

# Rotary is Rockin' & Rollin' in 2010!

The 2010 District Conference will be held on April 15-17 at the Hollywood Casino in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Hotel rates are \$89 for Wednesday and Thursday and \$159 for Friday and Saturday. Call 1-866-758-2591 to make reservations. Our group code is ROT0415. Deadline to register 3/31.

Contact Erin Granberry if you are interested in signing up for the Talent Show on Friday, singers needed!

Assist Lucy Parkman with the Food Fest on Friday, April 16th, in the evening.

All members and Officers are encouraged to attend as well as any other Members who want to participate in the Talent Show, Food Fest and to learn more about Rotary in the District Conference meetings. Please see Bill McLeod if you if you are interested in attending or have any questions about District Conference.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING FOR YOU TO "SAVE THE CORK"....

200 wine bottle corks will be needed for the wine pull. We have until October to collect the corks, so start saving now! Volunteers are still need to head some of the committees for this event. See Jaclyn Adams so you can help.

## READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

We are looking for reading volunteers every week on Tuesday or Friday mornings.  
The Gandy Child Development Center  
2201 South 28th Avenue Extension  
601-268-0808

See Eric Graham if you have questions.

Sign-up sheet located at sign-in table.  
30 minutes or less to read a book or two



## READING BETWEEN THE LIONS FEB/MAR READING SCHEDULE

DATE	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Tuesday, 2/23 9:30am	Audra Cummings	
Friday, 2/26 9:30am	Walley Weakley, Kristy Gould	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 3/2 9:30am	Scott Hummel	
Friday 3/5 9:30am	Sean Priebe	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 3/9 9:30am		
Friday, 3/12 9:30am	Debbie Adamson	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan

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2009-2010

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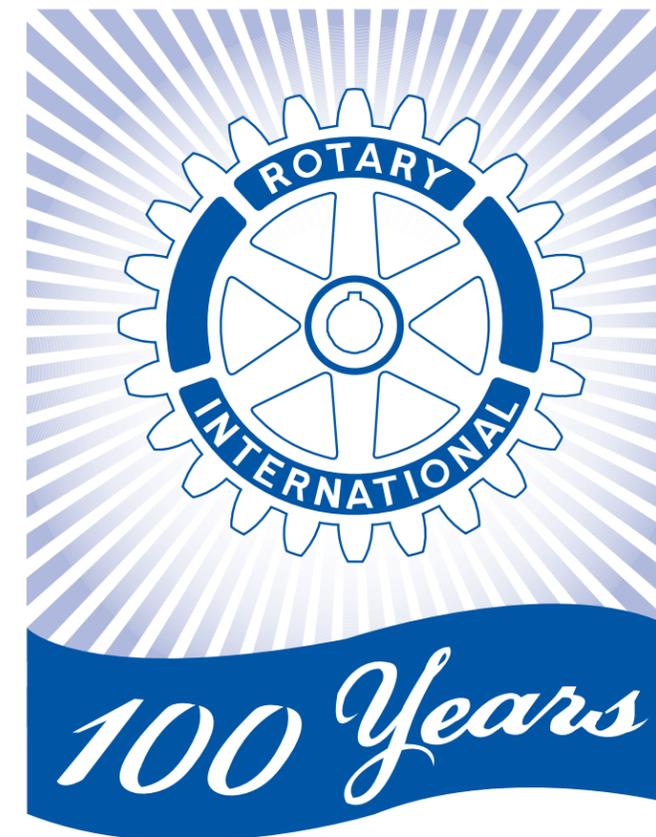
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## MINUTES FROM 2/16/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Richard Topp gave the invocation and Maura McLaughlin led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Demaris Lee visited from the Petal Club. Andrea Hood was a guest of Jaclyn Adams. Christina Ghents was a guest of Johnny Steens. Ron Farris and Buddy Lewis were guests of David Johnson. Elwood Housler was a guest of Richard Topp and Stan Sanders was a guest of Erik Graham.

Thanks to Jaclyn Adams and Andrea Hood who served as our greeters today.

Gene reported that two clubs in Mississippi, Petal and Vicksburg, have 100% participation in the Rotary Foundation's Sustaining Membership program. He encouraged all Hattiesburg Club members to make the commitment to contribute \$100 each year for the next ten years to the Rotary International Foundation.

Bill McLeod then inducted and welcomed David Gustafson. David is transferring into our club from another Rotary Club. Bill encouraged members to continue to work toward the recruitment goal of 123 members by June 30. Membership today stands at 118.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Jaclyn Adams then introduced today's guest speaker Voldi Rayborn, a Census Bureau Partnership Assistant. Voldi noted that since 1790 the United States government has conducted a census count every ten years. Until 1913 the census was conducted by the U.S. Marshall Service. In 1913 Congress created the Department of Commerce. That department has been charged with conducting the census ever since.

The 2010 census is already underway, beginning a couple of years ago with map spotting. Census workers have recorded a GPS location of every street address in the nation where someone is living or could live. Beginning in

March a census form will be mailed to each of those addresses.

This year's census questionnaire consists of only ten questions. Answers to these questions are handled only by confidential, sworn census bureau employees and will remain confidential for 72 years. After that the information is turned over to the National Archives.

Those who do not respond to the March questionnaire will receive a second mailing in April. If they do not respond to that mailing census employees will be hired and trained and will visit each of the locations. Residents are encouraged to complete the initial survey to avoid future costs.

Voldi noted that the Census Bureau will be counting every person living at each address as of April 1st. He noted that every person will be counted regardless of citizenship status. This information is vital to many decisions that will be made in the future by the federal, state and local governments as well as national businesses. State redistricting will occur after the 2010 census and will be based on the information obtained through this year's census. Mississippi lost one federal congressional seat after the 2000 census. Voldi estimates that about \$400 billion dollars is distributed to the states based on census data.

Voldi encouraged Club members to fill their survey's out, encourage family and friends to do the same, and remind employees to complete the forms.



**Rotary Scholarships Deadline**

**Deadline for the applications to be completed and received for the 2010 "RYLA" Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the Glover B. Anderson Scholarships are due no later than March 15th, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact John McDaniel, at 601-731-0898 or email: jmc-daniel1@comcast.net.**

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### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Considered for membership is, John Weeks, proposed by Patrick Ward. Jaclyn Adams has proposed Andrea Hood, a branch manager for Hancock Bank.

As a reminder, we presently have 118 Member. Our Membership Goal for the 2009-10 FY is 123, a net gain of 5 members. Additionally, in order to be eligible for a Presidential Citation Award, we have to have a net gain of 1 new Member by 3/31/10. **Don't forget about the Membership Challenge.** It is a great way to help us gain the membership we need.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Hattiesburg Rotary 92 year Birthday</b>
<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Jackie Sharp- Director MS ESGR</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Bob Lochhead – USM Professor of Polymer Science</b>
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>RYLA and Grover Anderson applications due today</b>
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Martha Dearman- Forrest General Hospital</b>
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Deadline to Register for District Conference April 15-17</b>
<b>April 15-17</b>	<b>District Conference (see back cover for details)</b>



### 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 155 N Jackson
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Taylorville - 12:00
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	MS Power Co. Building
Collins - 12:00	Laurel - 12:00	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00	Wiggins - 12:00
Cedars Restaurant	Laurel Country Club	Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
Ellisville - 12:00	North Jackson - 12:00	Heidelberg - 12:00	
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	
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	
MS Gulf Coast Community College Cafeteria		Magnolia Restaurant	
Petal - 12:00		Waynesboro - 12:00	
Civic Center		Western Sizzlin	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Prentiss - 12:00	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood		Country Fisherman	

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