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February 15, 2011
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 15th Speaker - Chad Newell - The ADP
Feb 22nd Speaker TBA
Feb 26-27th P.E.T.S. Training, Vicksburg
Mar 8 Mardi Gras Theme Lunch in honor of RIC
Mar 26 HubFest Rotary Water Project



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, Lucy Parkman and Aime Spears donated raffle items and the winners were Wally Weakly and Mike Bonnett. 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	Jaelyn 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	Jaelyn 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, AND EVENTS, NOTIFY SUZY AFTER YOU REGISTER.

ROTARY LICENSE PLATES IN MISSISSIPPI



Senate Bill No. 2167 has recently been introduced by Senator Dean Kirby. The bill should pass without issue. We are currently working on a design that will be unveiled at PETS in Vicksburg.

We must pre-sell 300 MS plates in order to get them produced. If we get this done by May 15, we can have the plates by July 1. The additional cost for a tag will be \$31. Of that \$31, \$24 comes back to the District in which it was purchased. This will be positive exposure for us, as well as a revenue stream for many years to come.

Special thanks to AG, Rob Smith who has worked tirelessly at the legislature to get this introduced and to get our design underway. PDG, Kay Steed is actually the person that had this idea some years ago. Thanks to both for their contributions to this program.

Bill McLeod has forms for those who would like to commit to apply for the plates when they become available.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM - CHAD NEWELL - AREA DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Chad Newell has been actively involved in economic development circles for seventeen years and currently serves as president of the Area Development Partnership (ADP), the regional chamber of commerce, community development, and economic development organization for the Greater Hattiesburg Area.

He spent three years as a developer with Newton Oldacre McDonald, a full service retail development firm based in Nashville from 2007-2009. Chad spent the previous ten years (1996-2006) in Alabama assisting existing businesses with expansion plans and recruiting new companies to the state. He was an integral part of teams that led to billions of dollars in capital investments and thousands of new jobs created across the state of Alabama.

Chad previously served as Executive Vice President with the Metropolitan Development Board (MDB) in Birmingham from 2003-2006. In this capacity he led the marketing and business recruitment efforts within the region.

Prior to arriving in Birmingham in January 2003, he served as the Economic Development Director for the City of Opelika in Mayor Barbara Patton's administration from October 1998-2002.

Before Opelika, he was the Business Development Director with the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. Chad has also worked for the Center for Policy Research and Planning in Jackson, Mississippi and with other economic development agencies in Southeast Mississippi during graduate school.

Chad is originally from Meridian, Mississippi. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1993 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and earned a Master's degree in Economic Development in 1996 from the University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife Jennifer have been married for 17 years and have two sons – Garrett (13) and Brooks (6), and one daughter, Jordan (10).

MINUTES FROM 02/08/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Richard Jones, who gave the invocation and to Wallace Weakley, 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 Mike Bonnette and Steve Ramp.

Wes Brooks welcomed today's visitors and guests. Evan Dillard's guest was Charlie Southerland. A number of visiting Rotarians were noted including Lavon Smith of the Sunrise and Brandon Hodges of the Petal Club. West also recognized may guest of the Mississippi Economic Council and noted that today's meeting was being sponsored by the MEC.

Bill noted that Toxey Morris is in attendance today and continues his recovery. It was also reported that Larry LeBlanc's condition is improving. Bill also noted that volunteers are needed for the Reading Between the Lions project. Please see Dan Kibodeaux if you can assist. He also reported that time is running out for members who wish to purchase a Rotary automobile tag.

Anyone who has a RYLA candidate is encouraged to see Mike Bonnette in the very near future. The deadline for nomination submission is April 1.

Thanks to Lucy Parkman & Aime Spears who provided today's Rotary Foundation raffle items. The winners were Wally Weekly and Mike Bonnette.

Suzy Steen requested that anyone willing to volunteer to assist with the Rotary International Convention see her in the very near future.

Bill then introduced Blake Wilson, Executive Director of the Mississippi Economic Council for today's presentation, Blueprint Mississippi 2001.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Club members and guests had the opportunity to participate in a number of survey questions through an electronic voting system.

Our responses to a number of questions were compared to the same questions asked of business leaders previously. Sixty-two percent of the business leaders feel as though our children will have to leave the state to find better paying jobs. That percentage was somewhat lower in today's responses. Ninety-two percent of the same business leaders feel as though Mississippi is poised for economic growth in the next ten years. That percentage was lower among our responses. However, our survey participants feel significantly better about this region's ability to compete in the coming years as compared to the rest of the state. Our responses will be combined with responses from twenty other such presentations in the coming months.

Dr. Hank Bounds was then introduced and provided a recap of the goals and objectives of the Blueprint Mississippi 2001 project. Four areas are being researched and developed. The four areas are Education Achievement, Resource Management, Economic competitiveness and Technology and Communication readiness.

Dr. Bounds explained that Blueprint Mississippi 2011 will attempt to benchmark the goals of the 2004 economic development plan and will then stretch those goals into the next decade. The plan will also designate high priority items, make actionable recommendations and assign responsibilities to organizations such as the legislature, businesses, and volunteers. The goal is to provide a rollout of the Blueprint Mississippi 2011 plan by the fall of this year.

Anyone interested in participating in surveys, research or providing support in other ways is encouraged to contact the Mississippi Economic Council by calling 800-748-7626, by visiting their website at www.mec.ms, by visiting the Blueprint Mississippi web site at www.blueprintmississippi.com or by accessing the Blueprint Mississippi 2011 Facebook page.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

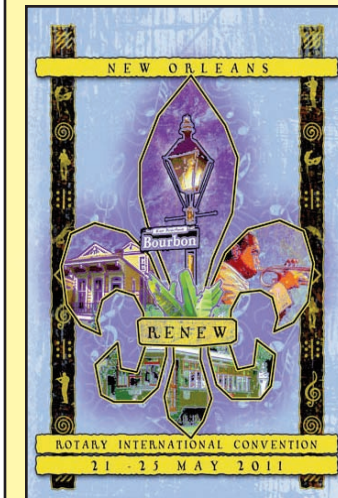
Today we will be inducting two new members. Sara K. Liles, proposed by Steve Ramp. Sara is an attorney with Robin Roberts and has recently relocated to Hattiesburg from Jackson, TN.

Dr. James "Jay" Henderson IV, proposed by Erin Granberry. Jay is a from Hattiesburg and practices dentistry.

MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Ray had a serious snow skiing accident. He suffered a neck injury requiring surgery in Colorado before returning home. We understand that the surgery went very well and he should be home recovering. Please keep Bill and his caregivers in your prayers.

Larry LeBlanc continues to recover after a setback.



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Community Service

ROTARY GROVER ANDERSON & RYLA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to incoming Freshman planning to attend the University of Southern Miss. And rising High School Seniors for RYLA Scholarships. 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, 601-266-6020 for more information and application forms.

VALENTINE FLOWERS FOR SENIORS

This past Friday Jaclyn Adams, Mary Cromartie, Linda Wellborn, Bill McLeod and Aime Spears arranged 50 flower vases for seniors. HomeInstead delivered the flowers to the elderly clients who are homebound.

HUB FEST MARCH 26TH

Volunteers will be needed to assist Rotary's booth at Hub Fest. Our club will be selling burgers and water. David Owens is chairing this project and will be asking others to participate. Last year was a big success with water donations so this year we will expand to include grilled burgers. All proceeds will go toward Rotary's goal of helping to supply clean drinking water to underdeveloped areas. Save the Date!