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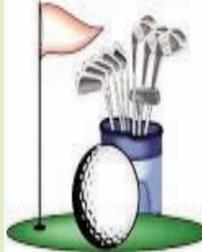
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dr. Ted Harden, Jr, Optometrist Sponsors Rotary's Annual Golf Scramble

Saturday, July 31st - Timberton Golf Course
Proceeds benefit ARC of Forrest County

Shotgun Start 1pm

Please see Erik Graham for application form



4 Man Scramble \$100/player

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Food and Drinks to follow tournament

PLAYERS AND SPONSORS NEEDED!

BAR-B-QUE TICKET NOW ON SALE

ROTARY BAR-B-QUE



Saturday, July 31, 2010
5:30 pm—7:00 pm
Timberton Golf Course Club House

Plates include: pulled pork sandwich, chips, baked beans, cookie and drink



**Tickets are \$10 per plate
Players eat FREE!**

Volunteers to sell tickets for the BBQ before Rotary noon meetings are:

June 16th - Shannon Woodward

June 23rd - Christina Ghents

June 30th - Andrea Hood

July 7th - Aime Spears

Members please see these people on those days to purchase your BBQ tickets.

Tickets are \$10 each

POLIO MATCHING GRANT

50/50 Raffle for Polio Plus Challenge

Our club has committed to raise \$33 per member to meet the Gates Foundation Matching Grant Challenge.

Currently Raised \$214

Raffle will end June 30th or when we reach our goal.

Each week we will have numbered tickets for sale and then at the end of the meeting draw one winner who will receive half of the proceeds from that days ticket sales.

One ticket is \$5 or
buy 4 get one free
\$20 get 5 tickets



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 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	Friday
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			

District 6840 Club Number 04003 Organized 1918

**ROTARY YEAR
2009-2010**

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President-Elect

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 6/15/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Todd Mixon who gave the invocation and to Conrad Welker for leading the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced today's visitors and guests. Rotarian Bill Felder of the Long Beach Club, Daniel Hyatt of the Laurel Club and Milton Wheeler of the Petal Club were in attendance. Sam Rosso was a guest of Joe Spell.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were David Owens and Kris King.

Both outgoing and incoming Board members were reminded of the joint board meeting to be held Monday evening, June 28th at Mary's home. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30.

Mary read a letter of thanks received from one of the Boys State scholarship recipients. He expressed gratitude for being given the opportunity to participate.

Aime Spears reported that our Pepsi Challenge project is not doing well this round. She encouraged members to continue to vote and to get their friends and relatives to vote. Voting ends June 30th.

Erik Graham reported that golf sponsorship opportunities remain available. A small church in the area has offered a challenge to other organizations. That church will sponsor two teams and a partial scholarship. Tickets to the BBQ dinner after the golf tournament are available for sale also.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Suzy Steen then came forward and introduced Dr. David Butler. Dr. Butler is Director of the International Development Program at the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to study the economic and social impact of Hurricane Katrina. While in the midst of that study the Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurred. The research team immediately turned to the spill's economic and social impacts and has generated more than 50 interviews. They continue to follow up with those

individuals every three weeks to monitor the impact.

Dr. Butler's findings thus far would indicate that May non-casino hotel bookings on the Mississippi Gulf Coast are down about 50% from last May bookings. Business for seafood restaurants in the area is off by as much as 30%. Additionally, the price of seafood for the restaurants is up approximately 30%. Charter boat rentals are off 70 to 90%. The research findings would indicate that the economic impact from the spill from May through August of this year will be approximately \$120 million dollars in the non-casino hotel and seafood restaurant businesses. That, according to Dr. Butler represents about 5% of the GDP.

Casino operations are not being adversely affected as of yet. Most casinos are destination visits.

Many coastal commercial fishing operations have relocated to areas east and west of the spill. They then seek docks closer to their fishing operations.

Dr. Butler was asked if he thought British Petroleum will survive this crisis. He is hopeful that they can weather the storm and make restitution to those impacted by the spill. He noted that the company has admitted liability in the spill and is likely to enter into a multi-year payout agreement. It is expected that the effects of the spill could be felt for many years to come.

An unknown cost factor associated with the spill is that caused by the six month moratorium on offshore drilling. Many Mississippi and many more Louisiana families depend upon income from these operations.

Dr. Butler notes that there are many unknowns associated with this disaster. As he indicated, we've never had this large of a spill in the Gulf and we've never had this much dispersant used on a spill in a single location. We don't know if we will see the oil absorbed into the environment with little harmful effects on people, plants and animals or if we will see large dead zones throughout the Gulf. In his words, "this is an unknown and unfolding experiment."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

The Arc is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It provides an array of services and support for families and individuals and includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 730 state and local chapters across the nation. The Arc is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc's vision is that every individual and family affected by intellectual disability in the United States has access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active citizens of our democracy and active members of their community. We work to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the supports they need to live an ordinary, decent American life:

The Arc is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Please continue to invite people who you feel are leaders in their profession and our community to become Rotary Members. Bill McLeod has the membership application and can email it to you. Applications for membership should be submitted to Bill McLeod then the Membership Committee will approve the application. The prospective member's name will then be published in the Spokes for 2 weeks. If anyone in the club have questions about the proposed member they can see a board member.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 28** Board Meeting to include outgoing and incoming Board members at Mary Cromartie's house, 5:30 pm.
- June 29** Dr. Bo Morgan – Mississippi Political Historian
- June 29** New Board Induction and Annual Awards
- July 31** Rotary Golf Tournament at Timberton



READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

We are looking for reading volunteers every week on Tuesday or Friday mornings.



The Gandy Child Development Center
2201 South 28th Avenue Extension
601-268-0808

email Erik Graham to sign up
drgraham@bakergraham.com

Usually takes 30 minutes or less
to read a book or two.

The kids really enjoy being read to! Don't miss out.
This program supports our campaign for Literacy.

PEPSI 25K CHALLENGE

Keep Voting!!!

**We finished in 13th place in May.
We are automatically entered again for the
June voting challenge.**

**VOTING ends June 30th.
Currently we are in 81st Place.
Top 100 Place roll over each month.**

**Proceeds would purchase
16 Reading Between The Lions Kits
The kits would be used at various daycares
in our District 6840.**



Rotary Club of Hattiesburg
Between the Lions Literacy Project Volunteers

Please sign up to read to the children at the Gandy Center – Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30am.

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 6/11 9:30am	Wes Brooks, Audra Cummings	
Tuesday, 6/15 9:30am		
Friday, 6/18 9:30am	Wes Brooks, Kristy Gould	Bill Mac Lauchlan, Bill Hughes
Tuesday, 6/22 9:30am	Shawn Jones	
Friday, 6/25 9:30am		Bill Mac Lauchlan, Bill Hughes
Tuesday, 6/29 9:30am	Sean Priebe, Mike Ratliff	
Friday, 7/2 9:30am		Bill Mac Lauchlan, Bill Hughes
Tuesday, 7/6 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 7/9 9:30am	Robert Cummings, Suzy Steen	Bill Mac Lauchlan, Bill Hughes
Tuesday, 7/13 9:30am	Chris Price, Jaclyn Adams	