

## 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 done.

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 others, what better

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

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

and offered a brief introduction. Bill said that David is the Club's 118th member. Bill then announced a new incentive plan for member recruitment called the 2010 Membership Challenge. Any new member inducted as a result of your recruitment, you will receive \$25 credit on your quarterly dues. Other incentives also apply. The goal is to reach 123 members by the 1st of June. David Johnson then gave a short speech saying that he was a previous Rotarian and is very happy to be back in action. He is the founding director and current chairman of The First, ANBA. He has been married for 31 years and has two grown daughters. He looks forward to serving the community through Rotary.

## 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

**Feb 2** Shannon Woodward and Lance Nail  
**University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Feb** Colonel Parham – Camp Shelby  
**Mar 31** Deadline to Register for District Conference April 15-17



## Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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	
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	<b>Friday</b>
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin County - 12:00
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Slidell, LA - 12:00
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	Pinewood Country Club
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			



**About RYLA**

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

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth, provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders, 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 Jul 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.



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**ROTARY YEAR**  
2009-2010

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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.



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



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