MINUTES FROM 1/25/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Bob Lockhead gave the invocation and Steve Ramp led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

The Club welcomed several visiting guests of Rotary members. James Stokes came with Bill Pace. John Weeks was a guest of Patrick Ward. David Gustafson was a visitor of Ric Corts and inductee David Johnson attended with David Thoms.

Thanks to Audra Cummings who served as our guest greeter.

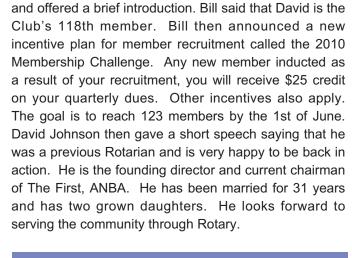
Nancy Jones of the Gandy Child Development Center brought the children (see photo) to the meeting so that they could give their heartfelt "Thank-You" to the Club for our participation in the "Reading Between the Lions" program. Nancy expressed what a wonderful asset it has been for the children at the center.

Mary reported that the Club was able to raise enough money for seven (7) \$1000 Shelter Boxes for the Haitian Relief effort. Mary said the boxes have been sent on to Haiti and she expressed congratulations on a job well

John McDaniel introduced R.Y.L.A. (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) to the Club. He said that since the development of one's character comes from serving oth-

ers, what better reason to urge our Hattiesburg area youth to take an active role and form an Rotary area Youth Club.

Bill McLeod called David Johnson forward. David was inducted as our newest member



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Today's program was an entertainment treat. The "Spirit of Southern", a men's a cappella ensemble at the University of Southern MS, performed several songs for the Club. John Flanery, who came to USM in 2006, is the group's founder and director. He brought these 14 talented young men to showcase their singing skills and included songs such as The Longest Time, Brown-Eyed Girl, and Calendar Girl (see photos). This group performs for campus activities and area community functions, and their music selections include oldies, spiritual songs, and contemporary pop.

Mary thanked John Flanery for the wonderful program and adjourned the meeting with our motto; "service

above self."



The Spirit of Southern sing "Calendar Girl to Jennifer Payne"

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE......

Please welcome our newest members, Jared Eastlac, and David Johnson.

Also proposed for membership is Carolyn Jones, owner of Healthy Cells.

Please let a board member know if you have any questions regarding those proposed for membership.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Shannon Duncan Woodward: Shannon is the Director of Development for the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation and the College of Business. Shannon received her Bachelor degree from Tulane University and worked in the field of marketing and sales management with Saks Fifth Avenue stores and Clarins Cosmetics before making the move to education. Previously, Shannon served as the Associate Director of Development at the University of Mississippi Foundation.

Bio of Lance Nail, PhD, CFA is Dean and Professor of Finance at the University of Southern Mississippi. Lance's research interests include mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and insider trading. He has published over 20 peer-reviewed articles in Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Applied Corporate Finance, and other outlets. Additionally, Lance is the managing co-editor of the Elsevier journal International Review of Financial Analysis.

Lance's service to the profession includes serving as an ad hoc reviewer for over 60 manuscripts at over a dozen academic journals. He has served on the program committee and/or best paper award committee for the Eastern Finance Association, Financial Management Association, Midwestern Finance Association, and the Southern Finance Association. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Eastern Finance Association and previously served on the boards of the Southern Finance Association, CFA Society of Alabama, and Risk Management Association of Birmingham.

Receiving eight teaching excellence awards at both the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and the University of Georgia, Lance has also been recognized as a best practices in teaching professor by Thomson Publishing (now Cengage) for his use of technology in teaching Finance. Prior to joining USM, Lance served as chair of the Department of Finance, Economics, and Quantitative Methods at UAB for 12 years.

Lance received his Ph.D. in Finance with a minor in Economics from the University of Georgia in 1996 and his BS in Finance with a minor in Economics from the University of Alabama in 1989 – graduating first in his class. He spent three years in industry as a mortgage-backed and asset-backed bond consultant for Ernst & Young National Consulting Group from 1989 through 1992.

IMPORTANT DATES

Shannon Woodward and Lance Nail University of Southern Mississippi Colonel Parham – Camp Shelby

Mar 31 **Deadline to Register for District Conference April 15-17**



Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday

Bay Springs - 12:00 City Hall Bolton - 7:30 Methodist Church Collins - 12:00 Cedars Restaurant Ellisville - 12:00 J.C.J.C. Cafeteria Jackson - 12:00 MS Museum of Art Lucedale - 12:00 MS Gulf Coast Community College Cafeteria Petal - 12:00 Civic Center South Hinds County - 12:00

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Tuesday

Columbia - 12:00 The Backdoor Restaurant Flowood - 12:00 River Oaks Hospital Laurel - 12:00 Laurel Country Club North Jackson - 12:00 St. James Episcopal Church

Wednesday

Clinton - 12:00 **Baptist Health Plex** Gluckstadt - 12:00 Parker House Restaurant Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00 Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria Heidelberg - 12:00 Library Poplarville - 12:00 Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria Richton - 12:00 Magnolia Restaurant Wavnesboro - 12:00 Western Sizzlin Prentiss - 12:00

Country Fisherman

Thursday

Steam Room Grill I55 N Jackson Taylorsville - 12:00 MS Power Co. Building Wiggins - 12:00 Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria

Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00

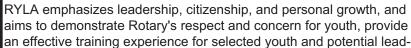
Friday

Rankin County - 12:00 Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex Slidell, LA - 12:00 Pinewood Country Club

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About RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants should be rising high-school seniors.





ers, encourage leadership of youth by youth. They also recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Applications are due to our club by March 23rd. Dates for the summer camp is Jut 18th- 22nd. Camp is held at the Soloman Episcopal Retreat in Loranger, LA.

GROVER ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

It's also not too early to start thinking about applicants for the **Grover Anderson Scholarship** to USM. This scholarship is available to Freshmen entering USM spring of 2010.

John McDaniel has volunteered to chair a committee for all scholarship programs that Hattiesburg Rotary offers. Please see John for applications and other questions.

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.



Students and teachers from the Gandy Center stop by to express their appreciation for Rotary's Reading Between Lions Program.

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