

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 submit any objections, in writing, to the Board. If there are no serious objections, the member is deemed approved.

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

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

R3SM Update from Patrick Ward....

The floors have been installed and the house is moving along with great success.

The next work day is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at 8:00 am. Please sign up to come help between 8am and 12 noon. Sign-up sheet is located at the front table. We will be doing small clean-up and installing insulation.

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS UPDATES NEEDED

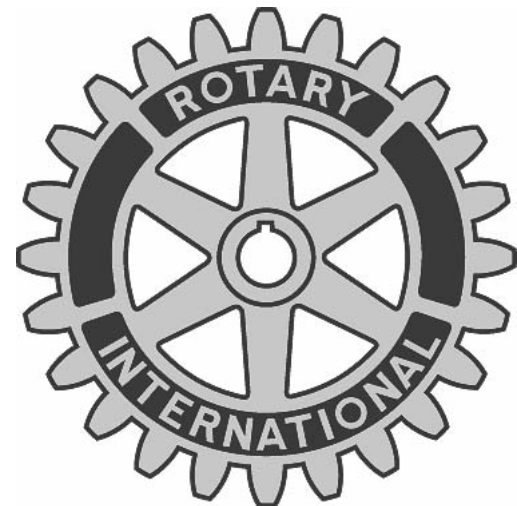
Updates needed from all Committee Chairs. Please email Bill McLeod (bmcLeod@eptaxlaw.com) and copy Aime Spears (aspears@whlt.com) with your report to be printed in next weeks Spokes. Deadline 1/23.

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 forms are available now.

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



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- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

MINUTES FROM 1/13/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Conrad Welker gave the invocation. Holt McMullan then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heath Hillman then recognized today's visitors.

Milton Wheeler, Pierce and Jessie Stevens visited from the Petal Club.

Priscilla Hebert visited with today's speaker and has expressed an interest in Rotary membership.

Thanks to Patrick Ward and Tom Potter for being our Greeters today.

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

Topp reported to club members that a number of representatives from the Hattiesburg Rotary Club attended the mid-year check-up meeting held this past weekend by District 6840's governor. Topp reported that our club is one of a very few that is experiencing membership growth. Our club has netted 8 new members thus far this year with another 8 possible before the end of the year. He also noted that our club has projects in all of the service areas targeted by the Governor, including a water project, a health and wellness program and a literacy program. More details on each of these projects will be made available at a club assembly coming up in the near future.

Club members were reminded that the District Conference will be held in Bay St. Louis on May 7 - 9, 2009. Everyone is invited and anyone interested in participating in the Friday night food festival and talent show is encouraged to sign up soon. The Club will conduct a five minute skit around Court TV.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Hayden Mitchell came forward to introduce today's guest speaker, Bill Powe, Education Preparedness Director for the Hattiesburg American Red Cross Chapter.

Bill gave club members a brief overview on a number of training programs that are offered through the American Red Cross in hopes of equipping area residents with the skills needed to manage a disaster before the disaster occurs. Many of the training opportunities are now on-line blended programs. Participants can take the course work on the Internet and then have their skills tested at the training site.

The focus of today's presentation was on Automated External Defibrillators or AED's. Bill has a goal of having an AED unit within two minutes of every resident within the chapter's service area. He noted that this is a lofty goal in that these units cost anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,100. The need is great for these devices. An estimated 350,000 Americans suffer from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) each year. For every sixty seconds a SCA victim goes without treatment, ten percent of their survival rate is lost. The average response time for an ambulance is 7 minutes, reducing the patient's survival rate to only 30 percent.

Bill encouraged club members to consider adding AED in their place of businesses and/or assisting the American Red Cross in putting these units in places where they are needed. To assist in the project or to take advantage of the training programs, contact Bill at (601) 582-8151 or visit www.scms-redcross.org.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Our speaker today is Corky Palmer. Head baseball coach at Southern Mississippi.

Bio of Coach Palmer:

Corky Palmer has been head baseball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi since June, 1997 and is the 12th head baseball coach in the history of the program. Under his leadership the Golden Eagles baseball program has soared to new heights and is highly respected for its competitive play—especially at Pete Taylor Park where 104,628 fans enjoyed watching them compete last year on their way to a 42-22 record.

Bio of Coach Palmer continued...

A Hattiesburg native, Palmer started with a successful playing career at Hattiesburg High School that earned him three letters. He then enhanced his reputation as a player with a four year stint as catcher for the legendary Golden Eagles Coach Pete Taylor at Southern Miss, where he was starting catcher his final three seasons.

After getting his degree at USM in 1977, he coached at Columbus' Lee High and Columbia High and his teams consistently won conference titles and were in the state playoffs. In his six years at the high school level, his teams posted an impressive 102-52 record.

He then spent the 1985 and 1986 seasons as an assistant coach at USM before becoming head coach at Meridian Community College, where in 10 seasons his teams posted a 409-160 record, earned five Mississippi-Louisiana Conference titles, four district and regional championships, three trips to the Junior College World Series, and in 1996, advanced all the way to the title game.

At USM, Palmer's teams have a 418-255 record, giving him a lifetime coaching record of 929-467. He has a school record sixth straight postseason appearance and the most successful six year run in school history. Over the past six years, the Golden Eagles have had no less than 39 wins each season, surpassing the 40 win mark four times. They have played in 6 NCAA Regionals and won the Conference USA tournament and regular season titles in 2003.

Palmer's student athletes have also been recognized for their academic achievements and quite a few have been drafted to play professional baseball. Also, under his leadership, the baseball facilities have been substantially upgraded, including a new clubhouse and luxury suites.

Palmer has received numerous coaching honors and awards and was elected to the Southern Miss M Club Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 and was inducted into the Southern Miss Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2007.

He and his wife, Debbie, have been married 33 years and reside in the Hattiesburg area,

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	Program - TBA

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			