ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 7TH-9TH

Conference Schedule Registration Thursday afternoon Friday all day Saturday until Noon **Fellowship** Thursday Golf Tournament Cookout at The Bridges Friday Foundation Luncheon Food Fest Talent Show Saturday Presidents-Elect/Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast Memorial Service Awards Luncheon Governor's Banquet Plenary Sessions District 6840 GSE Team to The Netherlands (2008) District 9980 GSE Team from New Zealand (2009)

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Debut of District 6840 Rotary Leadership Acad-

emy and presentation of in-

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augural class

Ninth Ward Field Dreams

Phillip Londeree, Ambassadorial Scholar to Ireland

Registration

Registration forms are posted on the Conference page at rotary6840.org. Forms are completed and submitted by each club. One check should be sent in by each club representing the costs paid by all club members.

For more information District Website rotary6840.org

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Registration

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Food Fest & Talent Show

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Sponsorships

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Sponsorships

Various sponsorships are still available. Visit rotary6840.org for details and the commitment sheet. Contact Sandi Pickard for deadlines and availability.

Gold Sponsor \$2,500 \$1,500 Silver Sponsor Meal Event Sponsor \$1,000 Registration Table Sponsor \$500 \$300 Plenary Session Sponsor \$200 Plenary Break Sponsor

Advertising in Plenary Program \$250 Full Page Half Page \$125 \$50 Quarter Page

Hotel Accommodations Hollywood Casino and Hotel Bay St. Louis, Ms

Hollywood Hotel rates are \$89 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights and \$149 per night for Friday and Saturday nights.

Make your reservations directly with the Hotel by calling 1.866.758.2591.

When making reservations, mention ROT0507 to facilitate the reservation process.

The group discount rates expire on April 6, 2009. As of February 21, 2009, there were only 90 rooms left and the hotel has no other rooms. So, don't delay, make your reserva-

Governor's Banquet

Greg is planning a gala celebration Saturday evening. Special entertainment will include the Pearl River Community College River Road Show Choir. Also planned is the installation of Ace Necaise as District Governor, Dick McCarthy as District Governor Elect and Betty Gill as District Governor Nominee.

Bridges Golf Course Opening Venue for Conference

Golf Tournament and Thursday Evening Cookout

onference opens Thursday, May 7 with a golf tournament at ✓ The Bridges Golf Course. More information on the golf tournament will released shortly.

Following the golf tournament, conferencees are invited to an evening cookout at The Bridges. The cost for the Thursday evening social is \$29 per



The Bridges Golf Course

Friday Night Food Fest and Talent Show



Food and fellowship will abound at the historic Train Depot in Bay St. Louis for the Food Fest and Talent Show. It's sure to be a festive culinary experience for diners and chefs alike

The Friday Night Food Fest is a display of Rotarian culinary tal ents. Past selections from the 25 participating clubs included boiled shrimp, beef tenderloin, gumbo, etouffee, fried catfish mbalaya, baked chicken, and extravagant desserts. This year omises to be just as scrumptious. It will be held at the Train Depot in Bay St. Louis. So, get your club involved by serving

Plus, we'll have a return of the Talent Show. Participants will perform skits from their favorite TV shows as "Rotary Turns On

More information, rules and registration forms are posted or the Conference page on the District website, rotary6840.org.

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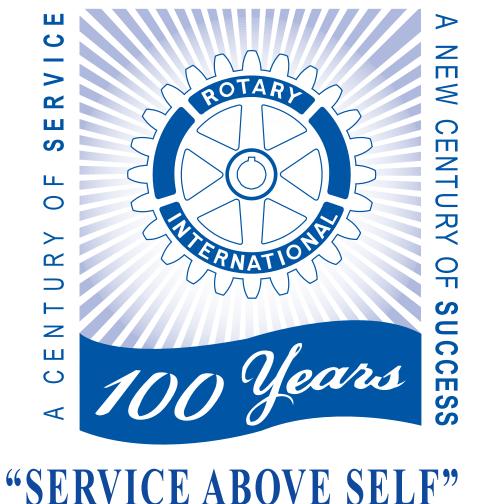
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MINUTES FROM 3/3/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Mark Satterlee gave the invocation. David Senne led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Topp then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Heath Hillman introduced today's guests.

David Owens, Adam Pittman, David Rominger and Mike Freeman were guests of Gene Owens.

Dennis Granberry was a guest of Erin Granberry.

Wes Brookes was a guest of Valerie Sartin.

Lance Nail was a guest of Mary Cromartie.

Andrew Garnett was a guest of Robert Cornett.

A number of visitors were guest of today's speaker and were introduced throughout his presentation.

Topp reminded members that the Night in Italy event is scheduled for March 21st. Member tickets are available and should be picked up today.

March 28th is the next workday for the R3SM project. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Patrick Ward.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Gene Owens introduced today's guest speaker, Paul Ott.

Among Paul's many entertaining stories he wove a web around the work that many individuals, including him, continue to devote to the establishment of the Mississippi Hall of Fame in Meridian, Mississippi. The Father of Country Music, Jimmy Rogers, was inducted into the Entertainment Hall of Fame just a few weeks ago.

Paul Ott started his entertainment career in the Hattiesburg area. He and his young family lived here for ten years while he enjoyed the outdoors and was the physical director at the Hattiesburg YMCA. After producing a song that criticized the killing of hardwood trees in the Hattiesburg area, Paul Ott was hired by the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission and moved to Jackson.

Shortly after his move to Jackson, he began an outdoor television entertainment show. Mississippi comedian Jerry Clower and Marcel Ledbetter were introduced on television first by Paul Ott.

Many thanks to the pack of dogs who assisted lead dog, Gene Owens, in providing club members with backup for one of Paul Ott's songs. The pack included Dennis Granberry, Ted Tibbett, Erik Graham, Larry LeBlanc, Robert Cummings, Mary Comartie and Steve Ramp.

Paul Ott says he will continue promoting God, family and country in every entertainment opportunity he gets during the remainder of his career.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Richard J King, General Manager Leaf River Cellulose LLC and Vice President of G-P Cellulose

Family: Married to Debra Ann King 34 years, one son, Richard Colin King who is grown and living in Nashville, TN.

Moved to Hattiesburg in March of 1992 after being transferred from G-P's Cedar Springs container board mill. Became General Manager in late 2001..

Education: BS in Electrical Engineering, University of Alabama

Current residence is in Oak Grove...

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....

David Owens and Adam Pittman have submitted applications for Rotary Membership.

R3SM UPDATE FROM PATRICK WARD....

Painting is finishing up this week on the house. Next week we will do a punch out list.

The Work Day will be Saturday March 28,2008 (8-12.) The R3SM House located at 701 Katie, Hattiesburg. Directions: Located behind the Hattiesburg Police Station. Edwards Street ends at Police Station and Katie begins.

NIGHT IN ITALY

We need everyone to sign up to help with The Night in Italy. Tickets will be distributed to everyone to sell. This fund raiser benefits the Children's Center for Communication and Development.

WATER BOOTH AT HUBFEST

Monday

Rotary will have a booth at HubFest on March 28th. We are selling bottled water to support our Water Project. Members may sign up with Katheryn Smith to help work a shift.

OGLETREE HOUSE

As part of Rotary's giving to the Alumni Association we have been offered an 8x8 brick paver at the Olgetree House. Our brick will be inscribed with the following: "ROTARY MOTTO, "SERVICE ABOVE SELF", Demonstrated Daily, By Powell Ogletree, ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG"

		IMPORTANT DATES
Tues Sat Tues Tues	3/17 3/27 3/28 3/31 4/24 7-9 1-24	Betsy M. Rowell, Director Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association Jim Richmond - Director Corporate Communications Cellular South HubFest - Rotary Water Booth Wynona Winfield, Southeast Mississippi State Hospital Director Night In Italy - 4:30-7:30 @ Southern Oaks District Conference - Bay St. Louis International Convention Birmingham, England

Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Wednesday

Thursday

Tuesday

Bay Springs - 12:00 City Hall	Columbia - 12:00 The Backdoor Restaurant	Clinton - 12:00 Baptist Health Plex	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00 Steam Room Grill I55 N
Bolton - 7:30 Methodist Church Collins - 12:00 Cedars Restaurant Ellisville - 12:00 J.C.J.C. Cafeteria Jackson - 12:00 MS Museum of Art Lucedale - 12:00 MS Gulf Coast Community College Cafeteria Petal - 12:00 Civic Center South Hinds County - 12:00	Flowood - 12:00 River Oaks Hospital Laurel - 12:00 Laurel Country Club North Jackson - 12:00 St. James Episcopal Church	Gluckstadt - 12:00 Parker House Restaurant Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00 Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria Heidelberg - 12:00 Library Poplarville - 12:00 Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria Richton - 12:00 Magnolia Restaurant Waynesboro - 12:00 Western Sizzlin Prentiss - 12:00	Jackson Taylorsville - 12:00 MS Power Co. Building Wiggins - 12:00 Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria Friday Rankin County - 12:00 Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex Slidell, LA - 12:00 Pinewood Country Club
BoDons Catfish & Seafood		Country Fisherman	