

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....

To submit someone for membership to the Hattiesburg Rotary Club.

1. Submit a membership application to membership committee.
2. Membership committee researches applicant and recommends action to The Board.
3. The Board votes on the nominee.
4. After approval by the Board, the proposed new member's name is published in the Spokes for 2 weeks.

This gives Club members an opportunity to object in writing to The Board if they deem the nominee unacceptable.

If no serious objections are received, the Board's approval becomes final.

The new member is inducted during a lunch meeting and given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the Club.

This week:

Bill Oliver has sponsored for membership, Evan Dillard. Evan has been approved by the board and is being presented to the members for approval.

R3SM Update from Patrick Ward....

The next work day is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at 8:00 am. Be there to help with small jobs.

701 Katie Hattiesburg - Directions: Located behind the Hattiesburg Police Station. Edwards Street ends at Police Station and Katie begins.

OFFICERS ATTEND MID-WINTER UPDATE

This past Saturday seven officers of Hattiesburg Rotary attended the mid-winter update held at BayWaveland Yacht Club.

Special thanks to Richard Topp, Mike Ratliff, Wally Weakley, Mary Cromartie, Maura McLaughlin, Bill McLeod and Tom Potter for taking time to represent Hattiesburg Rotary.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS UPDATES NEEDED

Updates needed from all Committee Chairs Please email Bill McLeod and copy Aime Spears with your report to be printed in next weeks Spokes. Deadline 1/16.

ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Todd Bradley reported that the Golf Tournament raised \$4,550.89 between the two clubs. In addition to this was the \$1,500 that has already been sent to the Children Miracle Network.

TELEVISION COMMERCIALS AIR ON CBS

WHLT CBS 22 has started airing commercials that were provided by Rotary International. The theme of the commercials is Polio Vaccination and Peace. Each commercial has been modified to include the web address to Hattiesburg Rotary Club.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Register now to attend the District Conference, 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. Registration form are available now.

Visit the District web site for more information. www.rotary6840.org

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District 6840

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**ROTARY YEAR
2008-2009**

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 1/06/2009

President-Elect Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting for President Richard Topp who was out of town. Kristy Gould gave the invocation. Mike Ratliff then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heath Hillman then recognized today's visitors.

Ben Morris was a guest of Toxey Morris.

Amanda Coll was a guest of Aime Spears.

John Wells was a guest of Patrick Ward.

Charles Greer V was a guest of Charles Greer IV.

Tracy Bowles was a guest of Mike Ratliff.

Maura McLaughlin then provided members with additional information on the Rotary Foundation. She reported that our club has an all-time giving record of just over \$225,000. She encouraged the 63 members who have never contributed to the Foundation to consider a contribution this year.

Patrick Ward reported that the next workday for the R3SM home will be January 24. Anyone interested in assisting should contact him.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Hayden Mitchell came forward to introduce today's guest speaker, Ed Langton. Ed spoke to the club relative to his involvement with the Greater PineBelt Community Foundation.

He thanked Rotarians for supporting the community foundation effort during the past ten years. He also encouraged members to look to the Foundation to meet some of their giving needs. He noted that the Foundation is not in competition with area charities but exists to facilitate charitable giving programs in the area. As an example he noted that through the Bob James Memorial Fund donations can be made to support the operating costs of the United Way. Additionally, the Foundation is used by the local District Attorney to generate funding for crime scene investigating equipment that could otherwise not be acquired.

The Foundation has a number of ways that

individuals can become involved. They set a goal to increase their partner members from sixty to one hundred. They will also be conducting educational programs relative to planned giving. Additionally, donors can set up their own endowment through their donor advised fund. Using this method of giving donors can leave a legacy to assist their favorite charity for many years to come.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information or making a contribution is encouraged to call (601) 583-6180 or email contact@PineBeltFoundation.org. More information can be obtained by visiting their website at www.PineBeltFoundation.org.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Resume of Bill Powe

Education:

I am a graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS with a BS degree in Technical Geography (Remote Sensing, GIS, and Meteorology). I am also a graduate of Hall's Diving and Career Institute, Marathon, FL with certification as a SCUBA Instructor.

Work History:

I managed the Gateway at Southern Miss for The University of Southern Mississippi in partnership with the Pearl and Leaf Rivers Rails To Trails Recreation District (Long Leaf Trace) from 2003 through 2007. I also managed Lake Sehoy and the M.C. Johnson Natatorium for the Department of Recreational Sports at The University of Southern Mississippi during that time. Since October 2007 I have served as Director of Preparedness and Health and Safety Services for the South Central Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross and am currently acting as the Director for Southeast Mississippi Chapter's Health and Safety Services. I have been an American Red Cross instructor since 1991 and believe strongly in the mission of the American Red Cross. I also teach one SCUBA class per semester as part time adjunct faculty for the School of Human Performance and Recreation at The University of Southern Mississippi .

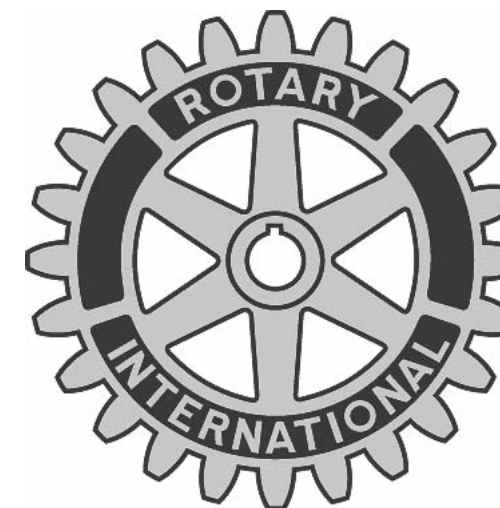
ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



IMPORTANT DATES

Tues	1/20	Corky Palmer - USM Head Baseball Coach
Sat	1/24	R3SM Project Work Day 8am 701 Katie Ave.
Tues	1/27	John Cox - Director Sports Broadcasting, USM

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			