

ROTARY 104TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Mission

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 2/24/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Richard Jones gave the invocation. Travis Sissons led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Topp then led members in the Rotary 4 way test.

Lewis Myrick and Tom Heanue from the Sunrise Club were introduced to speak about the upcoming Fun Run-Walk. Last year's event generated more than \$10,000. Club members were asked to either be a sponsor or a participant in the event.

Richard reminded members of the upcoming District conference. Sign-up sheets are available for anyone interested in attending. The event begins on Mary 7th.

Susan Morgan reported that the Pennies for Polio campaign is off and running. Thanks to those who have already contributed. The jugs are on the table for change contributions today.

Gene Owens, filling in for Heath Hillman welcomed today's guests. David Owens and Adam Pittman are guests of Gene Owens. Tracy Bowles is a guest of Wallace Weakley. Nikki Graham is a guest of Bob Riley and Lance Williams is a guest of Erik Graham.

Patrick Ward reminded members that the R3SM construction house workday is coming up within the next couple of weeks. Interested members should contact Patrick. The workday will involve punch list items and some landscaping.

Thanks to Joe Spell for today's memorable story from Grover Anderson.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Todd Mixon then introduced today's guest speaker, Lt. Colonel Tim Damco from Camp Shelby. Colonel Damco opened his comments with a story he heard from a Japanese/American who was one of several who petitioned the American Government for the opportunity to fight for their country during World War II. Because of the political and social climate of the day, the Japanese/American troops were transported from California to Hattiesburg under the cover of darkness. However, when they arrived in Hattiesburg they were welcomed by local citizens who lit the train depot with candles. Colonel Damco used this

story to represent how welcome Camp Shelby troops are made to feel by Hattiesburg area residents.

Camp Shelby opened in 1917. In the 1930's Mississippi bought some of the property and maintains it as a wildlife refuge. In 2004 the Camp became an Army national Guard Mobilization site. It is the largest such site in the nation. It is reported that 82,000 troops have been deployed and returned through Camp Shelby since 2004. More than 100,000 soldiers came through the facility during World War II.

The local economic impact of the camp is hard to measure, but Colonel Damco notes the number of soldiers seen in restaurants and malls throughout the area. He also noted the capital improvements that have been made at Camp Shelby, noting that the barracks are now air conditioned.

The future of Camp Shelby looks bright. The Army has changed from a strategic to an operational force. That means that reserve soldiers will be called up every five years for deployment training. If there is no conflict, they will be returned home.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Paul Ott - To thousands of wildlife conservationists in all fifty states, the name Paul Ott means a single voice singing out a message to conserve a place for wild things and wild places for future generations to enjoy as we have before them.

To industry, his name means a sensible philosophy of conservation, not preservation. He believes in the economic growth of our Country.

To the multi-billion dollar tourist industry, he is the "Voice of the South". Paul Ott is currently hosting his own call-in show, "Listen to the Eagle". The show is also being aired on television weekly. Both shows are growing each week across the South.

Folks, a man who has presented his program "Listen to the Eagle" to all fifty State Governors Conventions, over half a million school children, six State Legislative Sessions - and sang for the President of the United States at his request - from the Grand Old Opry - to NBC's First Tuesday -

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....

David Owens and Adam Pittman have submitted applications for Rotary Membership.

R3SM UPDATE FROM PATRICK WARD....

Our next work day should take place in about 2 weeks and will include working with flower beds. Workers have made considerable progress with interior work.

R3SM House located at 701 Katie, Hattiesburg. Directions: Located behind the Hattiesburg Police Station. Edwards Street ends at Police Station and Katie begins.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Register now to attend May 7th through 9th at The Hollywood Hotel and Casino in Bay St. Louis.

Our theme for our skit is "Court TV". Sign up now to be part of the food, fun, and entertainment. We need help with creating the skit and with people to help participate in the presentation. Help represent our club at the District Conference.

NIGHT IN ITALY

We need everyone to sign up to help with The Night in Italy. Tickets will be distributed to everyone today. This fund raiser benefits the Children's Center for Communication and Development.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues	3/10	Richard J King, GM Leaf River Cellulose LLC and VP of G-P Cellulose
Tues	3/17	Betsy M. Rowell, Director Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association
Tues	3/27	Jim Richmond - Director Corporate Communications Cellular South
Tues	3/31	Wynona Winfield, Southeast Mississippi State Hospital Director
Tues	4/24	Night In Italy - 4:30-7:30 @ Southern Oaks
May	7-9	District Conference - Bay St. Louis
June	21-24	International Convention Birmingham, England

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 I55 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	<i>Friday</i>
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			