

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 4th Speaker, David Dearman
- Jan 8th District Mid-Year Check-up Bay St. Louis
- Jan 11th Speaker, Dr. Ben Carmichael
- Jan 18th Speakers, Louis Anna and Bob Edenfield
Owners of Home Instead Senior Care
- 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, Dan Kibodeaux donated a gift certificate to 206 Front Street and the winner was Robert Cummings.

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		
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**

Spokes

January 4, 2011
www.hattiesburgrotary.com

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**ROTARY YEAR
2010-2011**

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 12/7/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Kristy Gould, who gave the invocation and to Dan Kibodeaux, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Robert Cummings welcomed today's visiting Rotarian Barbara Mauldin from the Petal Club. He also welcomed guests of club members.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Sean Priebe and Chris Price.

Robert then gave club members a review of the October and November attendance reports. The October attendance rate was 64%. A total of 43 members had perfect attendance. The attendance rate in November dropped to 56%. A total of 32 members had perfect attendance.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux who provided today's Rotary Foundation raffle item which was a \$40 gift certificate to 206 Front Street. Robert Cummings was the winner.

Dan Kibodeaux noted that a few reading Between the Lions reading slots are still available for December. He is also now seeking readers for the month of January. Anyone interested should contact Dan.

Bill extended the Club's sympathy to the Danny Mason family due to the loss of their son and to Dan Kibodeaux due to the loss of Dan's wife's uncle.

12/7/10 PROGRAM SUMMARY

Forest Thigpen. Forest is the President of the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, a non-profit organization supported entirely by contributions. He noted that no government dollars are used to support the organization's efforts.

Forest announced a new website will that will allow Mississippi taxpayers to see exactly how their money is spent by their state government. The site can be found at www.seethespending.org. It is a searchable website that allows anyone who registers with the Center to search state government spending. Searches can be done by vendor, by agency and by fiscal year. Forest says the concept behind the site is to have as many eyes as possible looking at the way government is spending tax dollars and helping make sure that those dollars are spent on the essential functions of government while eliminating those that are outside the proper role of government.

The Center maintains that government can govern only with the consent of the governed and that the governed needs the information that will help them reach a conclusion about spending habits.

SeeTheSpending.org allows searches of state spending for any or all of the past seven fiscal years and is updated monthly. Additional information, including county and school district spending, will be added in the future. "We believe America's Founders were right when they said that the legitimate power of government comes from the consent of the governed," said Thigpen. "But in order to exercise that power appropriately, 'the governed' need to know what their government is doing. SeeTheSpending.org is a powerful tool to help people see what their government is doing." A new website will "allow Mississippi taxpayers to see exactly how their money is spent by their state government," according to the head of the organization that created the site. Forest Thigpen, President of the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, said the site, called SeeTheSpending.org, will provide an easy way for all residents of the state to help the legislature identify areas where the state budget could be cut. "We have created an easy-to-use format for people to explore state spending, trusting that a multitude of eyes will find items that could be eliminated from the state budget," Thigpen said. "It is critical, especially under current circumstances, that the state spend our taxes only on essential functions of government and eliminate those that are outside the proper role of government and those that are simply nice to have if you can afford them." Thigpen said information on SeeTheSpending.org was obtained directly from the state government, though the Mississippi Center for Public Policy is a private, non-profit organization that receives no funds from government agencies for its operations.

The Center reimbursed the state for the computer programming costs that were necessary to fill their request for this data. SeeTheSpending.org allows searches of state spending for any or all of the past seven fiscal years and is updated monthly. Additional information, including county and school district spending, will be added in the future. "We believe America's Founders were right when they said that the legitimate power of government comes from the consent of the governed," said Thigpen. "But in order to exercise that power appropriately, 'the governed' need to know what their government is doing. The Mississippi Center for Public Policy works to advance the ideals of free markets, limited government, and strong traditional families. Its work, including SeeTheSpending.org, is supported by voluntary, tax-deductible contributions. To learn more, visit www.msppolicy.org.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of David Dearman

My name is David Dearman. I have been married to Tammy Bass Dearman, of Hattiesburg, for 22 years. We have three children: a son, Jordan, age 20; a son, Dylan, age 18 and a daughter, Eden, age 15. I graduated from Hattiesburg High in 1980. I attended Pearl River Community College on a football scholarship.

I worked in various jobs before settling down into the used car business in 1984 with my father, Semian Dearman. After my dad's retirement in 1994, I reorganized the business under the name David Dearman Autoplex and began expanding the business. We converted our self-owned auto rental business to a U-Save Auto Rental franchise, and it is now one of the most successful in the country. We formed a separate finance company, National Motor Credit, Inc. and have financed over 10,000 autos. We have operated these combined businesses in Hattiesburg, Petal, Laurel, and Gulfport. For the last 22 years, I have owned, managed and sold rental real estate; totaling over 100 apartments and houses. Over the last few years, I have begun investing in large tracts of land and managing the timber.

In my spare time, I have spent many, countless hours reading and researching this intriguing web of control and manipulation called the "stock market". My most notable accomplishment in this area would be turning a \$150,000 investment into a \$1.3 million account.

I am involved with and help support Homes of Hope for Children, Presbyterian Christian School, various missionaries and children's charities, and the Kindness Foundation, an organization that teaches Christian Biblical principles to children in Russia and Ukraine.

IN MEMORY OF....

DG Dick McCarthy relayed to us that **PDG Dayton Robinson** passed away after a brief illness this past Sunday.

Please remember his family and loved ones in your prayers.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, 15th Street, Gulfport (228-865-0090).

2011 MIDYEAR CHECKUP JANUARY 08, 2011

EACH CLUB IS ASKED TO REPORT ON ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL ROTARIANS. REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M. AND THE PROGRAM COMMENCES AT 8:30 A.M. A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. FOLLOWING THE MIDYEAR CHECKUP, A DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD, ALSO AT THE YACHT CLUB.

**TUITION: NONE
LOCATION: BAY WAVELAND YACHT CLUB
ADDRESS: 666 N. BEACH BLVD., BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 3, 2011
SPEAK WITH BILL MCLEOD FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

The 2010 Christmas Social was enjoyed by all who attended.

Representatives from Shop for Seniors, Salvation Army Angel Tree and Shop with A Cop were present. They each spoke briefly about their programs and graciously thanked Rotary for the donation of \$500 to each group. The needs were great this year and our support was much appreciated.

Special thanks to organizers Jaelyn Adams and Jennifer Payne for planning the party.

