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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG



SPEAKER TODAY

Sarah Holifield

Executive Director

Domestic Abuse

Family Shelter, Inc.

Sarah is a native of Laurel, MS. She is a graduate of Northeast Jones High School. She attended Jones County Junior College where she played basketball and graduated from William Carey University with a degree in Business Administration.. She is married to Greg Holifield and they have two children, Benton, 3 years old and Baylor Ann, 15 months old. She has been with the Domestic Abuse Shelter for a year and a half and was previously was a healthcare consultant at South Central Regional Medical Center.

• *A list of items needed:*

- *Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels)*
- *Pillows*
- *Blankets*
- *Sheet sets for twin size beds*
- *Towels, rags, hand towels*
- *Laundry Detergent*
- *Cleaning supplies (bleach, lysol, toilet cleaner, pinesole, etc.)*
- *Twin bed mattress covers*
- *Monetary funds (gift cards, cash or check donations)*
- *School uniforms for children*

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UPCOMING GUESTS

Aug 16 Tony Vance, Hattiesburg High Football

Aug 23 Angie Sides, Big Brother Big Sister

August 30 Randy Feldman, District Governor

Minutes of August 2, 2016 meeting of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

President Jaclyn Adams presided over the meeting. Thanks to Ryan Kelly who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill McLeod and Crissy Cullinane-Yelverton were our greeters today.

Wes Brooks stood in for Tracie Fowler and introduced our guests. Samantha McCain is a guest of Wes Brooks and she has submitted a membership application. Ryan Kelly brought his daughter Elizabeth Ann Kelly as his guest. Marion Patrick Dickson is a guest of Scott Hummel and Kory Moore is a guest of Ben Donald.

Jaclyn reminded members of the upcoming Bike-a-Thon on September 24th. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. She then announced that we have 5 potential new members.

Nathan Wallace, Brandon Hodges, Tom Overton, Samantha McCain and Kory Moore.

Maura McLaughlin reminded everyone the Rotary Meals-on-Wheels route for Christian Services which is set for the first Thursday of each month. Volunteers will be contacted. If you haven't volunteered yet, please do so.

Maura McLaughlin and Mike Ratliff will be holding a Kollege of Knowledge very soon.

Wes Brooks then introduced today's guest speakers, Kristen Reimert, HR Manager of Wesley Merit Health and Staci Cox, Director of Marketing and Communications at United Way of Southwest Mississippi. Staci introduced other members of the The Creative Smart Space group. Marcus Coleman, Emily Sheckells and Callan Reid who could not be with us today, Kristen Reimert, Daniel Nelson and Josh Sutton.

What is smART Space? It's an after school and summer program that is free to all children ages 4-14. It is funded by the City of Hattiesburg and the Hattiesburg Arts Council. On-site classes are free of charge and open to the public.

They offer FREE after school classes in creative movement, music, theatre games and a variety of visual art mediums. The classes will meet every Thursday

and Friday from 3:30-5:30 beginning September 10th and following the school year calendar. With trinkets and feathers, glue and scissors, the children will kick off the season decorating hats in preparation for a fall Hat Parade in celebration of Hattiesburg Arts Council's 45th anniversary.

Throughout the year participants will be exposed to a variety of art disciplines, they will learn new songs, meet local artists, dancers and musicians, compose plays, creatively express themselves and participate in extended projects.

The group is accepting donations which can range from donating money, supplies and stuff that you may be throwing away at home or in your office. Items such as, computer parts, fabric, signage and just about anything you can think of. The kids love taking things apart and making sculptures, paintings and art out of all kinds of materials. All donations are tax exempt.

You can register your child for HAC's smART Space after school program

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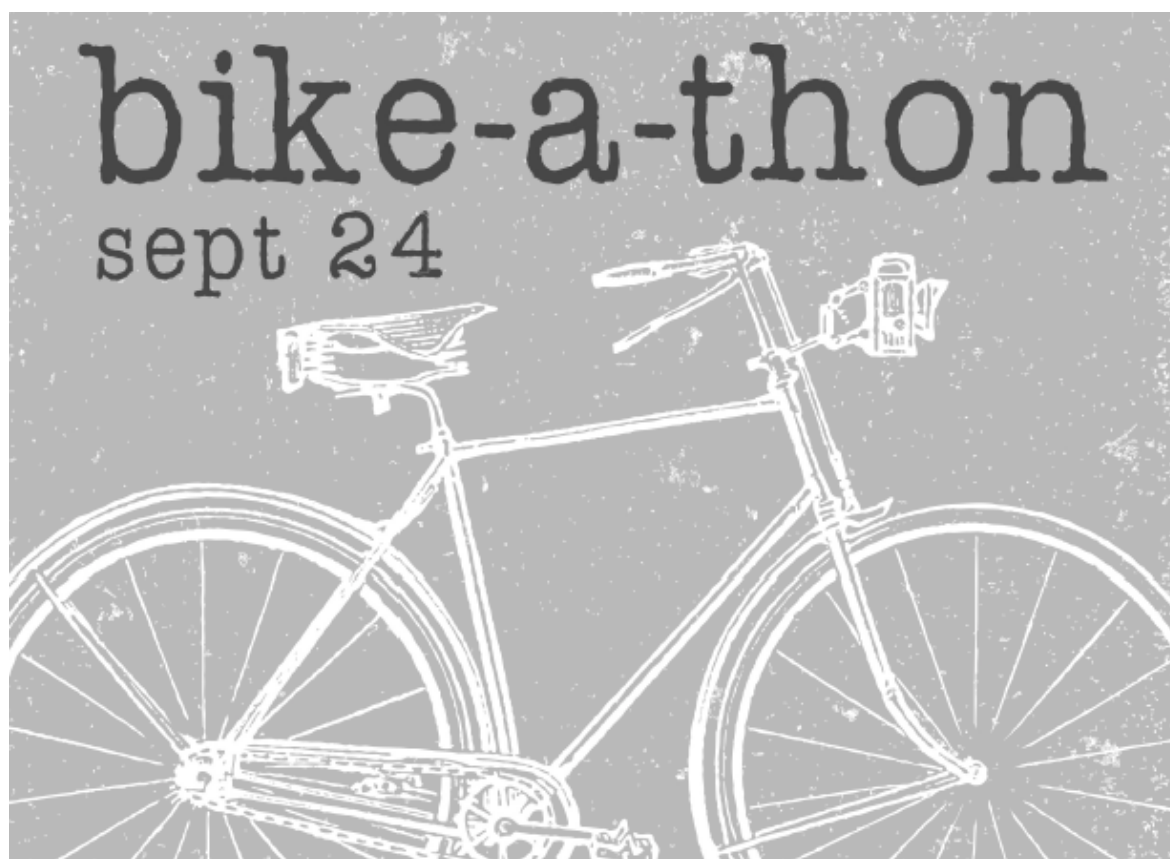
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Today's *Three Minutes of Awesome* features **Mike Ratliff**. Mike is an attorney who handles divorces, personal injuries and litigation with insurance companies. He has been in Hattiesburg since 1969 and has been involved with the Rotary Club since he was in high school in 1974. He was a member of the Boys Club that was sponsored by Howell Ogletree.

After law school he went to Brazil for 6 weeks in a group studies exchange. When he returned Don Van Ward invited him to join Rotary of Hattiesburg. He has been a Rotary member since 1984. He has met some wonderful people in this club: Howell Ogletree and Milam Cotton, just to name a couple. He has served on the board of directors moving through to become President then Past President.

Mike has been married twice and is the father of 2 daughters. Although he does not hunt or fish, he loves going to concerts. Some of the bands he has seen include; The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Eric Clapton, Aerosmith and the Rolling Stones. He and his wife are going to see Adele in New York in September. He encourages everyone to participate and try and to recruit new members.



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CREATIVE smARTspace



Pictured L-R: Marcus Coleman, Kristen Reimert, Callan Reid, Daniel Nelson, Emily Sheckells, Staci Cox and Josh Sutton.



Randy shares thoughts and vision for District 6840 during his District Governor visits.



Leadership PineBelt Class

smART Space Outreach Programs uses creativity to empower children and encourage individuality. These programs take place as an after-school program for elementary school-aged children at the C.E. Roy Center on Thursdays and Fridays from 3:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. during the school year. The program guides students through visual arts, music, theatre, writing and creative movement. Outreach programs are also offered at Earl Travillion, as an in-school program, and at The Arc of Southeast Mississippi with the Rise & Shine participants. All program offerings are free to participants!



benefiting smART space outreach program

August 27, 2016, 7:30pm
Hattiesburg Cultural Center

Tickets include food, music, and admission to the smART space silent auction.

Single: \$40 Couple: \$70

For ticket information visit <http://bit.ly/LPBsmARTspace> or email LPBsmARTspace@gmail.com

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