

**ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Feb 1st      **The African American Military History Museum**
- Feb 8th     **MESC Joint Meeting at Southern Oaks**
- Feb 15th    **Speaker TBA**
- Feb 22nd    **Speaker TBA**
- Feb 26-27th **P.E.T.S. Training, Vicksburg**



**WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE**

Our Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel, is coordinating a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. At our last meeting, Allen Anderson donated the raffle prize and the winner was Erin Granberry.

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Scott. 601-318-6497 (work) or 601-466-6156 (cell)

**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 Gandy Child Development Center is located at:



The Family Y -  
Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
601-268-0808

Call Dan Kibodeaux or  
sign up at lunch meetings  
dan@Unitedwaysems.org  
call **601-545-7141**

**February Reading Volunteers Needed**

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 2/1 9:30am	Lucy Parkman Mary Cromartie	Conrad Welker
Friday, 2/4 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	
Tuesday, 2/8 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 2/11 9:30am		
Tuesday, 2/15 9:30am		
Friday, 2/18 9:30am		
Tuesday, 2/22 9:30am		
Friday, 2/25 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	

**ONE DAY PASS FOR HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ON SATURDAY MAY 21 ONLY \$40**

FULL CONVENTION EARLY REGISTRATION IS \$340 FROM DEC 15 - MARCH 30TH; AFTER MARCH 31 THE PRICE INCREASES TO \$380.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEW ORLEANS, MAY 21-25, 2011

GO ONLINE TO ROTARY.ORG, SET UP YOUR USER LOGIN THROUGH MEMBER ACCESS, CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, REGISTER FOR CONVENTION.

OR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING TODAY

EMAIL SUZY STEEN AT S.L.STEEN@USM.EDU AND LET HER KNOW IF YOU SIGN UP AND/OR IF YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE CONVENTION



LOOK FOR THE STEAMBOAT LOGO, THEN CLICK, TO ACCESS THE CONVENTION FORMS

**District Registration Contest**

DG Dick McCarthy is challenging clubs in our district to have the most members register for the 2011 International Conference by April 30th. There will be awards for small, medium and large clubs who have the largest percent of their members register. Let's get rollin' today.....we can win the award for the large club with the most registrations! If you have questions about how to register online call, Aime Spears (601) 812-8066 anytime.



Looking for Rotary International 2011 Convention Information?  
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**ROTARY YEAR  
2010-2011**

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**



## MINUTES FROM 01/25/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Chris Price, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Allen Anderson and Brian Moore.

Wes Brooks then introduced Dan Adkins, a guest of Allen Anderson. Robert Cummings introduced Jay Henderson and Sarah Liles who are visiting again this week and whose applications for membership have been accepted by the board of directors.

Larry LeBlanc's surgery was successful and he has been moved from ICU into a private room. His family continues to request prayers for a full recover. Toxey Morris continues to gain strength and hopes to be back to the club meetings in the near future.

Bill noted that a number of members continue to carry balances. He requested that any member with an outstanding balance make arrangements to take care of the balance soon. The club has a number of financial obligations that need to be met and can only be met when the members pay their bills.

Bill mentioned that the board has voted to send a Shelter Box to Australia in honor of Milam "Sonny" Cotton. Sonny and his wife Betty, were recognized and thanked for his long-time support of the club.

Brett Montague from the American Red Cross was introduced. He spoke to members about sponsoring a table for students at the February 10th ARC International Humanitarian Law symposium. Members were encouraged to consider a \$40 per student contribution. Each table will accommodate eight students.

Bill encouraged members interested in submitting recommendations for the RYLA and the Grover Anderson scholarships to get their applications from Scholarship Committee Chair Mike Bonnette. The registration deadline for both is April 1.

Scott Hummel thanked Allen Anderson for providing today's Rotary Foundation raffle prize. Erin Granberry was today's winner.

Jaclyn Adams reported that the club will be providing flowers to the elderly throughout the community for Valentine's Day. Members were encouraged to provide vases for the flowers the club will purchase.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Kris King then introduced today's presenter, Dennis Granberry.

Dennis reported that ten years ago he never dreamed that he would be involved in big game hunts. Because of encouragement from his son and a business partner he agreed to participate in a hunt. Since then he has fallen in love with the sport and has made many trips to Africa.

According to Dennis, hunting is a major source of income for South Africa, contributing more than one-half billion dollars a year to their economy. Worldwide, hunt-

ing is estimated to generate upwards of \$100 billion a year in revenue. In Africa, big game hunting is a big industry and one that is very highly regulated by that country's government.

Dennis provided members with a series of slides taken from some of his hunts. He has bagged water buffalo, leopards, lions and elephants. He has also participated in green hunts where he was able to dart-shoot a rhino from a helicopter. While the rhino was under sedation they were able to touch it and get a number of pictures.

Dennis reported on a number of "African moments" that he experienced on his trips including being surrounded by lions and charged by an elephant. The really bad thing about an African big game hunt, according to Dennis, is not knowing where you can go back.

Thanks to Dennis for entertaining us and for sharing his African big game hunting experiences. Anyone interested in seeing the trophies he's brought back is invited to pay a visit to his "man cave".

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.....

Sunday's Hattiesburg American printed an obituary for Victor McMullan, former Hattiesburg Rotarian. It stated he passed away on January 28th and asked for memorials to be made to either to the Mississippi Children's Home, P.O. Box 1078 Jackson Ms. 39205 or to Main Street Baptist Church (South Wing Building Fund) , 11 Main Street Blvd. Hattiesburg 39402. Our prayers are with Holt McMullan and the family and friends of his uncle.

Bill McLaughlin reports that he has seen Larry LeBlanc several times over the last week and he is doing well. After consultation with his immediate family it was decided to give him a copy of George Bush's new book, Decisions, in lieu of flowers which he sincerely seemed to appreciate.

Thanks to Bill for keeping us updated on these members.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

We have 2 new applicants proposed for membership.

Sara K. Liles has been proposed for membership by Steve Ramp. Sara is an attorney working for Robin Roberts and has recently relocated to Hattiesburg from Jackson, TN.

Dr. James "Jay" Henderson IV has been proposed for active membership by Erin Granberry. Jay was born and raised here and practices dentistry.

Please see Robert Cummings if you have any questions about these applicants proposed for membership.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM - AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

### A HALL OF HISTORY & HONOR

Opened in 1942, in the segregated army of World War II, the USO Club served as a home away from home for African American soldiers stationed at Camp Shelby. This building is the only remaining USO constructed especially for African American soldiers in public use in the United States. It is now listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and is a Mississippi Landmark.

Beginning with the Buffalo Soldiers of the post civil war era through the modern-day conflicts of Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom, the museum bears witness of the service and sacrifice of the African American soldier. Hundreds of artifacts, photos and unique displays, including one of the most complete sets of authentic Spanish-American War medals, fill the restored main hall. Each item tells a story of pioneers such as Hattiesburg's own Jesse L. Brown, America's first black naval aviator, and lesser-known heroes such as Ruth Bailey Earl, also of Hattiesburg, whose image and actions represented the more than 500 black nurses who served during World War II.

Their acts of valor and bravery while under fire are presented with honor at Hattiesburg's African American Military History Museum at the Historic USO Club, so that we may be inspired by their courage and patriotism.

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## Community Service

### ROTARY GROVER ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are available to incoming Freshman planning to attend the University of Southern Miss. Preference given to children and grandchildren of members of The Hattiesburg Rotary Club. Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Contact Mike Bonnette, [mike.bonnette@usm.edu](mailto:mike.bonnette@usm.edu), 601-266-6020 for more information and application forms.

### VALENTINE FLOWERS FOR SENIORS

Seniors to receive flowers from Hattiesburg Rotary. Jaclyn Adams and Greg Buie are coordinating flowers for a group of elderly. If you have small vases that you can donate, please bring to our next meeting.

### Shelter Boxes for Australian Flood Victims

Hattiesburg Rotary Club and Petal Rotary Club will be sending 2 Shelter Boxes to relieve the flood victims of the recent disaster in Australia. Our Shelter Box will be sent in Honor of Past DG, Dr. Milam Cotten. Dr. Cotten has dedicated over 40 years to Rotary Service.