

**Fellowship of Christian Athletics
Celebrity Quail Shoot**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletics (FCA) at USM is hosting a Celebrity Quail Shoot on February 13th at Reynolds Plantation. Each shooter will be matched with a celerity and dog handler for guaranteed results. The participants will rotate in two hour hunt periods with lunch served. The donation/registration fee for the hunt will be \$500 with 100% of all proceeds going to FCA and the shooter gets to keep the Quail he shoots.

Some of the celebrities participating will be: Coach Larry Fedora, Austin Davis, Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant, Jeff Kelly, Gen. William Freeman, Reggie Collier, Gary Grubbs, Melvin Tingle



**For more info call Bill Sansing
228-365-4344 or 601-583-9440**

Date: Saturday, Feb 13th Hunt Times: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, & 3:30

Place: Reynolds Plantation – 1 hour East of Petal

Spokes

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Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

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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		
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”

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Robert Cummings gave the invocation and Janice Touchstone led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

The Club welcomed guests of Rotary members. Tommy May came with Jerome Brown. Benjamin Morris was a guest of Toxey Morris. Adele Coll was a visitor of her sister Aimee Spears. Rachel Crawford attended with speaker Lance Nail. Elwood Hausler was a guest of Richard Topp and Charles Greer V attended with Charles Greer IV. We extend a warm welcome to all..

Thanks to Lucy Parkman and Shannon Woodward who served as our guest greeters.

On behalf of Todd Mixon, Bill McLeod announced a "Celebrity Quail Shoot" hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletics. The hunt will take place on Saturday, February 13th at Reynolds Plantation (one hour east of Petal). For hunt times or for more information, please call Bill Sansing at 601.583.9440 or 228.365.4344.

Bill reminded everyone about the 2010 Membership Challenge and hopes to be able to reach the goal of 123 members by June 1st. Please see Bill if you need more information or a nomination form.

Bill announced the January attendance results. The Club had 70% attendance overall, with 37 members having a perfect 100% attendance. Please make sure you mark your name on the sign-in sheets at every meeting you attend, including any meetings in other communities or an online meeting. Also be sure to credit yourself if you attend other functions, such as the "Reading Between the Lions" program. You may send this attendance information via email to Lamar at amsle@megagate.com or to Llana at csams@megagate.com. PLEASE ALSO SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO ONE OF THESE IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY.

February is "Scholarship Month", and Bill mentioned the three types of scholarship programs the Club works with. The Ambassadorial Scholarship, as described by Ben Morris, is a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other cultures. The Grover B. Anderson scholar-

ship is awarded to a capable and deserving Forrest or Lamar County student who must maintain a 2.5 GPA. And the R.Y.L.A. organization has 2 scholarships to award to 2 deserving candidates, so please get those applications in as soon as possible.

Maura McLaughlin announced that she will be selling raffle ticket for the Rotary District Conference. Each raffle ticket costs \$5. The winner will receive a beautiful Blue Dog silk screen print and the proceeds will all benefit scholarship funds. Maura says to please bring your \$10 to the next meeting.

last week's program

Our keynote speakers were our own Club members Shannon Woodward and Lance Nail. Shannon is the Director of Development for the USM Foundation and the College of Business. Lance is the Dean and Professor of Finance at USM. The two of them have joined forces with a goal of expanding the College of Business to make it THE College of Business. Growing attendance and increasing technology make this expansion a necessity for USM, the state of Mississippi, and for the futures of the students. They have set into motion initiatives and goals and are marketing a mission statement to bring forth a state-of-the-art learning facility. The new facility will be located at the corner of 31st and Pearl at the USM campus. It will create much needed space for new labs, classrooms, offices, auditoriums, and lecture halls. They have a plan to raise \$35 million. They started the process in Mississippi, but have recently included outreaches into Birmingham, Atlanta, Orlando, Dallas, Houston, Memphis, and New Orleans. The College of Business believes in the support of above-quality business students, which is why in August, 2009, the Honors House opened up with 12 men and 12 women being the first to inhabit a place that represents a growing trend in living/learning communities on campus. This House is a fabulous recruiting tool, and provides the gifted students a cohesive, collaborative experience where they learn to live and work together in groups. February is "Business Ethics Awareness Month" and Rotarians are invited to attend any of their meetings to witness the discussions about upstanding ethics. One meeting is set for Feb. 9th and another is set for Feb. 25th. You may contact Lance or Shannon for more information.

Mary thanked Lance and Shannon for their presentation and adjourned the meeting with our motto.

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.

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.

Today's program

Biographical Summary of PARHAM, ROBERT S.

Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, ARNGUS

Date and Place of Birth: 16 June 1956, Sardis, Mississippi
 Spouse Name: Carol
 Present Assignment: Commander, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Camp Shelby

Total Years of Military Service: Over 22 years

Civilian Education:

Magee High School, Magee, MS Graduated 1974
 University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS BS (Outdoor Recreation/Resource Management), 1979

US Decorations/Badges:

Meritorious Service Meda, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with two Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hour Glass, Number 2, and "M" Devices)
 Army Service Ribbon, Mississippi War Medal (with two Bronze Stars), Mississippi Longevity Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Alabama Commendation Medal

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 9 Colonel Parham – Camp Shelby
 Feb 16 TBA
 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	Taylorsville - 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			