


9 AM - 10 AM	AD Hunt 601-550-3259	Mary Cromartie 601-264-2751	Debra Hunt 601-550-3259	Annie Wimbish 601-467-6909
10 AM- 11AM	Jared Eastlack 601-214-6189	Erik Graham 601-329-3161	David Gustafson 601-596-4196	Dan Kibodeaux 601-467-7744
11 AM - 12PM	Scott Hummel 601-466-6156	Conrad Walker 601-268-6118	Jared Eastlack 601-214-6189	Carolyn Jones 601-467-3487
12 PM - 1 PM	Wally Weakly 601-408-8477	Mike Rafliff 601-270-9679	Angela Herzog 601-466-0368	Richard Jones 601-583-3810
1 PM - 2 PM	Bill MacLauchlan 601-296-0921	Susan Morgan 251-643-8277	Aime Spears 601-812-8066	OPEN
2 PM - 3 PM	Bill McLeod 601-942-9756	Kris King 601-406-6873	OPEN	OPEN
3 PM - 4 PM	Tom Potter 601-408-3872	Robert Cummings 601-307-4634	Richard Topp 601-264-3519	OPEN

Water Project fund raiser at Hub Fest

Volunteers needed to work shifts and take donations for water. The water is being donated by Pepsi, Brown Bottling. The booth has been donated by CBS22, WHLT-TV

David Owens is in charge of this event and can be reached at Owen's Business Machines or via email dowens@owensbusinessmachines.com or 601-544-3444
Funds raised help provide clean water in Haiti.

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. Takes 30 minutes or less to read a book or two. The kids really enjoy being read to! Don't miss out. This programs supports our program for Literacy.	DATE	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
		Friday, 3/19 9:30am	Audra Cummings, Mary Cromartie
	Tuesday, 3/23 9:30am	Erin Granberry	
	Friday, 3/26 9:30am	Scott Hummel	
	Tuesday 3/30 9:30am		
	Friday, 4/2 9:30am	Patrick Ward, Wally Weakley	
	Tuesday, 4/6 9:30am		
	Friday, 4/9 9:30am	Brian Moore	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
	Tuesday, 4/13 9:30am	Steve Ramp	
	Friday, 4/16 9:30am		
	Tuesday, 4/20 9:30am	David Gustfason	

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 3/19/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Allen Anderson gave the invocation and Gene Winters led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced the special guests of our Rotary members and visiting Rotarians. Lavon Smith visited from the Sunrise Club. Chad Newell came with Erik Graham. Bertha Blanchard and Nancy Stevens were both guests of Bill McLeod. Elwood (Woody) Hausler visited with Richard Topp. Tom Potter brought his son and grandson; Bill Potter and Zane Potter from TN, while Jeri Buti brought his son, Yusef Buti, and Gene Winters brought his daughter, Amanda Winters. Scott Stover was a guest of David Owens, while Harris Bell was a guest of Heath Hillman. Steve Ramp brought his guest, Kashmir Moses. Michael Garrett was a guest of Aime Spears.

Thanks to Mike Collins and Heath Hillman, who served as our guest greeters today.

Excellent News: "Homes of Hope for Children", our designated cause in the Pepsi-Cola charity event, is currently in 1st Place! Keep those votes coming through the last day of March and keep spreading the word. Website: www.win250k.org.

Anyone interested in 2010 District Conference coming up April 15th-17th, is encouraged to get with Bill McLeod. Anyone interested in assisting in the Friday night talent contest is encouraged to contact Erin Granberry, and anyone interested in helping with the "food-fest", may contact Lucy Parkman.

Bill McLeod announced our newest member inductee, John Weeks, nominated by Patrick Ward. Bill added that John is our 119th member, which is an important goal number for this year as we are nearing our total goal of 123 by July. With that, he introduced John. John grew up in Hattiesburg, graduating from Oak Grove High. He attended MS State, where he earned a civil engineering degree. He is currently employed at Shows, Dearman, & Waites. He is engaged to be married this summer.

Wallace Weakley reminded Club members that we are still in need of one or two more Host families for the GSE (Group Study Exchange) program. The only thing the Host family would need to provide is a place to sleep and shower for three nights beginning March 29th. Please contact Wallace or Mike Ratliff if you can volunteer to help these candidates from Argentina.

Erik Graham announced that Phase I (38 lesson plans) is complete in the "Reading Between the Lions" Program. This has been an outstanding success thus far. Phase II is starting up and we are still in need of

some volunteers. Please contact Eric to sign up.

David Owens is in charge of the Haiti Water Project. We will be setting up a booth at this year's Hubfest on March 27th. We need volunteers to work shifts at the booth to take donations for the water. Please contact David at 601.544.3444 to sign up.

"Night in Italy" is scheduled for April 20th. Tickets and ready for pick up at each weekly meeting. We are now seeking volunteers to help. We will be passing around the sign-up sheets at upcoming meetings.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Gene Owens then introduced our speaker, Martha Dearman. Martha is Executive Director of Forrest General Hospital's Healthcare Foundation. Martha grew up in Hattiesburg and has been employed by FGH for over 16 years. After the chaos surrounding Hurricane Katrina, and monetary needs began outweighing the available funds, Martha saw the need to create a new foundation in order to help ensure the hospital's vision of bold innovation and beneficial programs for the Hattiesburg community. The Foundation offers an opportunity for community-wide involvement and strong partnerships.

The Foundation currently has three very important projects in the works: A Neonatal Intensive Care unit, a "Spiritual Grounds" area at Pine Grove for addiction issues, and a new Hospice Care facility. The Neonatal unit will be built on the 4th floor of FGH and will consist of 27 beds. Each infant and their families will have their own private rooms instead of being in one room. This will result in ultimate conditions, such as dimmer lighting and not affecting other infants when crises may arise. This new space will provide family-focused care. The Spiritual Grounds at Pine Grove is a great place to help provide healing for those dealing with addiction. There are three phases involved in this project, including a Circle of Healing sculpture, a Bell Tower, and a Fire Pit. All three symbols represent integral phases of a patient's journey and help to ensure peace and success. And, finally, there will be a new inpatient Hospice Home. The land was donated and any costs are funded 100% by donor dollars. Many terminally patients receive hospice at their own homes, but for some patients, this is not an option. This inpatient facility will give a loved one the care they need during their last remaining precious days.

Martha said that this community is yours and Forrest County's hospital is yours. 100% of your donations will go to whichever project you designate it to. Lives are touched every day because of people in the community just like you who make a decision to support Forrest General with a donation.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Senior Special Agent James Herzog
Mississippi Bureau of Investigation

Education:

- 1992 Graduate of Mississippi College, B.S.B.A. in Management
- Member of the 1989 Mississippi College National Championship Football Team
- 1989 Special Teams Player of the Year
- All-American and All-Conference Player

Law-Enforcement Background:

- Graduate of MS Highway Patrol Trooper Cadet School
- State Trooper from 1994-1999
- Former MHP SWAT Team Member
- Field Training Officer at the MHP Academy
- Promoted to Special Agent with MBI in 1999

Training:

- Former FBI Task Force
- FBI Crisis/Hostage Negotiator
- Graduate of Southern Institute of Forensic Science in Death

Investigations

- New York State Police Homicide School
- Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy Death Scene Investigation School
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service Cold Case Homicide School
- FBI/DEA Academy Investigative Training Quantico, Virginia
- Regional Counterdrug Training Academy Interview and Interrogation School
- Homicide Investigation School Richmond, Virginia

Work:

- Have conducted over two-hundred death investigations
- Instructor Interview and Interrogation
- Instructor Case File Management/Courtroom Testimony

Awards:

- Meritorious Service Award
- Lifesaver Award
- Secret Service Award

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Welcome our newest member, John Weeks, inducted last week. Andrea Hood, a branch manager for Hancock Bank. Andrea should be inducted today. Welcome, Andrea!

We presently have 119 Members. Our Membership Goal for the 2009-10 FY is 123. We have met eligibility for a Presidential Citation Award, with a net gain of 1 new Member by 3/31/10. Please continue to invite others to visit.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 23	James Herzog - MS Bureau of Investigation
Mar 27	HubFest Water Project Fund Raiser
Mar 29	Rotary Board Meeting 5:30 pm
Mar 31	Deadline to Register for District Conference April 15-17
April 15-17	District Conference



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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-Thursday and \$159 for Friday and Saturday. Call 1-866-758-2591 for reservations. 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! Assist Lucy Parkman with the Food Fest on Friday, April 16th, in the evening. All members are encouraged to attend and 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 are interested in attending or have any questions about District Conference.

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