

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)
and New Zealand (2009)

District 9980 GSE Team
from New Zealand (2009)

Debut of District 6840
Rotary Leadership Acad-
emy and presentation of in-
augural class

RYLA

Ninth Ward Field of
Dreams

Phillip Londeree,
Ambassadorial Scholar to
Ireland

Registration

Registration forms are posted on
the Conference page at ro-
tary6840.org. Forms are com-
pleted 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

Conference Chairman

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Registration

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Gulfport, MS 39502

Food Fest & Talent Show

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Sponsorships

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228.547.7770



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

Advertising in Plenary Program

Full Page	\$250
Half Page	\$125
Quarter Page	\$50

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-
tions now.

Spokes

March 17, 2009
www.hattiesburgrotary.com

District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

ROTARY YEAR
2008-2009

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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 3/10/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. A.D. Hunt gave the invocation. Bill MacLaughlin led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Topp then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Gene Owens sat in for Heath Hillman and introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Pierce Stevens visited from the Petal Club.

David Owens and Adam Pittman were guests of Gene Owens.

Wade Wicht was a guest of Bill Wicht.

Lance Nail and Shannon Woudward were guests of Mary Cromartie.

Charles Greer was a guest of Charles Greer.

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

Dan Kibodeaux reminded members that the Water Project will be held as a part of Hub Fest in downtown Hattiesburg on March 28. Volunteers are needed to work the Rotary booth during the day beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will go to help fund Rotary International's clean drinking water programs. Dan thanked Brown Bottling for providing in-kind assistance for this venture.

Mary Cromartie reminded members of the upcoming District Conference to be held on the Coast Mary 7 - 9. All members are encouraged to register.

Bill Pace then introduced and welcomed Debbie Adamson as the Club's newest member.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Gene Owens introduced today's guest speaker, Richard King, General Manager of Leaf River Cellulose, LLC.

Leaf River Cellulose, LLC is now owned by Koch Cellular, LLC. Koch purchased the plant back in 2004. Shortly thereafter, Koch also purchased the Georgia Pacific Corporation. The companies employ 1,100 people worldwide. The Leaf River Cellulose plant in New Augusta employs 310 people.

The plant runs 24 hours a day for 50 weeks out of

the year producing 500,000 metric tons of products annually. The plant utilizes the ports of Gulfport, Mobile and New Orleans to distribute their products worldwide. Approximately 500 trucks unload at the New Augusta plant daily bringing in approximately 2 million tons of pine trees from a 75 mile radius.

The New Augusta Leaf River Cellulose plant has the lowest carbon footprint of any of the Georgia Pacific mills. The plant produces 95 percent of its energy requirement each year from renewable energy resources. Additionally, the plant puts back one-million Kilowatts of electricity into the grid.

Richard reports that safety is the number one driving force at the plant. Any Leaf River Cellulose employee has the same power as the manager to shut the plant down if there is a safety problem.

Leaf River also contributes back to the community in a number of ways. Schools in the Perry County area receive contributions from the plant. Employees also put on an environmental camp each year to teach area youth about their surroundings. Leaf River also contributes to the United Way of Southeast Mississippi. This year the plant donated \$70,000 to the organization.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Betsy M. Rowell was appointed Executive Director, Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association in November 2007. She is no stranger to community service in Hattiesburg and beyond.

A native of Covington County; Rowell spent most of her childhood in Florida and Alabama. She attended JCJC and USM. She currently holds gubernatorial appointment to the Board of Directors of Momentum Mississippi; chairs the City of Hattiesburg's 125th Anniversary Celebration and serves on various boards and commissions in our city and region. She served the citizens of Hattiesburg as a member of the Hattiesburg City Council for two terms and remains very active in the community.

She is married to Otis Rowell, retired Assistant Chief, Hattiesburg Fire Department and golfer extraordinaire. They are members of Thirty-Eighth Avenue Baptist Church.

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

Wes Brooks and Lance Nail 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. If you have not picked up your tickets they are available at the front. Southern Oaks will cook but we need everyone to help set up, serve and clean up.

PLACEMAT ADS FOR NIGHT IN ITALY

Tom Potter and Terry Miller are creating placemats with advertisements for sponsoring businesses. Cst for a business card size ad is \$50. Deadline for ads is April 1th. Contact Tom Potter tpotter@trustmark.com 601-583-5309 or Terry Miller terrygmiller@yahoo.co 601-606-0967 to get your ad now.

WATER BOOTH AT HUBFEST

Rotary will have a booth at HubFest on March 28th. We are selling bottled water to support our Water Project. Members please help out by signing up with Katheryn Smith to work a 2 hour shift. It is going to be a fun event.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues	3/27	Jim Richmond - Director Corporate Communications Cellular South
Sat	3/28	HubFest - Rotary Water Booth
Tues	3/31	Wynona Winfield, Southeast Mississippi State Hospital Director
Tues	4/14	Deadline for Night in Italy placemat ads
Tues	4/21	Night In Italy - 4:30-7:30 @ Southern Oaks
May	7-9	District Conference - Bay St. Louis
June	21-24	International Convention Birmingham, England

Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
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 I55 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	
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	<i>Friday</i>
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin County - 12:00
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Slidell, LA - 12:00
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	Pinewood Country Club
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			