

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 8 Barbara Lofton, Wilson Elder Law Center
- Mar 26 HubFest Rotary Water Project
- Mar 30 RIC Registration Discount Ends
- April 19 Night In Italy Fundraiser - So. Oaks
- May 16-27 RIC Hospitality Tours and Events
- May 21-25 Rotary International Convention
- June 4th Rotary Golf Tournament

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 Greg Buie for last week's prize of 10 cases of beverages from Brown Bottling. Robert Holland was the winner.

The prize this week is a first edition/signed copy of Culpepper Webb's *Lifted from the Waters*. Culpepper was born and raised in Leland, MS.

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

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	Conrad Welker	Chris Price
Friday, 3/18 9:30am		
Tuesday, 3/22 9:30am		
Friday, 3/25 9:30am	Sted McCollough	Sean Priebe
Tuesday, 3/29 9:30am		

**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**

GO ONLINE TO ROTARY.ORG, SET UP YOUR USER LOGIN
W/MEMBER ACCESS, CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,
REGISTER. OR FAX FORMS TO 847-866-3064

EMAIL SUZY STEEN AT S.L.STEEN@USM.EDU IF YOU SIGN UP
AND/OR IF YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE CONVENTION



FILL OUT ONE DAY PASS ONLINE
then email to registra-
tion@rotary.org
only avail. until March 31

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-reg-
ister 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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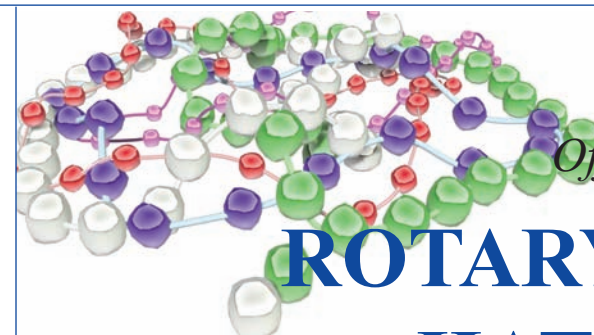
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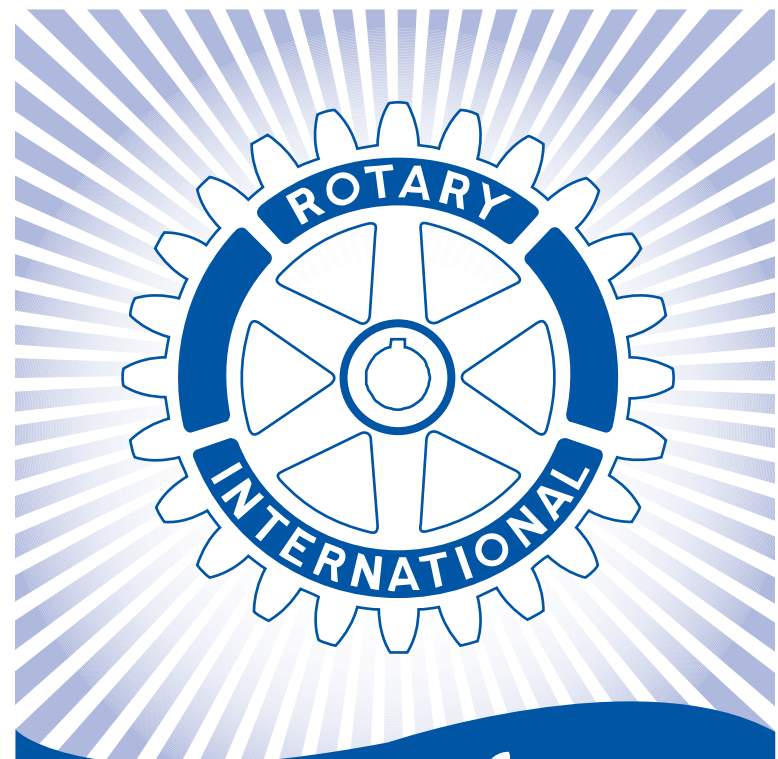
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MINUTES FROM 03/01/11

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Mike Ratliff, who gave the invocation and to Tom Potter, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters today, who were Dan Kibodeaux and Andrea Hood.

Maura McLaughlin welcomed today's visitor from the Laurel Rotary Club, Mr. Daniel Hyatt.

Bill welcomed back fellow Rotarian Larry LeBlanc, to whom everyone gave a round of applause. Bill also asked members to keep the Robert Cummings' family in prayerful mention in the loss of Robert's uncle. Bill then read a thank-you card from Blake Wilson, the executive director of the MS Economic Council, thanking members for the joint meeting of February 8th.

Chris Price announced that the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament for The Children's Center is set to be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Shadow Ridge Golf Course. Contact Chris if you are interested in participating.

The "Night-In-Italy" event is set for Tuesday, April 19th at Southern Oaks. Proceeds benefit The Children's Center at USM. All members are expected to volunteer to help. Please contact Greg Buie.

Today's raffle ticket sales brought in another \$63 for the Foundation. Scott Hummel drew the winning ticket holder, Robert Holland, who won ten cases of soda and/or water generously donated by Greg Buie and Brown Bottling Company.

Dan Kibodeaux said the Reading Between the Lions program is in great need of volunteers throughout the months of March and April. There are many slots to fill. Remember that your attendance at any of these sessions will count as a make-up meeting.

Save the date: March 26th! Gene Owens (speaking for David Owens) said that volunteers are needed to assist Rotary's booth at Hubfest. Proceeds are for the Clean Water Project, which supports the goal of helping to bring clean water to underdeveloped areas. The Club is still seeking suggestions for which particular area should be chosen this year (last year's focus was Haiti). Aime said that WHLT is donating the booth at the fest and the burgers that will be grilled and sold. Greg Buie (Brown Bottling) is donating the water bottles.

RYLA and Grover Anderson candidate applications must be submitted to Mike Bonnette by April 1st. So far, only four (4) applications have been received. He has spoken with many of the area's high school guidance counselors. Call Mike at 601.266.6020 for more information.

March 31st is the deadline before the next price increase occurs for registration to the 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Brian Moore introduced today's guest speaker, Gene Dattel. Gene is a financial historian, lecturer, consultant, former investment banker and the author of two books, "The Sun That Never Rose" and "Cotton and Race in the Making of America". He studied history at Yale and law at Vanderbilt. Both his father and his brother have served as Rotary presidents.

Gene said that if you think of the power that the oil industry has on America today, that is the same power that the cotton industry had in the 19th century. Cotton played a key role in America's economic and racial history. Cotton was the foundation of the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain. As the young economist Karl Marx remarked in 1848, "Without cotton, you have no modern industry...without slavery, you have no cotton."

On the eve of the Civil War, cotton was America's leading export and raw cotton was essential for the economy of Europe. Most of the world supply of cotton came from the American South. This industry, fueled by the labor of slaves on plantations, generated huge sums of money for the United States and influenced the nation's ability to borrow money in a global market. Mississippi, the nation's largest cotton-producing state, was economically and politically dependent on cotton, as was the entire South. When the southern states seceded from the Union to form the Confederate States of America in 1861, they used cotton to provide revenue for its government, arms for its military, and the economic power for the fledgling Confederate nation. The North needed cotton for its textile mills, and it wanted to deprive the South of its financing power.

After the Civil War, African-Americans remained in the cotton fields, as the textile was still an economic force. But they were denied economic and physical mobility by federal government policy, by the racial animosity of Northern whites, and by the enduring need for cotton labor in the South. The government was forced to confront the question of what to do with slave refugees and those who had escaped behind Union lines. In 1863 they developed a form of containment policy, whereby freed slaves would remain in the South. They would be used in the military service, or contracted to work on the abandoned plantations. For more than 150 years, America benefited enormously from cotton picked by African-Americans. Cotton needed a work force, and white America designated African-Americans in that labor role. Slave-produced cotton was important to the destiny of America and it almost destroyed the nation. The nation's attachment to material goods and progress was at the cost and value of human beings. Wherever Gene speaks, he always asks people two questions: What do you think of slavery? What do you think of black people?

Bill thanked Gene for his presentation and adjourned the meeting with our motto: Service Above Self.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

A Note about our Speaker, Barbara Lofton

Barbara serves as the Office Manager for the Wilson Elder Law Center's Hattiesburg office and as a resource for the entire team as a Medicaid Specialist. Having retired from working with the Division of Medicaid for over 28 years, she brings exceptional knowledge and experience to the firm. Her career included serving as Branch Director for both the Laurel and the Hattiesburg Division of Medicaid offices. Her special areas of expertise include long-term care Medicaid policies and programs and services for the elderly and disabled. Barbara's extensive knowledge of community services and resources in the greater Hattiesburg area adds another important dimension to the firm's ability to assist clients and their families.

Barbara and her husband Bill have one daughter and son-in-law who recently celebrated the birth of a son. Needless to say, Barbara and Bill stay very busy as spoiling grandparents to their grandson Gray.

ROTARY GROVER ANDERSON & RYLA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to incoming Freshman planning to attend the University of Southern Miss. And rising High School Seniors for RYLA Scholarships. Preference given to children and grandchildren of members of The Hattiesburg Rotary Club.

Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Contact Mike Bonnette, mike.bonnette@usm.edu, 601-266-6020 for more information and application forms.

Deadline for applications to be considered, April 1.

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
CHAIR - GREG BUIE

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.

HUB FEST CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Volunteers will be needed to assist Rotary's booth at Hub Fest. David Owens is chairing this project that will support our Clean Water project. Last year was a big success with water donations so this year we will expand to include grilled burgers. All proceeds will go toward Rotary's goal of helping to supply clean drinking water to underdeveloped areas. **Save the Date!**

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