

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....

This week we are expecting the roof work to start and the electrical rough in will begin.

The next work day is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at 8:00 am.

HOT LINKS

Tap into Web resources to increase Rotary awareness, membership

Community members — perhaps even some new Rotarians — can be aware of Rotary without understanding the ideals behind the name. RI offers several resources that Rotarians can use during Rotary Awareness Month in January and throughout the year to showcase Rotary's mission to provide service to others, promote high ethical standards, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



- *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine* can educate people about Rotary while motivating and inspiring them. Produced three times a year, RVM features three to four short videos highlighting extraordinary projects and people from around the world. Show RVM stories at club meetings, during new member orientations, or on community cable network channels, and give copies to Group Study Exchange participants, club speakers, and area libraries and schools. www.rotary.org/rvm
- *Humanity in Motion* television, radio, print, Internet, and billboard public service announcements are available on DVD and by free download from the RI Web site. See page 4 for information about the newest release. www.rotary.org/humanityinmotion

- *Rotary Basics* (595) provides a crash course in RI and Rotary Foundation programs, membership benefits, and responsibilities, making it an excellent recruiting tool. www.rotary.org/rotarybasics
- Rotary newsletters cover the many aspects of Rotary, from *End Polio Now*, with information about the organization's polio eradication efforts, to *Weekly Update*, which features articles that can be used in club and district publications and Web sites. Peruse the list of Rotary newsletters to find out what's available. www.rotary.org/newsletters

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 12/16/2008

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Tom Montgomery gave the invocation. Johnny Stevens then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gene Owens welcomed today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Pierce Stevens attended from the Petal Club.

Cario Armstrong was a guest of Valerie Sartin.

Maura McLaughlin was then introduced to provide today's Rotary minute. She reported that the Hattiesburg Rotary Club has contributed \$236,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Fifty-five club members are Paul Harris Fellows, while sixty-five have yet to make the commitment. She encouraged every member to make a Paul Harris Fellowship pledge. Members can contribute \$1,000 immediately or they can contribute \$100 a year for the next ten years. Money from the Foundation is used to further Rotary's causes worldwide, including providing hurricane relief to Katrina victims right here in Mississippi.

Steve Ramp was then introduced to induct two new members. Ryan Israel and Tom Montgomery were welcomed to the Club.

Topp thanked Club members who assisted with the Salvation Army's bell ringing activity. The Club generated \$1,394.70 during the campaign. Members who did not participate were reminded that they could still write a check to the Salvation Army as well as provide gifts for children.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

John McDaniels was then introduced. He then introduced Dr. Richard Clatterbuck and his wife Vicki. Richard is a staff neurosurgeon at the Hattiesburg Clinic and Forrest General Hospital.

Rick recently spent a 90 day tour of duty in Iraq. As a medical reserve member, their tour of duty is 90 days on assignment when called up. He served in the Logistic Support Area known as Anaconda. He named today's programs "90 Days in the Belly of the Snake". Anaconda is located in a strategic

position in the war zone and has at almost any time a population of between 30 and 40 thousand residents.

He provided Club members with many photographs of the Anaconda hospital and base. He also was able to share stories of many of his patient encounters while there. His team received recognition during their service because of their survivor rate. An American soldier who made it to their hospital had a 98 percent survival rate. Most patients who enter the facility are air lifted out within approximately 12 hours. They are then transported to Germany and from there on to further treatment. Rick estimates that he performed up to 50 surgeries during his tour.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio Of Edward J. "Ed" Langton

Ed Langton has had a multifaceted career in banking and mortgage lending, automotive sales and leasing, real estate development and investment and magazine publishing.

He is a graduate of Long Beach High School, Long Beach, Mississippi, and a graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant. He is Chairman of the Board and CEO for Grand Bank, AmeriGo Mortgage and Grand Servicing Corporation of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Ed is also the Founder and Chairman of IF-I Foundation, a non-profit charitable foundation. He is a member of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Ed Langton's civic involvement includes:

He has served as Chairman (1992-93) and Co-Chairman (1993-1995) of the Grand Givers Club of the United Way and has served as a Director of United Way.

He was 1995-96 President and prior Director of the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation where he previously served on the Nomination & By-law Committee, the Executive Committee and was 1993-94 Chairman of the Honors Club and 1994-95 Vice President.

(Bio Of Edward J. "Ed" Langton cont.)

He is a Life Member and a past officer of the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association, serving as President for the year 2002-2003 and previously served as Vice President for the year 2000 and President Elect for the year 2001. He serves on various committees of the Alumni Association.

He is a Director and has served as Chairman from 1995 to 1999 of the Advisory Board of the DuBard School for Language Disorders fka the School for Children with Language Disorders (SCLD), and has served the DuBard School as its Fundraising Campaign Chairman since 1990. (90-91 Capital Campaign Chair. 91 Charter Board Member. 91-95 Finance Committee Chair. 92-95 Executive Committee. 92-95 Decade Fund Chair. 95-99 Chair. 95-99 Building Fund Chair.)

Past Director on the Advisory Board for the State of Mississippi Research Consortium.

Founding Director of the Southern Alliance, a non-profit organization promoting economic development, education and healthcare in south Mississippi.

Past Director of the Family Y.

He has served as an Advisory Director of the Pine Burr area Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board and 1996 past Chairman of the Pine Burr area Friends of Scouting Campaign and now serves on its Executive Board.

Past Vice President of the Oak Grove School PTO.

Past President and member of the board of the Mississippi National Guard Challenge Foundation, a foundation that provides scholarships and assistance to

students enrolled in the Mississippi National Guard's Youth Challenge Program. He was elected to serve as President for the foundation for the year 2000.

He is a charter member of the Founders Society of St. Stanislaus College Prep.

Director on the Greater Hattiesburg Community Foundation serving the metroplex area.

Ed has received the following honor and awards:

Mississippi selected him as one of its Olympic Torchbearers for the 1996 Olympics.

He was selected as a 1995 Golden Rule Award recipient by his local United Way. The Golden Rule is an award by J.C. Penney Co.

He was selected by the Hattiesburg Rotary Club as the 1997 Non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient.

He received "The Pine Burr Award" from the Tall Pine District of the Pine Burr Council of Boy Scouts of America.

He received the prestigious "Silver Beaver Award" by the Pine Burr Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, February 25, 2000.

He was inducted into the USM Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2001.

Ed's hobbies include hiking, travel, snow skiing and fishing.

His wife of 31 years, Lynda Mathews Langton, is a 1974 University of Southern Mississippi (USM) graduate. They have two children, Lance and Lauren.

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	Talorsville - 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			