

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-2013

Wes Brooks has been nominated for Secretary/Treasurer for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The current officers will move up in the rotation, with Maura McLaughlin as President, Patrick Ward as President-Elect and Scott Hummel as Vice President for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The following members have been elected for the Board of Directors:

Jeri Buti- Bill McLaughlan- Brian Moore  
Lucy Parkman- Sean Priebe-Chris Price  
Chris Strebeck-John Weeks

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Stan Causey has been inducted as a new member. Stan is a Sales Executive with CSpire (previously Cellular South). Be sure to meet Stan and welcome him to Rotary!

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SIGN-UP

### ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SIGN-UP

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2011 (Wal Mart Highway 98-Garden Center)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CELL PHONE #'S</u>
10-12	1 Hayden Mitchell	601-297-7901
	2 Scott Hummel	601-466-6156
12-2	1 Conrad Welker	601-520-5829
	2 Janice Touchstone	601-813-4744
2-4	1 Jennifer Payne	601-214-0653
	2 Steve Ramp	601-466-8446
4-6	1 Wally Weakley	601-408-8477
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6-8	1 Jerry Buti	601-596-4092
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SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2011 (Wal Mart Highway 98 Grocery Entrance)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CELL PHONE #'S</u>
10-12	Erik Graham & Den 5 Cub Scouts	601-329-3161
	1 Mike Ratliff	601-270-9679
	2 Mary Cromartie	601-297-8280
12-2	1 Anthony Harris	601-441-1122
	2 Bill McLeod	601-942-9756
2-4	1 Joe Meador	601-264-3848
	2	
4-6	1 Dan Kibodeaux	601-467-7744
	2 Chris Price	601-818-8576
6-8	1	
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December 13, 2011  
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**ROTARY YEAR**  
**2010-2011**

### OFFICERS

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*President*

MAURA MCLAUGHLIN  
*President-Elect*

PATRICK WARD  
*Vice-President*

SCOTT HUMMEL  
*Secretary – Treasurer*

LAMAR EVANS  
*Executive Secretary*

SEAN PRIEBE  
*Sergeant-at-arms*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jaclyn Adams  
Wes Brooks  
Greg Buie  
James Duncan  
Dan Kibodeaux  
Lucy Parkman  
Jennifer Payne  
Janice Touchstone

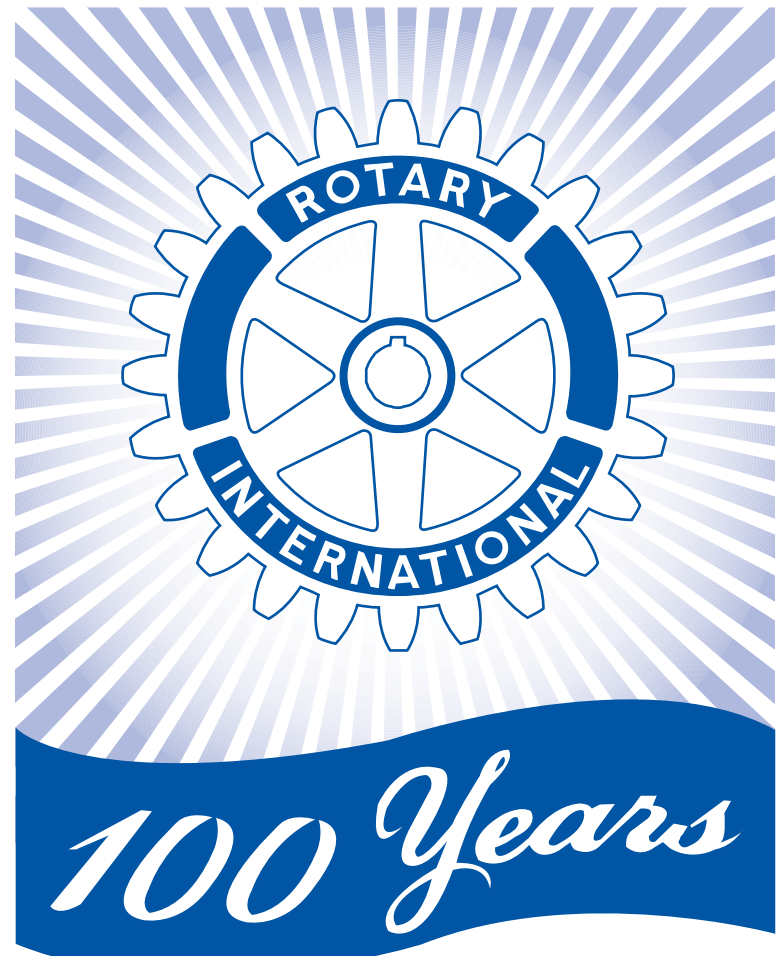
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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

MINUTES FROM 12/06/11

President Robert Cummings, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Jaclyn Adams, who gave the invocation, and to Gene Owens, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to today's greeters Wes Brooks and Chris Price.

Sean Priebe introduced today's visiting Rotarian and visitor. Scott Stover is visiting from the Petal Club. Rusty Edwards is a guest of Mike Ratliff.

Robert announced the winners of last week's election and congratulated the Rotarian leaders for the coming year.

Robert circulated the sign-up sheet for the Salvation Army's bell ringing. A few empty slots remain to be filled. Anyone interested who hasn't signed up should contact Richard Topp.

Robert then called Stan Causey and Mike Ratliff forward for Stan's induction into Rotary membership. Stan is sponsored by Mike Ratliff. He is a USM graduate with a degree in economics. He is married and he and his wife have three children. Stan has already signed up to be a Salvation Army bell ringer.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Patrick Ward then introduced today's guest speaker, Larry Doleac. Larry is the volunteer director of the Hattiesburg Dixie Youth Baseball program.

According to Larry Hattiesburg area youth began playing organized baseball in the early 1950's. They played Little League baseball until 1955 when the Little Boys Baseball program was formed. That program evolved into what we know today as Dixie Youth Baseball. Dixie Youth is the third largest organized youth baseball program in the nation with more than 300,000 kids participating in 11 southeastern states.

In 1989 the Hattiesburg Dixie Youth program hosted the Dixie Youth World Series. At the time the program was operating in Jaycee Park. There

were concerns over the safety of the children playing at Jaycee. In fact three children were hit by automobiles in a ten year span. The push to begin the development of a new facility in a different location began in 1998.

The City Council agreed to donate land at Tatum Park to the program but was unable to assist financially with the facility development. Through grants, fund raising efforts and creative marketing the group generated \$400,000 within a few months and began construction. Fundraising continued. More than \$1.3 was raised and just over \$200,000 of in-kind donations were received and five-field complex became a reality.

In 2010 Dixie Youth raised money and began the development of 4 new practice fields. Both Forrest County and the City of Hattiesburg have participated in the project which has raised about \$120,000. The next goal is to light those four fields which will cost approximately \$165,000.

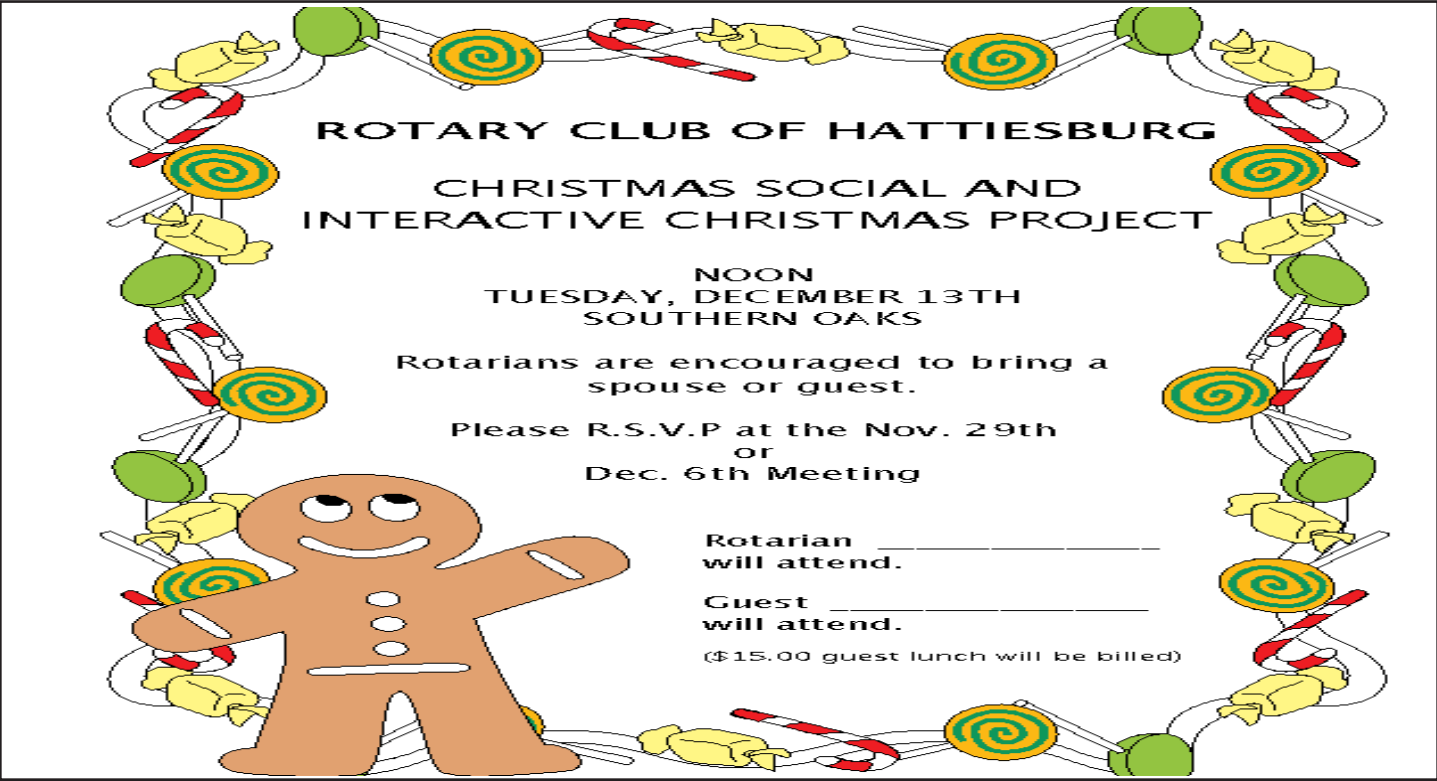
Hattiesburg Dixie Youth now plays about 700 children aged 4 – 12 each year. The majority of those children come from Forrest County.

Richard Jones Passing

Please be in prayer for the Jones Family. Richard Jones passed away unexpectedly Friday, December 9th. Services will take place at Kensington Wood Church, Thursday December 15th.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by A&A Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be held Thursday, at Kensington Woods Church of Christ on Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am with a service beginning at 11:00 am. Kensington Woods Church is located on 40th Ave.

TODAY'S PROGRAM



**ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG**

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

**NOON**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**  
**SOUTHERN OAKS**

Rotarians are encouraged to bring a spouse or guest.

Please R.S.V.P at the Nov. 29th or Dec. 6th Meeting

Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_ will attend.

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ will attend.

(\$15.00 guest lunch will be billed)

WEEKLY FOOTBALL BOARD GAME

Our football board game has had a couple of rule changes. If the winning square has not been purchased by a player the proceeds will carry over to the following week. Each week's winner will split the cash proceeds with the club which will benefit the Rotary Permanent Fund. The winner will not be announced until the end of the meeting, must be present to win. There was no winner last week so the pot builds!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec 13

Christmas Social
- April 17

Night In Italy - Southern Oaks

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 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**

December Reading Volunteers Needed!

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 12/2 9:30am	Aaron Ladner	Dr. Scott Hummel
Tuesday, 12/6 9:30am		
Friday, 12/9 9:30am	Sean Priebe Jaclyn Adams	Wes Brooks
Tuesday, 12/13 9:30am	Chris Price	
Friday, 12/16 9:30am		
Tuesday, 12/20 9:30am		
Friday, 12/23 9:30am		
Tuesday, 12/27 9:30am		