

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Mary Cromartie has been married for 40 years.(this Sept.) to Dean Cromartie an OB/GYN at the Women's Pavilion of South Mississippi. They have 2 children: Jeffery, recently married to Claire Frances , is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) with Fitch Ratings in London. His major professor was Lance Nail. Carrie, our daughter is an ultrasonographer in Atlanta.

Education: B.A. Biochemistry, 1969 Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina

Employment:  
1969 – 1970 Georgia Department of Public Health, Biochemist  
1970 – 1974 Center for Disease Control, Clinical Chemist  
2001 – 2002 IFG Network Securities Registered Investment Representative  
Registered Investment Adviser  
2003 - present Woodbury Financial Services a division of Hartford Life Insurance Co.  
Registered Investment Representative  
Registered Investment Adviser

Current organizations include: Board of Directors R3SM, Elder Westminster Presbyterian Church, Advisory Board Queens University of Charlotte, President Hattiesburg Rotary Club

Former activities and honors:

Hattiesburg Junior Auxiliary

1987 – 1992 Active Member, Life Member since 1993

1993 Recipient of First Annual Crown Award

2002 National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Volunteer of the Year, Region X

Pine Belt Boys and Girls Club

1992 – 1995 Member, Board Of Directors

1993 Pine Belt Boys And Girls Club Board Member of the Year

1995 State of Mississippi Boys and Girls Club Board Member of the Year

Hattiesburg Public Schools

2000 – 2005 Hattiesburg Public School Board Member

South Mississippi Medical Alliance

1980 -- Active Member

1994 – 1995 President

United Way of Southeast Mississippi

1998 – 1999 Associate Campaign Chair

1999 – 2000 Campaign Chair

2000 – 2001 President of the Board

2002—2003 Alexis de Tocqueville Chair

2006-- Long Range Recovery Advisory Chairman

Rotary International

2002 -present --Active Member

2001 Paul Harris Fellow, Non-Rotarian of the Year

2004-2006 Board of Directors

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition 1995

J. C. Penney Golden Rule Award 1995

Order of the Pearl Award 1996

Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose Recipient 1999

Area Development Partnership Board 2002-2006

Gubernatorial Appointment -- Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service 2002 – 2006

Queens University of Charlotte -- 2004 Outstanding Alumna Award

Boy Scouts of America --2004 Whitney Young Service Award

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July 7, 2009

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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

## ROTARY YEAR

2009-2010

## OFFICERS

MARY CROMARTIE

*President*

TOM POTTER

*President-Elect*

BILL MCLEOD

*Vice-President*

ROBERT CUMMINGS

*Secretary – Treasurer*

LAMAR EVANS

*Executive Secretary*

HEATH HILLMAN

*Sergeant-At-Arms*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Term Expiring – June 30, 2010**

Maura McLaughlin

Steve Ramp

Erik Graham

*Past President:*

Richard Topp

**Term Expiring – June 30, 2011**

Heath Hillman

Gene Owens

Mike Ratliff

Aime Spears

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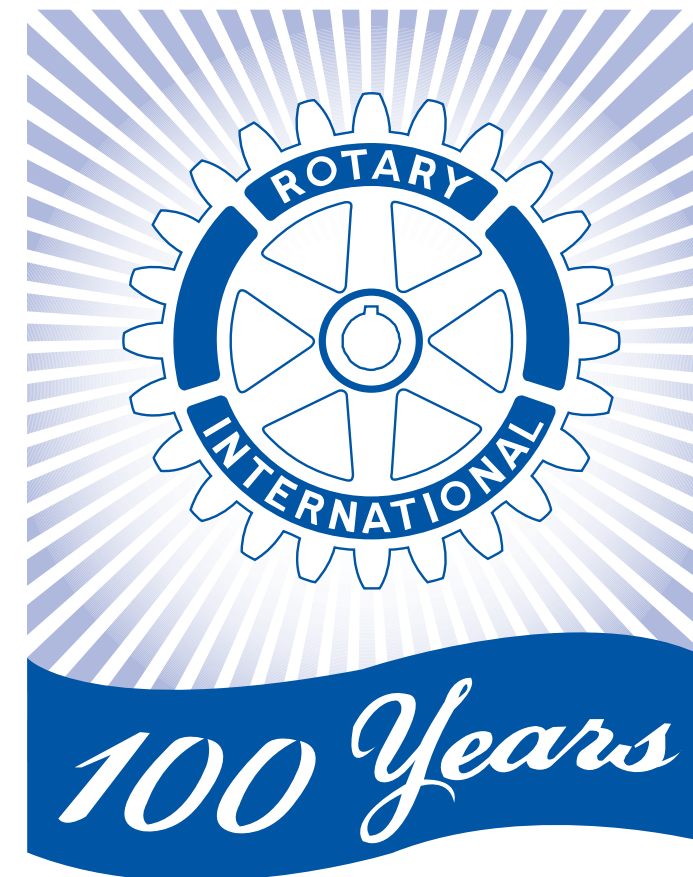
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# ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

## “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

## MINUTES FROM 06/30/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting.

Steve Ramp gave the invocation. Conrad Welker led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

A number of visitors and a Rotarian visitor, Jack Gay, were introduced. Richard thanked each of today's visitors for attending and showing their support of our past, current and future leaders.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Steve Ramp was then asked to give the Club an update on the Membership Committee's work for the year. Ramp noted that the committee had a goal of 7 net new members by year's end. In an effort to reach that goal, eighteen new members were inducted. Ramp noted that the Rotarian membership worldwide represents one-sixtieth of one percent of the world's population. In other words for every 67,000 world residents, twelve are Rotarians. He encouraged the continued recruitment of new and energetic members for our club.

Topp reminded members that the Rotary theme this year has been "Rotary Serves". He then updated members on the service provided by the club this year. The pennies-for-polio project generated more than \$4,000 in funds for the polio eradication project. Our contribution was made in honor of Frank Montague who spoke to our club regarding his polio survival. The Literacy Project for the year provided books and readers for second grade students at Hawkins Elementary School. It is hoped that an on-going reading program will be developed by the Club next year. The Water Project generated almost \$350 and will be contributed to the Foundation on behalf of District 6840's efforts to provide clean drinking water for Kenya. The R3SM project resulted in the completion of a new home for a Katrina survivor. Many thanks to Patrick Ward for making that project happen. And finally, Richard thanked the members for working so hard to make the Night in Italy such a success. The program generated more than \$12,000 in contributions

to the Children's Center for Communication and Development. Richard then presented a check to Margaret Buttross-Brinegar on behalf of the club. Topp thanked Bill McLeod for heading up the Service Committee this year and making sure that these projects came together.

Freddy Walter, Awards Committee Chair, then came forward to present this year's awards.

The Hannah Award (Rotarian of the Year) was presented to Bill McLeod.

The Bill Gwen Award (Non-Rotarian of the Year) was presented to Larry Doleac.

The Outstanding New Member Award recipient is Patrick Ward.

Richard then called the outgoing board members to the front and recognized them for their service for the past years. Outgoing board members include A.D. Hunt, Todd Bradley, Kris King, Bill McLeod and Kristina Gould.

Deputy Governor for District 6840 Mike Ratliff then came forward to introduce and installed the new officers and directors for the coming year; Mary Cromartie, President, Tom Potter, President-Elect, Bill McLeod, Vice-President, Robert Cummings, Secretary-Treasurer, and board members Maura McLaughlin, Steve Ramp, Erik Graham, Heath Hillman, Gene Owens, Mike Ratliff and Aime Spears.

Mary Cromartie and Richard Topp exchanged pins. Mary thanked Richard for his year of service to the club and his strong, stable leadership. She then challenged club members for the coming year. She requested everyone's input into the development of a long-range strategic plan. She encouraged continued membership recruitment and she challenged members to improve their attendance rate.

Topp then adjourned the meeting wishing Mary and the new board the greatest of success in working to fulfill this year's Rotarian theme:



"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

## NON-ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR LARRY DOLEAC

Larry Doleac generated more than one and one-half million dollars in donations to build the Larry Doleac Hattiesburg Dixie Youth Baseball Complex. This year more than 750 children used the facility representing 54 teams between the ages of 4 - 12. He has served the Dixie Youth Organization for the past 27 years.

In his acceptance he noted that this is probably the best thing he's ever done.

### RYLA CHALLENGE

The RYLA group for this year has been asked to challenge the club for the American Wheelchair Association which provides wheelchairs for people who can not afford them.

Maura McLaughlin's daughter, Delaney Gore, will a guest at the meeting today and explain the challenge and ask our club for their support.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>July 07</b>	<b>Mary Cromartie, Hattiesburg Rotary President 2009-2010</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Robin Walker, Ambassadorial Scholar to South Africa</b>
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Benson St. Louis, Finance and Human Resources Manager BAE Systems</b>

### 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 155 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	<i>Friday</i>
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Rankin County - 12:00
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			