

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Mar 15 | Speaker, Jack Ragsdale, Firearms Trainer |
| Mar 22 | Speaker, Wes Brooks, Dev. Coordinator DuBard School for Language Disorders at USM |
| Mar 26 | HubFest Rotary Water Project - 9a-4p |
| Mar 30 | RIC Registration Discount Ends |
| April 19 | Night In Italy Fundraiser - So. Oaks |
| May 16-27 | RIC HospitalityTours and Events |
| May 21-25 | Rotary International Convention- N.O. |
| June 4th | Rotary Golf Tournament- Timberton |

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. Thanks to Lamar Evans for last week's prize of a first edition/signed copy of Culpepper Webb's *Lifted from the Waters*. Culpepper was born and raised in Leland, MS.. Jeri Buti was the winner on of the raffle.

To donate items call Scott 601-318-6497 or 601-466-6156 (cell).

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Tuesday or Friday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes. The Gaudy Child Development Center is located at:



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808

Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
dan@Unitedwaysems.org
call 601-545-7141

March Reading Volunteers Needed

| Date | Volunteer | Volunteer |
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| Tuesday, 3/1 9:30am | | |
| Friday, 3/4 9:30am | Jennifer Payne | David Johnson |
| Tuesday, 3/8 9:30am | Patrick Ward | David Johnson |
| Friday, 3/11 9:30am | Sted McCollough | |
| Tuesday, 3/15 9:30am | NO READING TODAY | NO READING TODAY |
| Friday, 3/18 9:30am | NO READING TODAY | NO READING TODAY |
| Tuesday, 3/22 9:30am | | |
| Friday, 3/25 9:30am | Sted McCollough | Sean Priebe |
| Tuesday, 3/29 9:30am | | |

**NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS
FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, MAY 21-25, 2011**

**ONE DAY PASS FOR HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ON
SATURDAY MAY 21 ONLY \$40**

**FULL CONVENTION EARLY REGISTRATION IS \$340
UNTIL MARCH 30TH - AFTER MARCH 31
THE PRICE INCREASES TO \$380**

GO ONLINE TO ROTARY.ORG, SET UP YOUR USER LOGIN
W/MEMBER ACCESS, CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,
REGISTER. OR FAX FORMS TO 847-866-3064

EMAIL SUZY STEEN AT S.L.STEEN@USM.EDU IF YOU SIGN UP
AND/OR IF YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE CONVENTION



FILL OUT ONE DAY PASS ONLINE
then email to registra-
tion@rotary.org
only avail. until March 31

Some RIC Event Highlights:

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| Thurs | May 19 12p | Host Districts Golf Tournament Registration \$100 per golfer Lakewood Country Club |
| Sat | May 21 8a-6p | House Of Friendship Opens Volunteer needed - \$40 Day Pass |
| Sat | May 21 2:30p | Sounds Of The South Concert Convention Center \$40pp |
| Sat | May 21 6:30p | Food, Fun, Fellowship & Fins Aquarium of Americas \$80pp |
| Mon | May 23 4:00p | Host Hospitality Night Night out tour \$20pp-sold out |
| Tues | May 24 7:00p | French Quarter Dining Choices of Restaurant \$85pp |

May 15-27 Host Hospitality Events and tours, pre-reg-
ister to attend. Swamp tours, antiquing tours, plantation tours,,
cooking classes and more! Costs start at \$30 and go up. For
details and registration visit www.rotarycon2011.com. click on
Host Event and Tours. Space is limited.
Some events are already sold out - register NOW.

ROTARY LICENSE PLATES IN MISSISSIPPI

Bill McLeod has forms for those who
would like to apply for the plates
when they become available. We
need 300 pre-ordered by May 15.
Plates will be available in July. Cost
\$31; \$24 of that comes back to the
district in which it was purchased.



Spokes

March 15, 2011
www.hattiesburgrotary.com

District 6840

Club Number 04003

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2010-2011**

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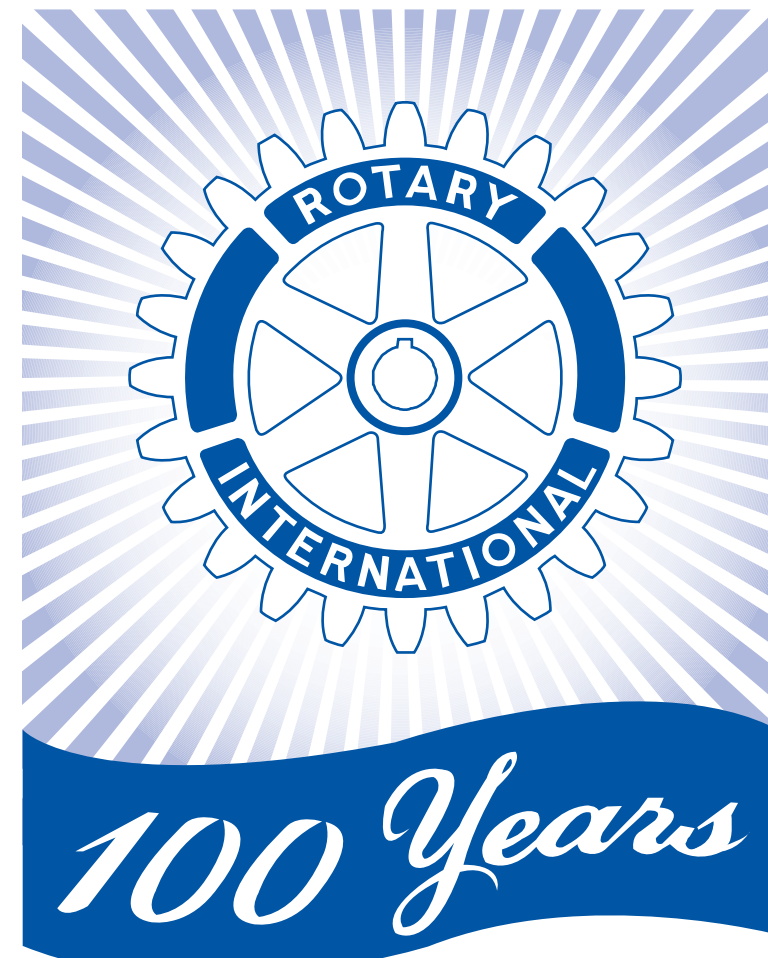
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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”



Looking for Rotary International 2011 Convention Forms/Information?
District www.rotary6840.org - Rotary International www.rotarycon2011.org

MINUTES FROM 03/08/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Allen Anderson, who gave the invocation and to Erik Graham, 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 Chris Strebeck and Mike Bonnette.

Wes Brooks then welcomed today's guests. Brad Touchstone was a guest of Janice Touchstone. Katie Townsend was a guest of Aime Sears. Durward Dees was a guest of Chris Price. Erik Graham had two guests, Rob King and Ron Edwards..

Bill again welcomed Larry LeBlanc back after his recent surgery. Johnny Stevens reported that Bill Ray continues to make progress in his recovery.

The "Night-In-Italy" event is set for Tuesday, April 19th at Southern Oaks. All members are expected to volunteer to help. Please contact Greg Buie.

David Owens requested club members to sign up to assist with the water project. The project is a part of Hub Fest and will be held on March 26th.

Thanks to Jerry Buti who gave us a review of this month's Rotary magazine.

The raffle ticket sales brought in another \$53 for the Rotary Foundation. Scott Hummel drew the winning ticket holder, Jerry Buti. Jerry won an autographed first edition, first novel by Mississippi author Culpepper Webb. The book was provided by Lamar Evans.

Volunteer were requested for the Reading Between the Lions program. The schedule is posted in SPOKES.

Mike Bonnette reported that he has received two RYLA applications and some letters of interest in the Grover Anderson Scholarship. The application deadline for both is fast approaching.

The Rotary International Conference planning committee will meet again on March 29th.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brian Moore introduced today's guest speaker, Barbara Lofton. Barbara serves s the officer manager for the Wilson Elder Law Center's Hattiesburg office. She asked members if they could identify the illness that most older Americans should be concerned with. The answer is Alzheimer's. It is the 7th leading cause of death and is costing the American economy \$172 billion annually.

In the year 2000 some 51 thousand Mississippians suffered from the disease. That number had risen to 53,000 last year and is expected to reach 65,000 within the next 15 years. There are 646 documented cases in Forrest County presently. There currently are not enough Alzheimer's beds in the county to accommodate the existing cases and certainly not enough to take care of the future demand.

There are currently only 19,000 Medicaid beds in the state. That according to Barbara is not enough to manage the current demand. Efforts to control costs in the Mississippi Legislature prohibit the construction of new Medicaid beds without a Certificate of Need obtained from the Legislature. The State receives three dollars for every one dollar of Medicaid money spent in the State. Medicaid is a needs and income based program. You must demonstrate both a need for services and meet income requirements before you are eligible to receive benefits. In order to qualify you may not have assets valued at more than \$4,000 excluding your home and automobile. If you have a spouse living at home, the combined income can reach \$10,956 and you would still qualify for benefits. In addition, when applying for benefits, there is a 5 year look-back period. If you've transferred assets to someone within the last 5 years, the value of that transfer is used to determine when and how much benefits you can receive.

Barbara maintains that building nursing home beds and using improved waiver programs alone will not be enough to meet future needs. She noted that there are 70 million baby boomers living in America today. Each should have a long-term care program and should have all the necessary, basic legal documents in place in the event something should happen suddenly. The documents include a will, and power of attorney designations for both health care and legal matters.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Jack Ragsdale

Jack retired from the Tampa Police Department in 2005 after 25 years of service. He was a lead firearms trainer for over 20 years. He taught basic marksmanship, home and business awareness, survival tactics, competition shooting, and advanced techniques, in addition to designing and implementing a train-the-trainer program. He is a nationally respected competitor in several disciplines - Police Pistol, Bullseye, USPSA/IPSC, Action Pistol, and Tactical Police 3-gun. He is a nationally renowned shooter and competitor, and an expert firearms trainer.

He is a life member of and certified instructor with the NRA. He has earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida, where he also competed in the student firearms program. He has been certified through the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. He has won the National Police Pistol Competition's Grand Aggregate Award in 1994, and he has scored in the top 10 each year since. He is honored to have earned six different distinguished badges in pistol competitions, a feat matched by only a few.

Since his retirement from active police work, he has chosen to devote his time and effort to his passion - firearms training and competition. He designed and developed a modern facility for those who want to learn to shoot, and he is resolved to teach both novices and experienced competitors the skills and techniques he practices.

His goal is to develop students who are safe, motivated, and disciplined problem-solvers. He teaches confidence - with an emphasis on professional ethics.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HUBFEST

| Rotary Water Project | | | | |
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| Booth at HubFest | | | | |
| Saturday, March 26, 2011 | | | | |
| Booth on the corner of E Pine and Main Street | | | | |
| | Name & Phone No. | Name & Phone No. | Name & Phone No. | Name & Phone No. |
| 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. | 1. A.D. Hunt 601-550-8259 | 2. Brian Moore 601-467-8979 | 3. Mickey Allen | 4. Jared Eastlock 601-214-6189 |
| 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. | 1. Sted McCollough 251-752-1150 | 2. Mike Ratliff 601-270-9679 | 3. Mary Cromartie 601-297-8280 | 4. Aime Spears 601-812-8066 |
| 11:00 - 12:00 P.M. | 1. Scott Hummel 601-296-0921 | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. | 1. Bill Maclauchlan 601-296-0921 | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. | 1. Chris Price 601-818-8576 | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. | 1. Conrad Walker 601-268-6118 | 2. Angela Herzog 601-466-0368 | 3. | 4. |
| 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. | 1. Richard Topp 601-520-7421 | 2. | 3. | 3. |

Look for a new billboard to be posted on Hardy Street across from USM by the old Burger King, (currently posted on Hwy 59N,) placed by District 6840 through a publicity grant.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

NIGHT IN ITALY
APRIL 19TH
AT
SOUTHERN OAKS

BENEFITTING
THE CHILDREN'S
CENTER AT USM

ALL MEMBERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO
HELP THAT NIGHT
TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT SOON
SIGN UP SHEET TO COME
CHAIR - GREG BUIE

ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendar for the annual Rotary Golf Tournament. Location will be Timberton Golf Course on June 4th. Teams, Sponsors and volunteers to help the golfers on the day of the tournament will also be needed. Erik Graham will be chairing this event. If you can help in any way please contact Erik.

HUB FEST
CLEAN WATER
PROJECT

Volunteers will be needed to assist Rotary's booth at Hub Fest. David Owens is chairing this project that will support our Clean Water project. Last year was a big success with water donations so this year we will expand to include grilled burgers. All proceeds will go toward Rotary's goal of helping to supply clean drinking water to underdeveloped areas. **Save the Date!**