

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

June 28th 11:30 New Board Installation - Lunch in Honor of Milam Cotton  
 July 5th Dr. Wier - William Carey University  
 July 25th Board Meeting 5:00pm, Gander Mtn.

**WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE**

Our Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel, coordinates a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. Last week's raffle item was provided by Dan Kibodeaux. Erik Graham won the raffle. Many thanks to those who have donated items and purchased the raffle tickets.  
 To donate items call Scott 601-318-6497 or 601-466-6156

*Special Thanks to Mrs. McLeod for graciously hosting the Rotary Board meeting at her home last night. All the incoming and outgoing board members were treated to a wonderful meal and a special gift from Bill McLeod.*

**READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM**

Volunteers needed each week on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



The Family Y -  
 Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
 601-268-0808  
 Call Dan Kibodeaux or  
 sign up at lunch meetings  
 or email  
 dan@unitedwaysems.org  
 call 601-545-7141

**July Reading Volunteers Needed!**

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Monday, 7/4 9:30am	NO READING THIS DAY	NO READING THIS DAY
Wednesday, 7/6 9:30am		
Monday, 7/11 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	
Wednesday, 7/13 9:30am	Aaron Ladner	
Monday, 7/18 9:30am	Chris Price	
Wednesday, 7/20 9:30am		
Monday, 7/25 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	
Wednesday, 7/27 9:30am		

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 District Website [www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org) - Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**BIO OF MILAM COTTEN**



Betty Jo and Milam Cotten

**Bio of Past District Governor Milam "Sonny 34" Cotten**

Native Mississippian from McComb, MS ; 1956 B.S. degree USM ; 1959 M.D. degree University of Mississippi Medical School ; 1959-1963 US Naval Medical Officer 3 years in the nuclear power program school ; and on the construction crew duty of USS Bainbridge {CGN 25} a nuclear powered guided missile cruiser while the ship was being constructed in Boston and one year of sea duty; 1963-1967 medical physician in Moss Point, MS in general practice; 1967-1970 University of Tenn. Medical Units in Memphis, TN while completing an eye surgery residency. He was certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

1970-2010 Hattiesburg. MS eye surgery practice retiring at after 51 1/2 years in the active practice of medicine. I became a member of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg in 1970 until the present. In 1986 I received a Vocational welding degree from the Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, MS.

In 1957 Betty Jo Farnham and I were married in the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. She has been an exemplary wife, mother and grandmother in all of the various roles she has represented. We are blessed with 3 grown married children and 9 grandchildren. We were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg until we moved to a retirement village in Madison, MS and rejoined the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson in 2007.



# Spokes

June 27, 2011  
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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

**ROTARY YEAR**  
 2010-2011

**OFFICERS**  
 BILL MCLEOD  
*President*

ROBERT CUMMINGS  
*President-Elect*

MAURA MCLAUGHLIN  
*Vice-President*

PATRICK WARD  
*Secretary - Treasurer*

LAMAR EVANS  
*Executive Secretary*

WES BROOKS  
*Sergeant-at-arms*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Term Expiring - June 30, 2011**  
 Janice Touchstone  
 Gene Owens  
 Mike Ratliff  
 Aime Spears

*Past President:*  
 Mary Cromartie

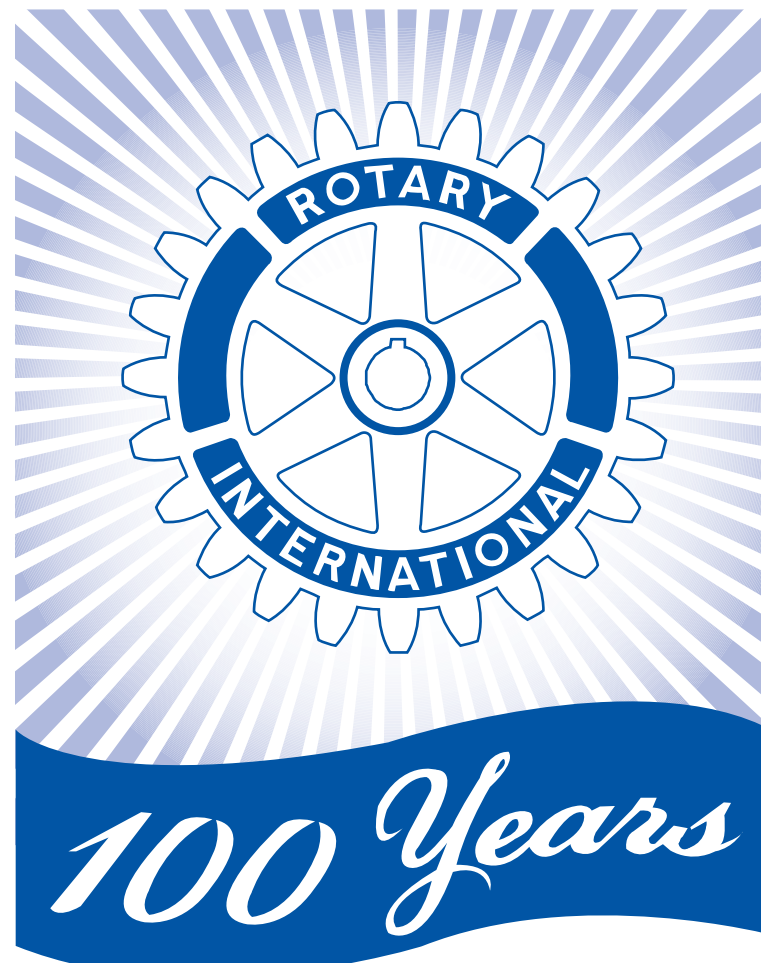
**Term Expiring - June 30, 2012**  
 Jaclyn Adams  
 Greg Buie  
 Scott Hummel  
 Dan Kibodeaux

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

**"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**

## MINUTES FROM 06/21/11

President Bill McLeod presided over today's meeting.

Thanks to Wes Brooks, who gave the Invocation and to Allen Anderson, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters today, who were Jaclyn Adams and Mary Cromartie.

Wes Brooks welcomed today's visitors and guests. David McPhail visited from the Hattiesburg Sunrise Club and Barry Bruckner visited from the Petal Club. Mike Brooks was a guest of Erik Graham and Chip Jones was a guest of Allen Smithers. Jerome Brown brought his family; his father, Charles Brown, his wife Celeste, and his sister-in-law, Kim.

Wes said today is his last day serving as Sergeant-at-Arms and it has been his pleasure. He enjoys being a part of such a wonderful club and thanked the members for the experience. He will continue to serve in other capacities in the upcoming year.

Bill made several announcements: David Thoms submitted a resignation letter that will be effective on June 30th. He has been a Club member since 1998. His position of CEO at the bank is bringing him to Laurel. Mike Bonnette also submitted a resignation, which took effect on June 15th. He is extremely busy with work, family, and must now write his Ph.D. dissertation. Jennifer Payne sent a thank-you note for all who sent flowers and kindness in celebration of her new baby boy, Ford. She will attend the meetings again soon. Please keep Scott Hummel's father, Bruce, in your prayers as he recovers from a recent stroke. Joe Spell is doing much better and his daughter is in town helping him.

Margaret Buttross-Brinegar wrote a very lovely Letter-to-the-Editor in the Hattiesburg American newspaper last week. She thanked the Hattiesburg Rotary Club for their service, dedication, donations, and support this year and in the last several years of The Children's Center at USM. She also mentioned how the Club supports numerous other worthy causes throughout our community and nationally and internationally. Bill noted that Margaret, after over 30 years of service at the Center, has just turned in her retirement papers and she will be sorely missed.

Bill reminded the members that the luncheon for next Tuesday, June 28th, will begin earlier at 11:30am. The installation of the new 2011-2012 officers will begin at 11:45am, followed by presentations in Milam Cotten's honor at 12 noon. Several past and future District Governors will also be present. Please make every effort to attend and to be on time! Also, if you have any old photographs of past meetings or events that included pictures of Milam, please email them to Bill as soon as possible.

Dan Kibodeaux announced that the Reading Between the Lions sign-up sheets are at the tables. During the summer-time, readings will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 in the morning at the Hattiesburg Family Y. Up to four people may fill each time slot. You are needed!

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brian Moore presented today's raffle drawing for the Rotary Foundation, which drew another \$47. Dan Kibodeaux generously donated a \$40 gift certificate to 206 Front Restaurant. Today's winner was Erik Graham.


Mary Cromartie, chair of the Awards Committee, presented this year's awards to the selected recipients. She said there were too many wonderful candidates to choose from. The Hannah Award (named after Hattiesburg Club founding father T.C. Hannah) went to Erik Graham. Erik has been a member since 2004 and has been very active ever since. He has chaired many functions, applied for many grants, and has sponsored many new club members. The Gwyn Award (Non-Rotarian) went to Charles Brown. Charles has served our community in numerous ways, by serving on the Salvation Army Board of Directors, the R3SM Board, and is a Vietnam Lecturer at USM. He worked as a Disabled Veteran Outreach Specialist and has worked with the Boy Scouts, the Forrest County Library, and with HeadStart. He served in the military, fought in the Vietnam War and was rewarded with many honors, such as two Purple Heart Awards and two Bronze Stars. The New-Rotarian Award went to Wes Brooks. Wes has shown such outstanding leadership in such a short time and has contributed so much time and energy to our club. He works for the DuBard School of Language at USM and will become a Deacon next Sunday at his church. He also serves on the MS Economic Council. Wes said he is proud to be a member of such a wonderful club. All three men gave a brief speech and all three were given a standing ovation by the members.

Bill introduced today's guest speaker, Scott Hummel. Scott will be our club's incoming Secretary/Treasurer. He has been a Rotarian since 2002. He graduated from William Carey College with a BA in Biblical Studies. He received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship in 1988 and attended Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. He also received a Ph.D. in Biblical Backgrounds & Archaeology in 1996. Among numerous other past and current services, Scott is serving on the Boards of R3SM and United Way.


Scott said it has been a huge honor to be a Rotarian all these years! The time he spent in Israel from the scholarship showed him both the community side and the international side of Rotary Clubs. He has learned many valuable lessons over the years which have helped make him the human being he is today. He shared with the club stories of these lessons learned...such as humility, what the motto "service above self" truly means, what doors are opened for humans as a result of others graciousness and support, and also learned so much about gratitude. He is truly grateful for the Rotary Club and for what it has brought to his life and the lives of so many countless others. He feels blessed to have been involved in Rotary activities and feels every activity has enriched his life.

Bill thanked Scott for his presentation and said that he truly exhibits "Service Above Self". He then thanked all of those who supported and participated in the club's projects throughout the past years and who are committed to doing so in the future.

He then adjourned the meeting with our motto: Service Above Self.



Rotary Club of Hattiesburg  
Installation of Officers and Directors  
And  
Luncheon Honoring Past District Governor  
Milam "Sonny 34" Cotten  
11:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 28th, 2011  
Southern Oaks House & Garden



Greeters	Richard Topp and Gene Owens
Call to order	Bill McLeod, President 2010-2011
Invocation	Steve Ramp
Pledge of Allegiance	Jaclyn Adams
Four-Way Test	Assistant District Governor Wally Weakley
Welcome to Guests	Sgt. At-Arms Sean Priebe
Rotary Foundation Raffle	Scott Hummel, Foundation Committee Chair
Retiring Officers/Board	Bill McLeod, President 2010-2011
Installation of Officers and Directors	Past District Governor Milam Cotten Deputy Governor Mike Ratliff
President's Exchange	Bill McLeod & Robert Cummings
Presentations:	Past District Governor Milton Wheeler (1989-1990, 2007-2008)
	Dr. Thad Waites
	Letter from District Governor Dick McCarthy
Introduction of Guest of Honor:	Past District Governor Greg Lier (2008-2009)
Featured Presentation:	Deputy Governor Mike Ratliff
Remarks and Closing	Past District Governor Milam "Sonny 34" Cotten (1996-1997)
	President Robert Cummings

