

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. 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.



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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Voting ends on

MARCH

31

Help Us Win By:

- Voting EVERY DAY March 1-31
- Set www.win250k.org as your home screen as a reminder to vote everyday
- Email the link for our website to everyone you know
- Text reminders to everyone you know
- Personally ask people to vote for our cause
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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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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 3/2/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Bill Tolbert gave the invocation and Allen Anderson 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. Shawn Jones came with Brian Moore. Eric Amadee was a guest of Allen Anderson. And Dr. Fred Dale attended with Bob Riley. We extend a warm welcome and thank you all for coming.

Thanks to Aimee Spears who served as our guest greeter.

Mary announced a Happy 92nd Birthday to the Hattiesburg Rotary Club, founded on March 1, 1918. She thanked Jaclyn Adams and Jennifer Payne for bringing the cake and the balloons.

Conrad Welker gave a brief history of the beginning of the Club in Hattiesburg. There were two sources which noted this. One letter dated 12/29/17 was sent from T.C. Hannah to his brother (a Jackson, MS Rotarian) requesting assistance in getting a club started. The other was the work of Howard Williams and V.M. Scanlan along with the Meridian Club Secretary, Hilrie M. Quin. After an initial meeting in January, 1918, the Club that included 25 area businessmen and professionals was formally chartered on March 1st as Club #366. Rotary was only in its 14th year at that time.

Bill McLeod thanked Conrad for that bit of history. He then wished the club a Happy Birthday. Maura McLaughlin led the club in "Happy Birthday" ..

Volunteers are needed for the "Rockin' and Rollin' 2010 District Conference", held at the Hollywood Casino in Bay St. Louis, MS between April 15th – 17th. Please contact Bill, Erin Granberry, or Lucy Parkman if you can assist in any of the needed areas.

Bill announced that the Club had 69% overall attendance in February. He read the many names of those who had a perfect attendance record. He then reminded everyone to make sure to record your make-up attendance at other Rotary functions to receive proper credit. This includes any meetings attended in other communities, online meetings, and other functions, such as "Reading Between the Lions". Bill stated that our 118th member was inducted last week, and we still have a goal to reach by July - a net gain of five more members.

Aimee Spears gave a report update on Public Relations. She has been instilling ways of keeping the public informed of functions and events of the Rotary by running TV ads, posting new signage, and asking the Hattiesburg American to attend events and publish the stories. In other news, she will be ordering t-shirts for the Night in Italy and she will be kicking off a new campaign to help raise our club's match of for Polio. Aimee said she is looking for volunteers to assist with the new web page. And, Pepsin-Cola, Inc. is donating \$250,000 to a charity with the most votes in the month of March! Our Club's cause is for "Homes of Hope for Children". Please help us win for this cause by voting every day and asking everyone you know to vote every day during March. Go online to: www.win250k.org to vote, vote, vote!!!

Eric Graham needs more volunteers on the schedule for March and April for the "Reading Between the Lions" program.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Maura McLaughlin introduced our speakers, Jackie Sharp and Bart Bartran, of the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve). ESGR supports and builds relationships between employers and their employees who are active in the military. The ESGR is a Department of Defense organization that provides free education, consultation, and any necessary mediation. Their goal is to support America's employers who support and share their employees with our nation to help ensure national security. Military members are guaranteed, through U.S.E.R.R.A., certain aspects of their jobs when they return from duty. ESGR takes the extra step by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving any conflicts. Employers also get the unique chance to see what their employees do in the military and can even take a ride in a Chinook helicopter. Employers sign a "Statement of Support", indicating that they honor and enforce the USERRA Act, and that they have the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in our nations' military. The ESGR is always looking for volunteers. If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving, please contact Jackie at: Jackie.d.sharp@us.army.mil or at 601.313.6508.

Mary thanked Jackie and Bart for their wonderful presentation and adjourned the meeting with our motto; "service above self."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

BIO OF ROBERT Y. LOCHHEAD

Dr Lochhead's industrial career spanned 25 years- 4 years with the Nobel Division of I.C.I., 10 years with Unilever Research and 11 years with the Specialty Polymer and Chemicals Division of BFGoodrich.

After this career as an industrial scientist and research manager, Dr Lochhead joined the University of Southern Mississippi as an Associate Professor in 1990. He has chaired the Department of Polymer Science since 1993 and raised it to School status. The department has been ranked third in the nation for Polymers and it is ranked 5th in the USA for Engineering (various) and 18th in the Nation for Engineering. More than \$2billion in capital has been invested in the Mississippi Polymer Industry, creating 42 new companies and 10,000 new jobs.

Dr. Lochhead serves as Principal Investigator of the NSF funded 'Multinational Partnership to Incite Innovation', Director of The Institute for Formulation Science and the National Formulation Science Laboratory, and Director of the School of Polymers and High Performance Materials at the University of Southern Mississippi. The National Formulation Science Laboratory has just opened in a 60,000 square-ft building on a 523 acre site in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Dr. Lochhead is the author of about 300 scientific papers and 18 Patents, some for polymers that are used extensively in industry. Since 1995, his students have won 10 best paper awards at National Meetings.

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.

We presently have 118 Member. Our Membership Goal for the 2009-10 FY is 123. 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

Mar 9 Bob Lochhead – USM Professor of Polymer Science
Mar 15 RYLA and Grover Anderson applications due today
Mar 16 Martha Dearman- Forrest General Hospital
Mar 31 Deadline to Register for District Conference April 15-17
April 15-17 District Conference (see back cover for details)



Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bay Springs - 12:00 City Hall Bolton - 7:30 Methodist Church Collins - 12:00 Cedars Restaurant Ellisville - 12:00 J.C.J.C. Cafeteria Jackson - 12:00 MS Museum of Art Lucedale - 12:00 MS Gulf Coast Community College Cafeteria Petal - 12:00 Civic Center South Hinds County - 12:00 BoDons Catfish & Seafood	Columbia - 12:00 The Backdoor Restaurant Flowood - 12:00 River Oaks Hospital Laurel - 12:00 Laurel Country Club North Jackson - 12:00 St. James Episcopal Church	Clinton - 12:00 Baptist Health Plex Gluckstadt - 12:00 Parker House Restaurant Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00 Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria Heidelberg - 12:00 Library Poplarville - 12:00 Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria Richton - 12:00 Magnolia Restaurant Waynesboro - 12:00 Western Sizzlin Prentiss - 12:00 Country Fisherman	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00 Steam Room Grill 155 N Jackson Taylorsville - 12:00 MS Power Co. Building Wiggins - 12:00 Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria <i>Friday</i> Rankin County - 12:00 Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex Slidell, LA - 12:00 Pinewood Country Club

**Make up online
at www.Rotary.org**