

Membership Growth Encouraged, Rewarded

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"You can feel the excitement and energy in a growing Rotary club," says Michael McGovern, vice chair of the 2008-09 RI Membership Development and Retention Committee.

To help energize clubs worldwide, RI President Dong Kurn Lee is traveling the globe to generate ideas for membership growth. His first of 12 presidential conferences, which will include small-group discussions to identify best practices for member recruitment and retention, took place 7 July in Tokyo.

Conferences in Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, and South Africa will also address child mortality, a top concern that lies at the heart of this year's RI theme, Make Dreams Real.

To encourage clubs and districts to take action to increase membership, Lee has developed a new membership recognition program. During 2008-09, clubs that achieve a 10 percent net increase in membership will receive a certificate signed by the president.



The 2008-09 New Member Sponsor Pin is available through licensed Rotary vendors as a way to recognize club members who sponsor new members.

At the district level, gaining two new clubs and a 10 percent net membership increase must be reached. District recognition awards vary depending on the percentage of clubs achieving the membership increase. See details of the membership recognition program.

The 10 clubs and districts with the highest percentage net membership increase will be recognized on stage at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. To ensure recognition, clubs should update membership information via Member Access by 15 May. RI membership database numbers will be used to determine achievement.

"The goals can be achieved by any club or district that makes membership development a priority," McGovern says.

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MEETING OF JULY 29, 2008

Minutes of Meeting of July 22, 2008

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Kristy Gould gave the invocation and Dan Kibodeaux led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Valerie Sartin welcomed guests:

Scott Hummel visited today. He has moved to the area from Longview-Greggton, TX.

Barbara Mauldin visited from the Petal Rotary Club.

Tanakia Richardson was a guest of Bill McLeod. Tanikia owns JaniKing Services.

President Topp announced the meeting scheduled Friday, July 25, 2008 for the service project committee leaders to be held at Bill McLeod's office at 11:45.

Joe Spell told a short story. Great story.

The Rotary Foundation auction added \$40.00 to its coffers today. Thank you Erik Graham for winning the four tickets to the Grand Paradise Water Park in Collins, MS. Tickets donated by Aime Spears and WHLT TV.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Kris King introduced Annie McMillan from ADP. Area Department Partnership is committed to making things happen, growing our community. Annie mentioned that 17 counties shop in Hattiesburg. There are approx. 139,000 people in Lamar, Forrest and Perry counties. The Great Pinebelt expo is set for August 7 and 8

this year. There are still a few booth spaces available. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your business.

The main objective of ADP is to grow our community by bring businesses in as well as anticipate the needs of the employees. Such as schools, housing, shopping, medical and etc.

For more information on the ADP and to view reports about our community visit the web site for the ADP at www.theadp.com

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Membership Committee

Steve Ramp -Chair

Robert Cummins - Co-Chair

Public Relations

Kristy Gould - Chair

Club Administration

Mary Cromartie-Chair

The Rotary Foundation

Maura McLaughlin-Chair

Service Projects

Bill McLeod -Chair

2009 RI Convention

Birmingham, England, 21-24 June

Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!

If you haven't been back to Birmingham since the 1984 convention, you may not recognize this former industrial town. Now a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining, Birmingham — or Brum, as the natives call it — underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

Download the convention booklet for more reasons to come to Birmingham in 2009. (www.rotary.com)

Register early and save:

Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing!

First deadline: 15 December

Second deadline: 31 March



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tuesday 8/05 Kellie Bischoff & Mary Jane

Guidry - Topic Vaccines

Allen Anderson is will provide our programs for the month of August.

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	Jessie's 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			