

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 29 Michael Federico, USM Baseball Coach
- Mar 30 RIC Registration Discount Ends & Pre-registration for One-Day Pass ends
- April 19 Night In Italy Fundraiser - So. Oaks No Noon Meeting this Tuesday
- 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 Traci Fowler for last week's gift, which was won by Johnny Stevens and Kris King. Johnny put his USM baseball tickets up for auction and David Thoms won the tickets.

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

April Reading Volunteers Needed

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 4/1 9:30am	Audra Cummings	
Tuesday, 4/5 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 4/8 9:30am	Sean Priebe	Audra Cummings
Tuesday, 4/12 9:30am	Mary Cromartie	Lucy Parkman
Friday, 4/15 9:30am		
Tuesday, 4/19 9:30am		
Friday, 4/22 9:30am		
Tuesday, 4/26 9:30am		
Friday, 4/29 9:30am		

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.

The One Day Pass for Saturday May 21st can't be preorder after the March 31 deadline. After this deadline you can purchase tickets at the door.

If you go down for Saturday you can sign up to volunteer in the welcome center with all our other district members.

Call Suzi Steen if you have any questions at



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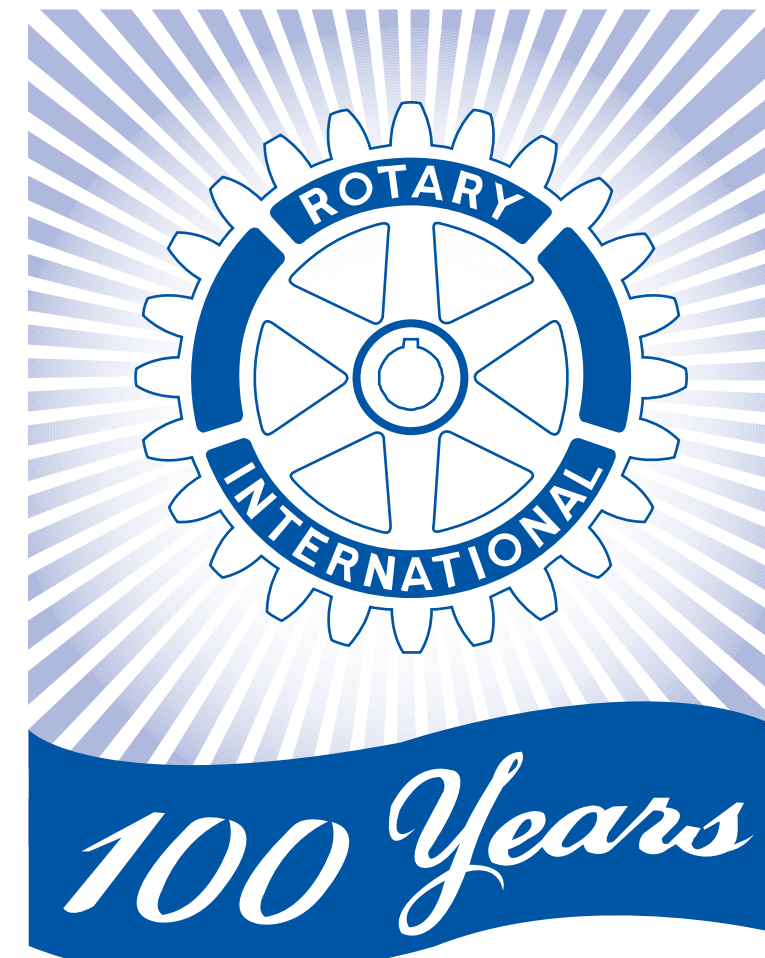
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 03/22/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave the invocation and to Christina Ghents, 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 were Tracie Fowler and Audra Cummings.

Wes Brooks then welcomed today's visiting Rotarians Ken West and Milton Wheeler from the Petal Club. Allen Anderson's guest today is Rick Carson.

Maura McLaughlan reported on her research regarding a possible water project the Club could be involved in following their recent disaster. She noted that the board will continue these discussions at Monday's board meeting. Bill McLeod reminded board members of the Monday, March 28 board meeting to be held in Mike Ratliff's office at the Greater Southern National Bank building on Hardy street.

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 Tracie Fowler and the Hattiesburg American for providing today's Rotary Foundation Raffle items. Kris King and Johnny Stevens were winners. Johnny offered his prize for auction. David Toms was the high bidder for the USM baseball tickets.

Robert Cummings gave the board an update on the President Elect's Training Seminar that he attended recently in Vicksburg. He was one of 128 Rotary president elects who attended from this region. He reported on a number of resources that are available to the Club's leadership including the greatest resource of all, networking. Robert reported that our club is one of the largest and is also one of the most involved clubs of all those who attended this year's PETS.

Mary Cromartie asked for member input for award nominations. The input received from members will

be reviewed by the Awards Committee in the very near future.

Condolences were offered to Steve Ramp and his family over the recent loss of Steve's father.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brian Moore than introduced Wes Brooks, today's guest speaker. Wes is the Development Coordinator for the DuBard School for Language Disorders at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Wes began his presentation with a video about the school, noting that 2012 will be the 50th year for the DuBard School's operation. The video captured the comments of University officials, DuBard school representatives, a former client and parents of students who have benefited from the school's program.

Wes reported that one in five Americans have reading difficulties. He also noted that about 50% of Americans cannot read at an 8th grade level and that 85% of all juvenile delinquents have reading problems.

The DuBard School is one of three clinical programs on the USM campus. These programs offer clinical services to those enrolled in the therapy programs as well as teaching and training opportunities for USM students. Additionally, the DuBard School also offers national training programs that are used to introduce and train other clinicians on the DuBard teaching methods.

The DuBard School currently has the capacity for 80 children in the full-time enrollment program. There are 95 on a waiting list for a slot in the full-time program. The school also offers an out-client treatment service program. This program is a fee-based program and can accommodate 38 clients. There are currently 67 on the out-client program's waiting list.

The DuBard School serves 15 counties in this part of the state reaching into 20 school districts. The school focuses its treatment program on children with oral and/or written language disorders. Each child enrolled in the program has an average of 4.89 diagnosis.

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM - USM BASEBALL COACH MICHAEL FEDERICO

If anyone understands the Southern Miss baseball program, assistant coach Michael Federico does. He was a player for the Golden Eagles under Hill Denson from 1995-97 and became a graduate assistant coach under Corky Palmer from 1998-99, helping the Golden Eagles to a NCAA Regional in 1999.

After his stint at Southern Miss, he became an assistant coach under Scott Berry at Meridian Community College in 2000, a team that played in the JUCO world series, and while the head coach at Meridian CC and current Golden Eagle assistant coach Chad Caillet was his top assistant from 2002-2004.

Since leaving Meridian in 2004, he has competed against Southern Miss each season as the top assistant at Conference USA for Memphis.

Prior to joining the Memphis staff in 2004, he was the head coach at Meridian Community College (2002-2004), where he was a two-time Junior College Coach of the Year honoree. In 2003 and 2004, he led his squad to the JUCO World Series.

Federico led MCC to a 46-14 finish and a ninth-place finish in the JUCO World Series in 2004. Several of his players received accolades following the 2004 season, as two players were named as All-Americans, four players received All-Region 23 honors, and nine Eagles were voted to the All-State team. Federico was named Region XXIII and Southeastern District Coach of the Year.

In 2003, he led the Eagles to a fifth-place finish in the Alpine Bank JUCO World Series. The Eagles also won the MACJC Central Division, Region XXIII and Southeastern Regional Championships. Federico was honored with Region XXIII and Southeastern District

Coach.

Before taking over the head duties, Federico served as the assistant coach for two year, working with pitchers and catchers. As an assistant, he helped lead the Eagles to two conference championships, one region, and one sectional championship and a trip to the 2000 JUCO World Series.

Prior to joining the staff at Meridian, Federico served as a graduate assistant coach at Southern Miss for two years under Corky Palmer. In 1999, his last year with the Gold Eagles, he helped the black and gold to the NCAA Southeast Regional, in Tuscaloosa, AL.

As a player, Federico was a catcher at Southern Miss from 1995-97, serving as the team captain his senior year. He started his collegiate career at Hinds Community College (1993-95), where he was he starting catcher and helped his teams to back-to-back Division II World Series appearances.

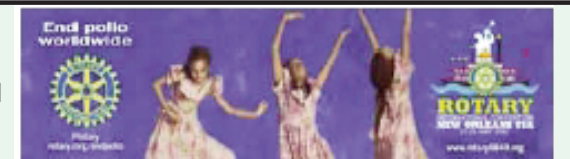
Federico received both his undergraduate degree to physical education (1998), and his master's degree in sports administration (1999) from Southern Miss.

A native of Slidell, LA, Federico attended Pope John Paul II High School, where he was the starting catcher for four years. During this time, he was named All-State, All-District, All-Metro and team captain.

Federico is married to the former Hanna Sosa of Bush, LA, who is also a Southern Miss graduate and former Golden Eagle Diamond Darline. The couple has two sons, Hayden and Brycen.

Look for a new billboard posted on Hardy Street, across from USM (facing East)

Thanks to the hard work of the District and Robin Stewart we will have this spot until the end of May and possibly longer.



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
GREG BUIE CHAIR

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. If you can help, contact Erik Graham program chair.

HUBFEST SUCCESS!

Thanks to David Owens and Patrick Ward for all tier hard work and tireless cooking this past Saturday.

Thanks to the many members came out to support the Clean Water Project.

More details to come on plans for the funds and dollars raised from this event.

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.