

**New Signs at Southern Oaks
“Rotary Meets Here”**

One of our long standing members (who wishes to remain anonymous) took considerable time and effort to get the new signs produced and installed. This is an effort to let the public know where our club meets weekly. Southern Oaks graciously allowed us to display the signs in the foyer and out front, beside their sign.



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**READING BETWEEN THE LIONS
LITERACY PROGRAM**

Don't miss the opportunity to read to the 4 year old classes at the Gandy Center. There are 2 classes with about 15 children in a class.



Volunteers can read one or more stories and it only takes about 15 to 20 minutes.

The students are excited and eager to have stories read to them.

We are looking for volunteers every week on Tuesday or Friday mornings.

The Gandy Child Development Center located at 2201 South 28th Avenue Extension - 601-268-0808

See Eric Graham if you have questions.

Sign-up sheet located at sign-in table.

**READING BETWEEN THE LIONS
READING SCHEDULE**

DATE	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Tuesday, 2/9 9:30am	Mike Ratliff, Lucy Parkman	
Friday, 2/12 9:30am	Jerome Brown	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 2/16 9:30am		
Friday, 2/19 9:30am	John McDaniel	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 2/23 9:30am	Audra Cummings	
Friday, 2/26 9:30am	Walley Weakley	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 3/2 9:30am		
Friday 3/5 9:30am	Sean Priebe	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 3/9 9:30am		
Friday, 3/12 9:30am	Debbie Adamson	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan



“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 2/9/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Larry LeBlanc gave the invocation and John McDaniel led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced potential new members Carolyn Jones and David Gustafson. Both will be inducted soon. Gene also introduced Cameron Griffith, a guest of Patrick Ward.

Thanks to Sean Priebe and Terry Miller who served as our greeters today.

Bill McLeod announced a reluctant resignation from Jenifer Miles. She has been transferred out of the Hattiesburg area. He also reminded members of the April 15-17 District Conference. Anyone interested in attending must register before the end of March. See Bill if you're interested.

Erik Graham reported that the Reading Between the Lions project is going extremely well. A new sign-up sheet was circulated at last week's meeting and is almost completely full. If you're interested in being a reader, see Erik.

Jaclyn Adams asked that anyone interested in working with her on next year's Wine Tasting event to contact her.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Our keynote speaker today, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Parham, Commander of Camp Shelby was then introduced by Jaclyn Adams.

Colonel Parham reported that Camp Shelby was activated full-time in June 2004 to mobilize troops for the Iraq War. He noted that Camp Shelby was first opened in 1917 and has mobilized troops to protect American in every major conflict since World War I, including the Vietnam War in 1966 and Desert Storm in 1990. Camp Shelby sits on 135,000 acres of land just south of Hattiesburg. They have 2.5 million square feet of building space to manage and 40 miles of paved roads. According

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Considered for membership is David Gustafson. David is being proposed for membership by Ric Corts. David is the publisher for the Lamar Times, and is also a current member of the Shenandoah, Iowa Rotary Club and would like to transfer. Carolyn Jones will soon be inducted into membership.

Don't forget about the Membership Challenge. It is a great way to help us gain the membership we need. We are doing a fine job of recruiting, but unfortunately we lose members for various reasons.

to Colonel Parham Camp Shelby was the state's second largest city during the World War II mobilization.

Camp Shelby is a result of corporative efforts between the State of Mississippi, the Department of Defense and the United States Forest Service. Camp Shelby is under the state's control and most of the facility uses land owned by the Forest Service.

The facility consists of a number of firing ranges including the largest, the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Range. It consists of approximately 1,500 acres and can accommodate six firing vehicles at the same time.

Since June, 2004 the camp has mobilized or demobilized more than 100,000 troops. There are currently 6,500 troops stationed at Camp Shelby today.

The Camp has the capacity to serve approximately 400 troops daily in the various phases of the Soldier Readiness Process. The SRP includes full medical, legal, dental and counseling services. In addition to the facilities and services provided on-site, the Camp also has working arrangements with Forrest General Hospital and Hattiesburg Clinic and several local dentists to provide supplemental services.

Once a soldier completes the SRP processing they are then released to the Training Support Brigade (TSB). The TSB must validate each and every soldier in every aspect of their training. No unit is allowed to ship-out until a certain percentage of the unit has been validated.

Once the SRP and TSB processes are complete the soldiers are bussed to the Gulf Coast where they are airborne to their foreign destinations. Once the wheels leave the tarmac they become the charge of the United States Army. Camp Shelby will again be responsible for the soldiers when they return and must undergo a reverse Soldier Readiness Process. Generally within three to five days upon returning to the Camp, they may then return to their homes and families.

SHELTER BOX GETS AID TO HAITI

ShelterBox One of the Few Organizations Getting Aid into Haiti: Rotary Clubs around the world reaching out.

LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL (January 16, 2010) –ShelterBoxes are being packed around the clock. Hundreds of ShelterBoxes that were dispatched from the propositioned stock in Curacao on Wednesday are due to touch down in Haiti late this afternoon, Haitian time. More ShelterBoxes are set to arrive in Port au Prince, Haiti later this week.

Since ShelterBox is the largest Rotary Club project in world – local Rotarians in Haiti have been a vital part in obtaining clearance for ShelterBox to land and get the life saving aid into the country.

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members David Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK) have been in Port au Prince since Thursday and have been working nonstop assessing the most effective ways to distribute the much needed aid.

A second Response Team, consisting of SRT members Mark Dyer (IL) and John Lacquey (FL) are in Miami, coordinating the ShelterBox logistical effort into Haiti from there. They will be joined later today by SRT member Ian Neal (UK) who will be travelling with the ShelterBoxes which are being shipped through Miami. 'So much destruction' SRT Mark Pearson, who was one of the first on the ground after the Indian Ocean Tsunami, said: "This is worse than the tsunami. It's utter chaos at the airport. Buildings have been completely destroyed, the hospital has been destroyed. It's a full scale emergency, there's so much destruction."

Since its inception in 2000, ShelterBox has provided shelter and dignity following over 100 disasters in more than 60 countries, bringing the organization to the forefront of international disaster relief. ShelterBox instantly responds to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid. In many cases "ShelterBoxes" have made the difference between life and death.

For more information please contact Veronica Brandon Miller at 941-907-6036 or by email at vmiller@shelterboxusa.org. Visit their website www.shelterboxusa.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 16	TBA
Feb 22	Rotary Board Meeting 5:30pm @ Mary's House
Feb 23	Traycee Scott- Williams – Census Bureau
Mar 31	Deadline to Register for District Conference April 15-17



Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bay Springs - 12:00	Columbia - 12:00	Clinton - 12:00	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00
City Hall	The Backdoor Restaurant	Baptist Health Plex	Steam Room Grill 155 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorville - 12:00
Collins - 12:00	Laurel - 12:00	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00	MS Power Co. Building
Cedars Restaurant	Laurel Country Club	Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Wiggins - 12:00
Ellisville - 12:00	North Jackson - 12:00	Heidelberg - 12:00	Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
J.C.J.C. Cafeteria	St. James	Library	
Jackson - 12:00	Episcopal Church	Poplarville - 12:00	<i>Friday</i>
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Rankin County - 12:00
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			