

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 22 Speaker, Wes Brooks, Dev. Coordinator
DuBard School for Language Disorders at USM
- Mar 26 HubFest Rotary Water Project - 9a-4p
- Mar 28 6pm -Board of Directors Meet
at Mike Ratliff's Office
- Mar 30 RIC Registration Discount Ends
- April 19 Night In Italy Fundraiser - So. Oaks
- May 16-27 Rotary International Convention
Hospitality Tours 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 Christy Gould for last week's gift basket and gift card, which was won by Allen Anderson.

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

Thanks to all for the continued participation!

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
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 Chris Price
Tuesday, 3/29 9:30am	Gene Owens	

Attn: Committee Chairs - Information is needed for our club to complete the Presidential Nomination information that is due April 6. Please forward a short summary of your event to Bill McLeod by April 1 - Your help is appreciated!

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

IF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO N.O. ON A BUS FOR THE DAY ON SATURDAY, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THIS MAY BE AN OPTION.

FILL OUT ONE DAY PASS ONLINE then email to registration@rotary.org



Some RIC Event Highlights:

- 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-register 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.



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March 22, 2011
www.hattiesburgrotary.com

District 6840

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**ROTARY YEAR
2010-2011**

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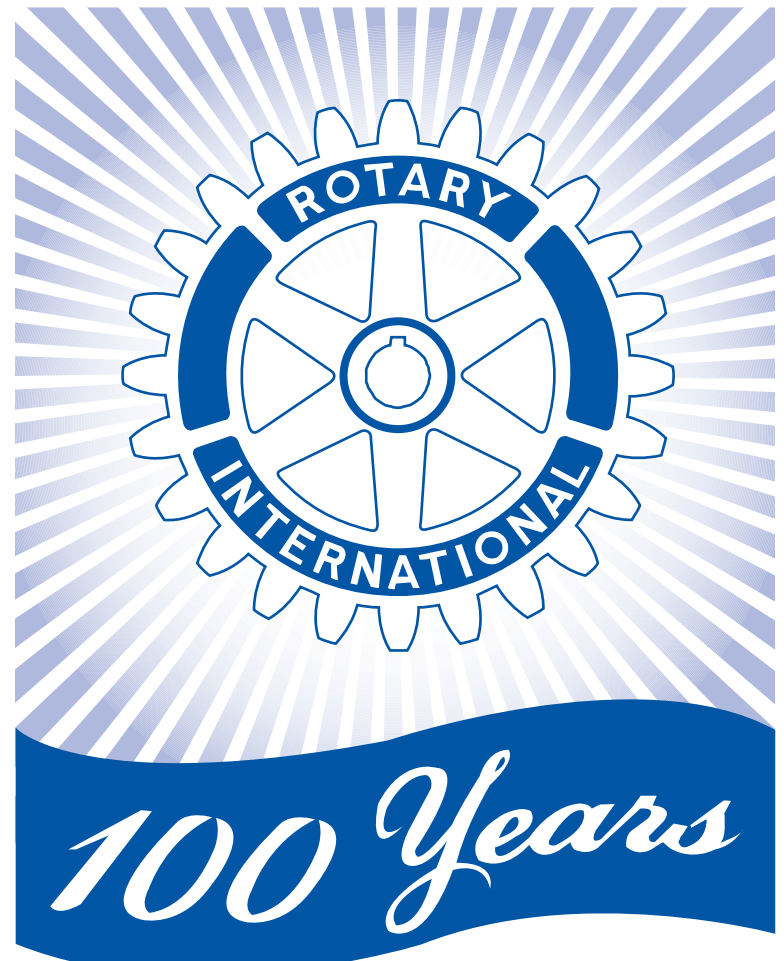
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE

A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS



“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 03/15/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Mary Cromartie, who gave the invocation and to Gene Owens, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeter today, who was Chris Price.

Wes Brooks then welcomed today's guests. Carolyn Lee was a guest of Audra Cummings. Durward Dees was a guest of Chris Price. Terry Martin was a guest of David Owens. There were no visiting Rotarians.

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. The "Night-In-Italy" event is set for Tuesday, April 19th at Southern Oaks. David handed out a sign-up sheet for the Night in Italy event and encouraged all members to participate.

Bill noted that the board is considering using some or all of the funds from the Water Project to send relief, either Shelter Boxes or participate in a water project for Japan.

Dan Kibodeaux reported that he is in dire need of readers for the Reading Between the Lions project for the months of March and April. A sign-in sheet was circulated.

Thanks to Kristy Gould and Hattiesburg Clinic for providing today's Rotary Foundation Raffle item. Allen Anderson was the winner as announced by Janice Touchstone.

Mary Cromartie noted that award nominations are soon due for Rotarian of the Year, Non-Rotarian of the Year and the Young Rotarian of the Year. She solicited nominations from those in attendance today and will do so again next week. The Awards Committee will meet afterwards to consider the nominations.

Conrad Welker provided today's Classification Talk. Conrad came out of the Army in 1952 and was first employed by the Natchez Public School system. He received his Masters Degree in 1955 and became Principal within the Natchez system. He first joined rotary in 1960. He was employed at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1966 and transferred his membership to the Hattiesburg Rotary Club. He served as the Club's Secretary in 1971 and 72 and participated in the formation of the GSE program. He helped get the first candidate from our club that was accepted, Milton Wheeler. Conrad retired from the education system in 1990. He served as the President of the Hattiesburg Rotary club in 2006-2007.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brian Moore then introduced today's guest speaker, Jack Ragsdale. Jack retired from the Tampa Police Department in 2005. He and his wife relocated to the Wiggins area where he has opened a firearms training and competition facility.

Jack asked for a show of hands of gun owners in the room and then a show of hands of those who have concealed weapon carrying permits. He noted that if gun owners were interested in obtaining a concealed weapon license, they should proceed with that interest, noting that the law could change and prohibit weapon carrying permits.

He focused his discussion on firearm safety. He told club members they should always treat a gun as being loaded. He also suggested that a gun only be loaded when you're ready to use it. You should always keep the muzzle pointed in the safest direction. You should also keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot and then remove it from the trigger immediately.

If you use a gun for self protection he suggested that the gun be stored in a locked gun safe that can be bolted down. If you wish, you can unlock the safe at night to make it easier to obtain the weapon in the event of an emergency. Jack spoke briefly of the Castle Law which gives property owners the right to protect themselves and their property. He noted that the Castle Law extends to one's automobile.

Jack then made available gun safety literature and a gun safety training CD that can be used for children.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM SPEAKER

Wes Brooks - Bio

Wes Brooks is a Mississippi native born in Jackson, raised in Laurel, and he and his wife, Shane, have lived in Hattiesburg for over 10 years welcoming their son Campbell in 2003. Wes holds a degree from William Carey University and, after over a decade in business-to-business and corporate sales, is presently the Development Coordinator for the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi.

An avid guitarist and lover of music, Wes has and continues to play live music in and around the Hattiesburg area with his band.

Wes is currently Sergeant-at-Arms for Rotary of Hattiesburg and sits on that club's Membership Committee and Board of Directors.

12 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HUBFEST THIS SATURDAY 1 HOUR

Rotary Water Project

Booth at HubFest

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Booth on the corner of E Pine and Main Street

	Name & Phone	Name & Phone	Name & Phone	Name & Phone
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. Dan Kibodeaux 601-545-7141
11:00 - 12:00 P.M.	1. Scott Hummel 601-296-0921	2. Bill McLeod 601-942-9256	3. Aime Spears 601-812-8066	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. _____	4. _____

Look for a new billboard to be posted on Hardy Street, across from USM by the old Burger King, (currently the sign is 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

**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.

REMINDERS

The Nomination Committee is asking for recommendations for our annual awards. One Non-Rotarian, One New Member and one existing member who exhibit our motto "Service Above Self". If you have any suggestions please see Mary Cromartie.

Committee Chairs - Please give our president a summary of any project you have worked on this past Rotary year. He will submit his report to the District for Presidential Citation consideration. Due April 1.