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District 6840

Club Number 04003

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 7th Margaret Brinegar - Children's Center USM
- June 14th Program TBA
- June 21st Program TBA
- June 27th 6pm Board Meeting, Bill McLeod's House
- June 28th Awards Ceremony and New Board Installation

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel, is coordinating a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. The prize last week was donated by Kris King and Aime Spears was the winner. To donate items call Scott 601-318-6497 or 601-466-61.56 (cell). Thanks for your participation!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Jennifer and Abe Payne who welcomed a son, Wilford Albert Payne, Saturday June Weighing in at 6 pounds 14 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long. Jennifer and Ford are reported to be doing great!

Continue to keep Sonny Cotten in your prayers as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

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
dan@Unitedwaysems.org
call 601-545-714

June Reading Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Wednesday, 6/1 9:30am	Jerome Brown	
Monday, 6/6 9:30am	Mike Ratliff	
Wednesday, 6/8 9:30am	Robert Cummings	
Monday, 6/13 9:30am	Richard Jones	
Wednesday, 6/15 9:30am		
Monday, 6/20 9:30am		
Wednesday, 6/22 9:30am	Mary Cromartie	
Monday, 6/27 9:30am		
Wednesday, 6/29 9:30am	Jerome Brown	

Dear District Rotarians,

A HUGE ROTARY THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED AND DONATED HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEER HOURS, WITHOUT WHOM WE COULD NOT HAVE HAD SUCH A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION. At the probable risk of passing over important volunteers, I believe a very special recognition goes to Volunteer General DGN Don Bryan, ADG Sharron Newton, ADG Vicky Magas, Secretary Gill Miller, and HOC Registration to DGD Barbara Mauldin, the indispensable Brian Hall. This does not include your HOC Committee (led by PDG Subhash Kulkarni and Vice Chairman Randy Feldman), which met every morning at 7:30 to fine tune each day as it came. Not to forget PDG Ace and Pattie Necaise who worked non-stop to make sure all matters were handled as they came up! Wow, there are just to many heroes to mention.

Please send in your comments to Webmaster Ken Thompson so he can list other heroes of our convention. Proof of our successful convention was the smile on so many thousands of faces who had a wonderful time and from the airport to the convention center they felt so welcome to our region. Rotarians we could not have done this without you, your wonderful Host Hospitality Events (so skillfully orchestrated by PDG Neil Alford and team) and just incredible participation and leadership by all. Thanks to the Rotary world record set my our district 6840 of over 400 Registrations, so many more of us have now had this wonderful exposure to the international impact of Rotary. Now, please put this increased knowledge and wonderful experiences into action at our clubs club and District 6840.

It is truly a great day to be a Rotarian in District 6840

Yours in Rotary Service ,
DG Dick and Tish McCarthy,
District 6840

ROTARY YEAR
2010-2011

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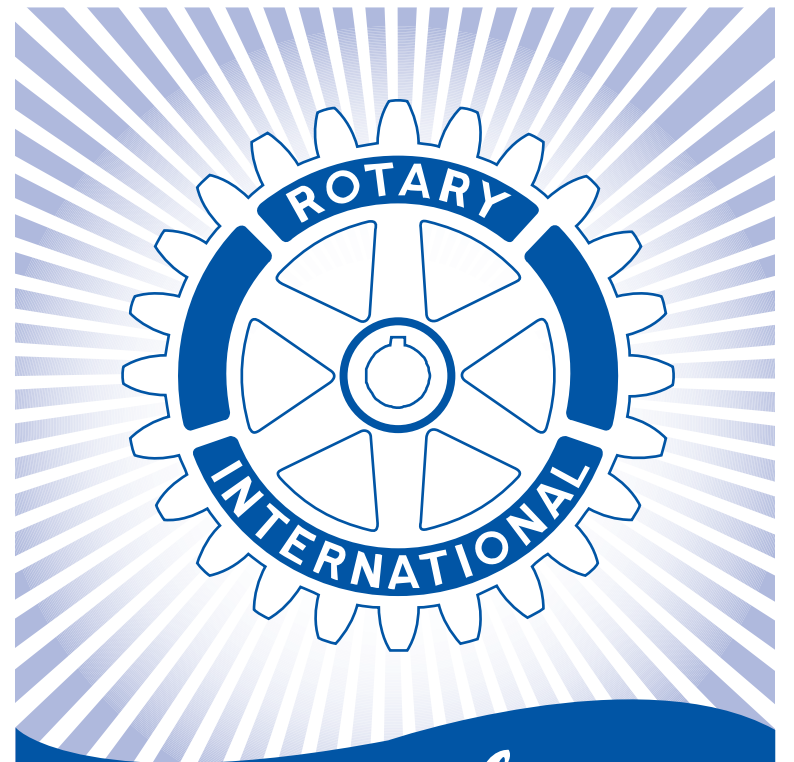
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MINUTES FROM 05/24/11

President-Elect Robert Cummings presided over today's meeting for President Bill McLeod.

Dan Kibodeaux provided the invocation and Mike Bonnette led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters today who were Sean Priebe and Aime Spears.

Wes Brooks thanked those who participate in today's opening ceremonies and asked that others volunteer to assist in the coming weeks. He noted that we have no visiting Rotarians and visitors today.

Robert asked members to keep Sonny Cotton in their prayers. Sonny has recently been diagnosed with cancer and has begun treatments. He has announced that he plans to attend a club meeting in mid-June.

Robert recognized those members who volunteered to assist and attend this year's Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. More than 20 thousand attended the event. Bill Gates is a guest speaker at one of today's events. It is expected that he will discuss the \$555 million dollars that his foundation and Rotary International have raised to help eradicate polio from the face of the year.

The June 28 meeting is the date set aside for the installation of new officers and directors. Rotary award winners will also be recognized at that meeting.

Any member with an outstanding balance is asked to get that balance cleared up before the end of the fiscal year, June 30. It is imperative that the club have enough revenue to meet the end of the year obligations.

Erik Graham encouraged members get their golf teams registered for the June 4th tournament. He is requesting volunteers to assist on the day of the tournament. If interested, please let him know.

Robert announced that the May board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be held at Southern Oaks.

Scott Hummel thanked Erik Graham for providing today's Rotary Foundation raffle item. Aime Spears is today's winner.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Janice Touchstone came forward and introduced today's speaker, Major General (Retired) Jeff Hammond.

General Hammond noted that he just recently retired from the Army after 32 years of service. He is employed now by the University of Southern Mississippi. Hammond is a graduate of USM and says he learned many of his leadership skills on the football field while playing for the USM Golden Eagles.

General Hammond encouraged club members to get behind the university's plan to build a new School of Business. He noted that you look up north to Mississippi State's architectural and engineering school and then to the University of Mississippi for their law and medical program. He says USM's center of gravity is its school of business.

Much of General Hammond's comments were reflections on his years of service but more especially on the young men and women who served the United States of America while under his command. Many of those young people gave their lives in service to this country and our freedom. General Hammond encouraged club members to honor all of our service men and women, including all those who have gone before us while we celebrate Memorial Day this year and in years to come. He noted that freedom doesn't just happen in most of the rest of the world. Freedom is earned and must be protected.

Hammond predicts that, although the United States made many mistakes in the beginning of the Iraq war, that he believes Iraq will be the model for success in that part of the world for a future democracy. Although the Arab societies will not likely create a democracy like that of the United States, a democratic government is possible and is likely in the coming years.

As for the war on terror, General Hammond says it is here to stay. He also noted that the people on the front lines of this war are the local policemen, firemen and other first responders. He pointed to the fact that America has not been attacked on American soil since 9/11 because of the efforts of these individuals.

He predicts that the US will get out of Afghanistan in the near future and that we should. He pointed to a number of indicators that offer confirmation that we will not have complete success in that country.

And finally, General Hammond offered a few words of advice. He says if you really want to "earn it" before you die you should love more and love better every day you have the opportunity to.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Margaret Buttross Brinegar

Ms. Margaret Buttross Brinegar, M.S., CCC-SLP serves as the director of The Children's Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi, and has worked as a speech-language pathologist in early intervention for the past 30 years.

Ms. Brinegar has provided many regional and state presentations and workshops to organizations such as Mississippi Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics and Mississippi Organization of Special Education Services. She has served on local teams such as Forrest General's Oral Facial Anomalies Team. She currently serves on the Mississippi Early Intervention Coordinating Council and is an active member of the Early Intervention Group within the Mississippi Department of Education. Other pasts community and state projects include service in LINCS: Linking Infants from NICU to Community Service and the Special Education Focus Group for the Mississippi Department of Education.

ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF SCRAMBLE RESULTS

We are excited to report that we netted over \$6000 for the Golf tournament. Proceeds will benefit ARC.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

Special thanks to our Event Chairs: Erik Graham and Robert Cummings

Event Sponsors-Forrest General for the big check and Stokes Distributing and Brown Bottling for the beverages that kept us alive!

Tournament Volunteers:

Dan Kibodeaux, Ron Edwards, Hayden Mitchell, Mary Cromartie, Bill MacLauchlan, Conrad Welker, Steve Ramp, Mike Ratliff, Angela Herzog, Jenny Graham, Wally Weekley, Freddy Walters, Aime Spears, Audra Cummings, Bill McLeod, Maura McLaughlin

Staff and members of ARC, who volunteered and helped with registration.

Wonderful food was arranged by Audra Cummings and prepared by Forrest General Hospital

Silent Auction Sponsors:

Jennifer Payne, Southland Florist, McKenzie's on Main, Newk's, Longhorn Steakhouse, New South Restaurant Group and Robert St. John, Randy Price & Company, Eve Marie's and April Bullock, A.R.C., and 180 Fitness, Carrol Jewelers

Also, many thanks to the 7 teams who played in the tournament and purchased tickets and the many hole sponsors.

Thanks to Timberton Golf Club for all their help and support!

(apologies in advance for anyone not recognized for their help, this was a large group effort)