

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 11th	Speaker, Dr. Ben Carmichael
Jan 18th	11:15 RIC Committee Meeting at Southern Oaks
Jan 18th	Speakers, Anna and Bob Edenfield Owners of Home Instead Senior Care
Jan 24th	Board Meeting, 6pm, at Hancock Bank, University Branch
Jan 25th	Speaker, Dennis Granberry

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENES MONTH

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel, is coordinating a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. At our last meeting, Mary Cromartie donated a \$50 gift certificate to Purple Parrot and the winner was Allen Smithers.

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Scott. 601-318-6497 (work) or 601-466-6156 (cell)

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Tuesday or Friday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes. The Gandy Child Development Center is located at:



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808

Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
dan@Unitedwaysems.org
call **601-545-7141**

Reading Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 1/4 9:30am	David Johnson	
Friday, 1/7 9:30am	Jerome Brown	
Tuesday, 1/11 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	David Johnson
Friday, 1/14 9:30am	Jennifer Payne	
Tuesday, 1/18 9:30am	Kris King David Johnson	Lucy Parkman
Friday, 1/21 9:30am		
Tuesday, 1/25 9:30am	David Johnson	
Friday, 1/28 9:30am		

**EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT IS \$340
FROM DEC 15 - MARCH 30TH; AFTER MARCH 31
THE PRICE INCREASES AGAIN TO \$380.**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS
FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, MAY 21-25, 2011**

**GO ONLINE TO ROTARY.ORG, SET UP YOUR USER
LOGIN THROUGH MEMBER ACCESS, CHECK OUT THE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, REGISTER FOR CONVENTION.
OR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING TODAY**

**CLICK ON THE STEAMBOAT LOGO TO ACCESS
THE WEB PAGES FOR THE CONVENTION**



**ONE DAY PASS FOR HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ON
SATURDAY MAY 21 ONLY \$40**

DISTRICT REGISTRATION CONTEST

DG Dick McCarthy is challenging clubs in our district to have the most members register for the 2011 International Conference by April 30th. There will be awards for small, medium and large clubs who have the largest percent of their members register. Let's get rollin' today.....we can win the award for the large club with the most registrations! If you have questions about how to register online call, Aime Spears (601) 812-8066 anytime.



Looking for Rotary International 2011 Convention Information?
District Website www.rotary6840.org - Rotary International www.rotary.org

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www.hattiesburgrotary.com

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2010-2011**

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 01/04/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thank you to Kristy Gould, who gave the invocation and to Brian Moore, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Christina Ghents and Bob Lochhead.

Wes Brooks welcomed today's guests and visitors. Arrington Rhett was a guest of Allen Smithers, and Michael Griffin was a guest of Brian Moore. Wes hopes our guests are inspired to become a member of the Club. Wes thanked all who served today and at all of the meetings.

Bill announced that the funeral arrangements for PDG Dayton Robinson have been set for this Thursday, Jan. 6th in Gulfport, with final services to be held Friday, Jan. 7th at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. The Rotary Board members are sending flowers and a memorial on the club's behalf.

Bill thanked everyone who attended the Christmas Social in December, as it was a great turnout. He also thanked Jennifer Payne and Jaclyn Adams for organizing this event. Bill then read thank-you cards mailed in by those who received Christmas gifts and donations from our Club. People from the Salvation Army, the "Shop with a Cop" program, and the "Shop for Seniors" program were all very appreciative.

Bill noted that the Wine Tasting Event netted a profit of \$7,887 which will all be donated to Rotary causes. He again thanked Jaclyn and Jennifer for all their hard work in this successful event.

Bill announced that the "2011 Mid-Year Checkup" Conference is set for this Saturday, January 8th. It will be held at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis, MS. Registration begins at 8am. The meeting is open to all Rotarians, with a continental breakfast and a lunch being served. Bill urged all to attend if possible.

Scott Hummel was happy to report that \$73 in raffle tickets were sold for today's raffle drawing. All proceeds benefit the Rotary Foundation. Mary Cromartie donated today's weekly prize – a \$50 gift certificate to the Purple Parrot/Crescent City Grill. The winner of the drawing was Allen Smithers.

Allen Smithers updated the group about Toxey Morris. Toxey's health is steadily improving, but he is still weak. Toxey was thankful to all members who have shown such great concern.

Bill reminded all club members that the Reading Between the Lions program is in need of more volunteers. Please see the chart on the back of the Spokes for available dates and times. Please contact Dan Kibodeaux to reserve a spot on the list. The preschool children really appreciate this small amount of time out of your schedule.

The first Early Registration deadline has passed for the Rotary

International Convention; however there is still time to make your plans and to register. The current price is \$340 if you register between now and March 30th. The price will increase to \$380 between March 30th and April 30th. You may easily register online at www.rotary.org or contact Aime Spears for a registration form. The next planning meetings, is January 18th at 11:15am at Southern Oaks.

01/04/11 PROGRAM SUMMARY

Kris King then introduced David Dearman. He owns and operates David Dearman Autoplex Company. He has also formed a separate finance company, has numerous investments, and participates in trades in the stock market.

David said that he is a businessman who has done a lot of research on banking, our government, the Federal Reserve, and the stock market. He wanted to share his insight into the stock market. He was able to turn a \$150k investment into a \$1.3 million account. But he realizes that we, the people of America, are not told the truth. Governmental secrets may lead us into a communist country. People are under the false impression that we live in a free-market society, but we don't. It is not a free market when the Federal Reserve has to buy back its own debt.

We are in a major credit crisis. The good local community banks are being hit hard, and yet they have to follow a different set of rules than the big national banks. The dollar is not worth much anymore, because it is no longer backed by the value of gold or silver the way it used to be. The dollar and virtually all other paper currencies, with the exception of the euro, are one hundred percent fiat currencies backed by absolutely nothing but government promises. The biggest obstacle in obtaining a "world government" is a strong U.S. economy.

Jesus said "the love of money is the root of all evil". It seems that the more money a man has, the more powerful he becomes. The more power he has, the more weak he becomes. Those in power are weak, so they are implementing everything they can to see that our economy fails. Because if the economy fails, the government will be in complete control, and there will be no more free society. Now is the time to take action, become involved, take a stand, and start saying NO to our government, or we should be prepared for a total takeover. Join a TEA Party, be informed, do research, and demand nothing but the truth!

One of David's main points was that each of us decide each day how we will do business. What we stand for and what we will accept in our leaders. Our government is out of control and not accountable to the 'people'. This needs to change.

Bill thanked David for his presentation and then adjourned the meeting with our motto: Service above Self.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Dr. Ben Carmichael

"In the summer of 1969, my wife, Kathy, and I moved from D.C. to San Antonio and happened to spend the night in Jackson when Hurricane Camille hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast," he explained, with a chuckle. "Kathy and I both decided right then, we didn't know where we'd settle down, but we knew it wouldn't be in Mississippi or Alabama."

However, both knew they wanted to settle down in the South. Growing up in the small Georgia town of McDonough (population: 2,800), at a time when most neighbors were kin and few folks watched TV, Carmichael spent many evenings listening to tales told by his maternal grandfather, H.C. Ellis, MD, who had made house calls as a country doctor during the horse-and-buggy days. During his career, Ellis delivered more than 3,300 babies across middle Georgia.

The older of two children born to Benjamin Brown Carmichael and his wife, Dorothy, Carmichael and his seven-years-younger sister grew up understanding that death was a normal extension of life. Their father and paternal grandfather operated the family's funeral home, which had been established in 1874.

"My dad always wore a coat-and-tie and I wanted to dress just like him," said Carmichael, who often went to school in a starched shirt, pressed slacks and polished shoes. After a pause, he chuckled. "I guess I did stand out."

From a young age, Carmichael knew he wanted to attend Emory University, where his grandfather had graduated in 1906. After graduating from Henry County High School, Carmichael planned to earn a biology degree and then continue to Emory's medical school. But he almost got off track before the start of his third year of college.

"My father had had a heart attack in 1948, and another one in 1955," he explained. "Then between my freshman and sophomore years, he had another one. I seriously considered quitting school and helping my family in the funeral business. Of all the grandchildren, I was the only male, so it sort of fell to me. We anguished over that decision, but my grandfather and daddy convinced me it would be a mistake to quit school, and my grandfather said he would find a way to continue to pay for my expenses at Emory."

Partly because of his dad's heart condition, Willis Hurst, MD, chair of the Department of Medicine at Emory University, encouraged Carmichael to focus on cardiology.

Even though he was fortunate to finish school debt-free, it remained difficult to make ends meet. At the time, civilian internships paid only \$200 a month. "I could get \$900 a month in the Army," he recalled. "That's why I went to Walter Reed (General Hospital in Washington, D.C.), and where I met Kathy."

Kathy, who had grown up in a military family, had lived in Japan from the age of 14 to 17. By the time they met in April 1966, she was a 24-year-old x-ray technician working in a civilian position at Walter Reed; he was a 27-year-old captain in the U.S. Army and had nearly finished his first-year rotating internship. He knew she was "the one" on their first date.

They were engaged two months later, around the same time Carmichael was dealt another major blow. Ellis had died in his sleep at the age of 86. "He just wore out," said Carmichael. "It was that simple. But I was devastated."

Carmichael reflected fondly, "Our time in Washington, D.C., was very special. Kathy and I met at Walter Reed, married in the chapel there, and Ben was born there. Then Ben was baptized at the Washington Cathedral by Maj. Gen. Luther D. Miller, the same man who married us.

The Carmichaels faced another challenge when their second son, David, was diagnosed at the age of four with Legg-Calve-Perthes disease, a form of osteonecrosis of the hip that's found only in children. He spent a year in traction, followed by surgery at New Orleans's Children Hospital that involved a transfemoral osteotomy and realigning his hip joint.

"He was fine after that ... riding bikes, running, and playing sports," said Carmichael.

Both children, now grown, live close by. His son, Ben, 40, works for R.J. Young Company in Hattiesburg, and has two children, Katelyn, 12, and Matthew, 9, with wife Tirza. His son, David, 37, who graduated from UAB and earned a master's degree in tax accounting from Ole Miss, is an associate with a large accounting firm in Gulfport. David's sons are Gunner, 9, and Lake, 7. Every summer, they all gather at the beach as often as possible.