

SHELTERBOX RESPONDS TO DISASTER IN HAITI

HAITI OPERATION CENTERS UP AND RUNNING

ShelterBox has established three separate operational centers in and around Haiti to help distribute assistance to the estimated one million people left homeless by the devastating 12 January earthquake.

The three-person ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) in Haiti has set up an operations base in the capital Port au Prince with the assistance of local Rotarians to co-ordinate the delivery of aid in the country. They are working with the French aid agency ACTED to determine the areas in most need of assistance and are training personnel to put up tents ahead of their arrival into the devastated country.

The Haiti operation is being supported by logistical hubs set up in Miami and the Dominican Republic capital Santa Domingo. ShelterBoxes have been flown to both cities for onward transportation to Haiti.

ShelterBox Head of Operations John Leach said, "This is the largest, quickest and most complex deployment in our history. We are now very well organized across four countries to get ShelterBoxes to the people of Haiti quickly. We are now set up to channel aid to those in need efficiently and effectively in the days and weeks to come. This is a long term commitment from ShelterBox and we have to sustain our initial push."

Warehouse volunteers continue to pack ShelterBoxes day and night at the ShelterBox HQ in Helston. More than 3,300 ShelterBoxes have been committed so far, enough to help up to 33,000 people. Given the enormity of the disaster, more boxes are being packed ready to be sent to the Caribbean country.

ShelterBox Founder and CEO Tom Henderson added, "The need in Haiti is huge. Current estimates are that there are over a million people who have lost their homes. We continue to rely on the support of volunteers and donors to allow us to help them in the days and weeks to come."

Inside a Shelterbox

A full ten person Shelterbox tent. Shelterboxes are sponsored by service clubs, (Rotary Clubs), school and church groups, businesses and individuals, etc. Materials are ordered from a range of suppliers selected for general use, long-life, quality and price. Shelterboxes are prepared and packed using all new materials as delivered from manufacturers, at the Shelterbox warehouse based in Helston, Cornwall. The standard Shelterbox weighs 110 lbs. and has approximate dimensions 2'3" x 1'4" x 11". They are sealed and banded for transit and security. Box contents vary depending on the nature of the disaster requiring their use.



Boxes are sometimes packed with two 10-person tents in them, (to the exclusion of some smaller items, to maximize shelter capacity. Some of the selected Box items that are available for inclusion in the Box are:

- One 49 gallon box (The Shelterbox) initially the container for delivery of the materials listed below. Once delivered, can be used as water tank, food store, cot, table, etc.
- One ten-person tent, including two fabric interior privacy partitions, outer fly-sheet and repair kit. These tents are considered 'winter suitable' by international relief standards.
- Vinyl insulated sleeping mats and lightweight thermal blankets. More compact than sleeping bags, these mats and blankets have multiple uses. The blanket can also be fashioned to catch water, as a tarp, etc. while the mat also serves as a ground 'table' for meals, or tent rugs.
- One pack of 180 water purification tablets or a water purification kit; and one 5 gallon flat-pack water container (Each tablet will purify a full container of water providing 1,800 gallons of clean drinking water which should be sufficient for a family of ten for up to three months).
- Two 2.1 gallon, collapsible, plastic water carriers.
- One collapsible trenching shovel
- Rope, 164 foot
- Repellant-treated mosquito netting
- Ten PVC Ponchos/ ten HD plastic bags
- Tool kit in canvas bag: hachet, jack-knife, screwdriver, hammer, hoe head etc.
- Multi-fueled cook stove
- Eating utensils: enamel plates/cups
- Children's activity kit-simple school supplies, stickers and coloring books.



More info at www.shelterboxusa.com

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 1/12/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Todd Bradley gave the invocation and Bill Hughes led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the club in and the Four Way Test.

Freddy Walter filled in for Gene Owens and introduced a number of visiting Rotarians and guests of Rotary members. Barbara Mauldin and Milton Wheeler visited from the Petal Club. Tom Light visited from the Sunrise Club. Carolyn Jones was a guest of Susan Light. David Gustafson was a guest of Ric Cortis.

Thanks to Betsy Rowell, Johnny Stevens and Scott Hummel who served as our greeters.

Richard Topp thanked the sixteen club members who helped make this year's Salvation Army bell ringing project a success.

John McDaniels asked members for scholarship recommendations for the Grover B. Anderson scholarship at the University of Southern Mississippi. The scholarship is open to the child, grandchild or great grandchild of a Rotarian. They must be a rising Jr. or Senior. He also suggested that members keep in mind the Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship. Nominations for that scholarship will be sought in the near future.

Bill McCleod reported that a new member will be inducted at next Tuesday's meeting. A second new member is schedule for induction the following week. Members are encouraged to continue recruiting quality club members.

Bill also reminded members of the District Conference scheduled in Bay St. Louis for April 15-17. The conference theme this year will be Rotary Goes Country. The registration deadline is March 31.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bill Tolbert then introduced today's speaker Dr. Michael Murphy, Vice President and founding Dean of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Murphy thanked club members for inviting him back for an update on the new program. Construction is well underway and classes are scheduled to begin in August with one-hundred students. Eighteen of the student slots have been filled

so far and the program is expected to be full by April or May. Fifty-two percent of those already accepted are from Mississippi. A total of 85% of all those accepted are from within a three state area.

The third phase of the construction project has been approved and funded.

Sixteen of the faculty involved in the program are full-time employees with terminal degrees. An additional eight faculty positions will be specialists in their field. The annual tuition cost will be \$38,000. Dr. Murphy estimates that a student will need about \$65,000 per year for the four-year program.

Two interesting elements of the program that was discussed include course work on oral health and disaster relief. The program intends to encompass all elements of the mind, body and spirit.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Jared Eastlack has been proposed for membership by Janice Touchstone. Jared is an attorney with Bryan, Nelson.

David Johnson, Chairman of The First Bank has also been proposed for membership.

Please let a board member know if you have any questions regarding those proposed for membership.

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. You 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 readers volunteers every week - Tuesday or Friday mornings.

The Gandy Child Development Center
2201 South 28th Avenue Extension

See Eric Graham if you have questions.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of DeLois Smith - Delois Smith All Star Team

DeLois Smith has been Hattiesburg's top producing residential REALTOR® for the past three decades. In the more challenging market of 2009, DeLois and her team produced \$55 million in closed transactions in our local markets. As a Certified Residential Specialist®, DeLois focuses on families who are relocating to the Hattiesburg, Petal, and Oak Grove area...something she and her family did in 1972. As a REALTOR® Broker, DeLois has nurtured the DeLois Smith All Star Team to be on the cutting edge of technology, education, and marketing skills.

The Wall Street Journal recently published the team ranking of #61 in production among the top 7,000 residential real estate teams in the USA and Canada.

DeLois has been inducted into the Better Homes & Gardens Hall of Fame, has been named one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women, and has been selected Hattiesburg's Best REALTOR® by public vote.

She is a member of Temple Baptist Church, while her husband, Lavon, is a longtime member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Together, they dedicate a substantial amount of time supporting the ministry of Kindness International, which is teaching Christian morals and ethics through the public school systems in Russian and the Ukraine.



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 19	DeLois Smith - DeLois Smith All Star Team
Jan 25	Rotary Board Meeting 5:30 pm
Jan 26	The University of Southern Mississippi Spirit of Southern Men's Capella Group
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	Friday
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			