

FROM THE BOARD....

Grover Anderson Scholarship- we need to select a recipient for this \$1,000 scholarship to USM for next year. Children or relatives of members are eligible and will be given preferential treatment.

RYLA- We need to select students from our local high schools to attend this week-long leadership training week (July 19-23, 2009). Upcoming seniors are eligible and we like to sponsor one female and one male each year.

Approved for Senior Active status: Bill Pace and Billy Scruggs.

R3SM House Project work day this Thursday 1/29/09 at 3PM has been postponed.

Budget allowance for our Literacy Project approved in amount of \$700 approved; budget approved for Water Project of \$200. If we are successful in securing sponsors for either of these projects then we will be able to divert these funds to our other approved projects.

Submitted for membership this week is Priscilla Hebert. She is the Director of Development for the Red Cross. She moved here from New Orleans. Hayden Mitchell sponsored Priscilla.

R3SM Update from Patrick Ward....

Heating & Air are now being scheduled. Inspections have been delayed.

Several people showed up on Saturday ready to work, but the inspections had not been done for work to move forward. Cameron Sisson was able to vacuum debris. The next work day will be announced soon.

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

PENNIES FOR POLIO

Pennies For Polio Campaign will start on February 3rd. Save your change and bring it with you to the meeting that Tuesday.

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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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

MINUTES FROM 1/20/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Scott Hummel gave the invocation. A.D. Hunt then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gene Owens then recognized today's visiting Rotarians and visitors.

Butch Brown visited from the Sunrise Club.

Priscilla Hebert was a guest of Lamar Evans.

Grant Bennett was a guest of Mike Ratliff.

Susan Lindsey was a guest of Erik Graham.

Andrew Cornett was a guest of Robert Cornett.

Thanks to Jaclyn Adams and Travis Sissons for being our Greeters today.

Topp reminded members that the next work-day for the R3SM home will be January 24. A sign up sheet is available for anyone interested in assisting.

Topp announced that the Club's Pennies for Polio campaign will begin soon. Details will be announced at the February 3rd meeting. Club members are encouraged to bring this spare change for this campaign.

On this historical inauguration day, Joe Spell shared some of his memories of the Dwight D. Eisenhower inauguration day ceremonies. Joe served in the Army and was a part of the crowd control for the events. He reported that the inauguration parade lasted well into the next day because of the popularity of President Eisenhower.

Hayden Mitchell came forward to introduce today's speaker, The University of Southern Mississippi's baseball coach, Corky Palmer.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Coach Palmer reported that the baseball program drew 100,000 fans to last year's events. He anticipates more attendance this year because of what he calls a great home schedule. A total of 34 regular games will be played at Pete Taylor Field this season. In addition, the conference tournament will also be played here in Hattiesburg.

Palmer reported that attendees will see a few substantial changes at Pete Taylor this year. The "hill" that has been an eye-sore to many for several years has now been terraced. The eye-sore has been eliminated and additional seating made possible. A student deck has been added. Additionally, 50 new seat-back chairs have been added to the stadium.

Palmer thanked the many Rotarians in the Club who have supported the USM baseball program over the years. He noted that, other than the concession stand, the University and the Institutions of Higher Learning have very little invested in Pete Taylor Park. All of the improvements over the years have been made possible by the generosity of supporters.

As far as the season goes, Coach Palmer says he's got some great players with exceptional talent that will take the field this year. However, it is all new talent and they've never played at the Division I level. He says he and the fans will just have to wait and see how they step up to challenge of the Division I game.

Finally, Coach Palmer noted that "old coaches grow up too" and over the years he has come to the realization that a college degree is worth much more than a possible baseball career. The players last year had an average 2.98 GPA, with some of the players carrying a 4.0.

As with any success in life, organization, preparation and discipline are the three most important factors that Coach Palmer sees in a successful baseball program.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Club Assembly - Members are asked to meet with the committees that they have volunteered to help. This time should be spent planning for those projects.

If you are not currently on a committee please see Bill McLeod to sign up for one of the upcoming projects.

PICTURES FROM THE R3SM WORK DAY SAT. 1/24



701 Katie Ave.



Eric Graham, Travis Sisson, Wally Weekly, Aime Spears, James Duncan, Patrick Ward



Cameron Sisson working hard!



Wally Weekly, Eric Graham, James Duncan, Patrick Ward, Bill McLeod,

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 1/26 Club Assembly

Thurs 5/7- Sat 5/9 District Conference in Bay St. Loui

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 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	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			