi Math and Science School in 2009. Prior to that, he was a student at PCS. Austin maintained A and B grades at the Math and Science School and took some dual enrollment classes through MUW. Having worked in a full time job, he has greatly enjoyed being home with family and wants to continue his education at USM. Austin hopes to pursue a career in medicine and is eager to return to school in the Fall of 2011. He volunteers with the Forrest Co. 4-H Shooting & Livestock Clubs, and is a member of Bay Street Presbyterian Church.



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