

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 10 Dr. Ben Burnett,
Lamar County Schools Superintendent
- May 16-27 Rotary International Convention
Hospitality Tours and Events
- May 17 11:30 RIC Committee Meeting
- May 17 Hal Kittrell, Forrest County District Attorney
- May 24 Jeff Hammond, USM Sports
- May 31 Brian Hall, Rotary Membership
- June 4th Rotary Golf Tournament at 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. The prize last week was flowers donated by Larry LeBlanc. Sean Priebe was our winner. To donate items call Scott 601-318-6497 or 601-466-61.56 (cell). Thanks to all for the continued participation!

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Monday or Wednesday 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

May Reading Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 5/3 9:30am	Jerry Buti	
Friday, 5/6 9:30am	Bill McLeod	
Tuesday, 5/10 9:30am	Jerry Buti	Chris Price
Friday, 5/13 9:30am	Sarah Liles	Liana Wallace
Tuesday, 5/17 9:30am	Chris Price	
Friday, 5/20 9:30am	Brian Moore	
Monday, 5/23 9:30am	Lucy Parkman	Mary Cromartie
Wednesday, 5/25 9:30am		
Monday, 5/30 9:30am	NO READING THIS DAY	NO READING THIS DAY

**NOTE
SUMMER
SCHEDULE
STARTING
ON
MONDAY,
MAY 23!**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, MAY 21-25, 2011**

**ONE DAY PASS FOR HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ON
SATURDAY MAY 21 ONLY \$40**

FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS \$380



Volunteer to Help: If you go down Saturday, you can sign up to volunteer to help at the House of Friendship with all our other district members, 2-4 Hour shifts.

Thanks to those who volunteered to bake brownies for the Death by Chocolate Dessert out District will serve Saturday night at Fun, Food and Fellowship at the Aquarium. Volunteers: Mary Cromartie, Erin Granberry, Lucy Parkman, Margaret Lochhead, Aime Spears, Audra Cummings, Janice Touchstone, Maura McLaughlin, Bill McLeod, Mike Ratliff

Contact Suzy Steen if you have any questions.
601.266.4344 - s.l.steen@usm.edu

**Volunteers Needed for
"Toast from the Coast"**

**2011 Rotary International Host Hospitality Event
May 23rd, 5:30 PM, Bay St. Louis Community Hall
\$25 per volunteer**

**Guest Speaker Cliff Dochterman
Special Musical Guest Ronnie Kole**

Questions? Email BSLRotarytickets@yahoo.com or call
Pat Furr at 228-220-0216

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL ~ AGAIN!!!

**ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT
BENEFITTING ARC**

Mark your calendar June 4th for the
annual Rotary Golf Tournament Timberton Golf Course
Sponsored by Forrest General Hospital

For sponsorships and teams,
contact Erik Graham, 601-329-3161 drgra-
ham@bakerandgraham.com



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2010-2011**

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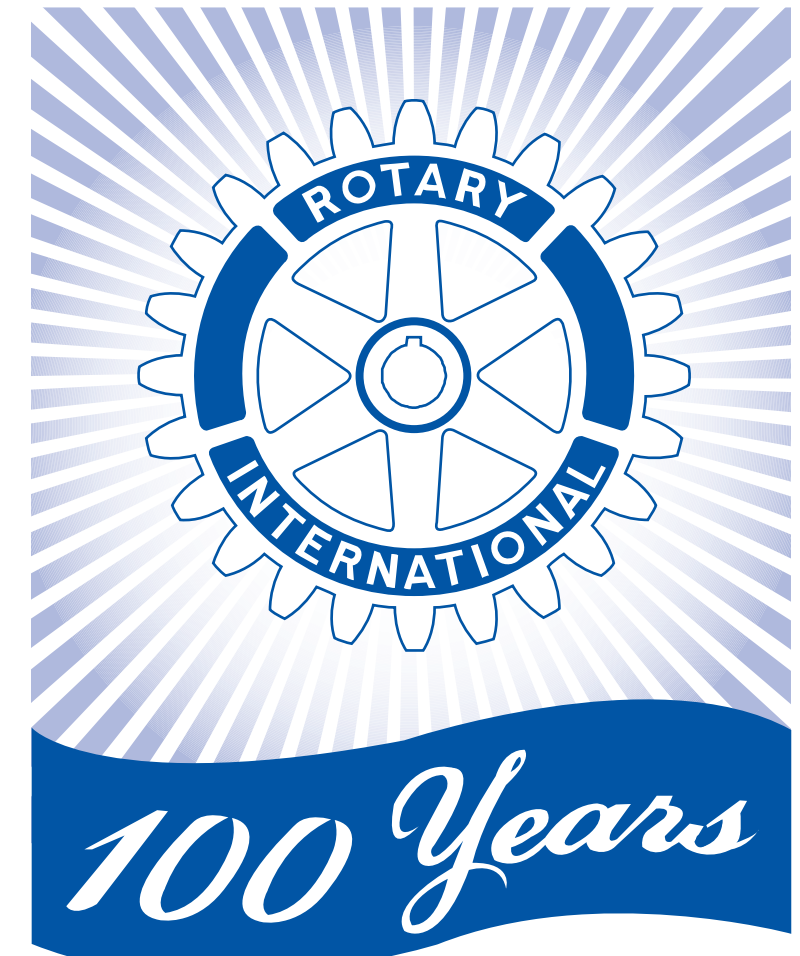
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District Website www.rotary6840.org - Rotary International www.rotary.org

MINUTES FROM 05/03/11

President Bill McLeod presided over today's meeting.

Mike Ratliff provided the invocation and Brian Moore 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 Robert Cummings and Jennifer Payne.

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today. Wes Brooks reported to members that active members will be assigned club meeting duties in the coming weeks. If you are assigned to greet, lead the pledge or the opening prayer and are unable to do so, you are asked to find a replacement.

Bill reported that the club still has an Accounts Receivable Balance of just over \$14,000. Members are urged to bring their accounts current as quickly as possible so the club can pay its bills. The fiscal year ends on June 30th and all accounts should be current by that date if not before.

Dan Kibodeaux reported that the Reading Between the Lions schedule is changing for late May and for the summer. Those who have volunteered need to check the schedule. Dan also noted that the funds generated through the Night in Italy event for the Children's Center for Communication and Development is critical this year. Both the Center and the Dubard School have received approximately \$75,000 in budget cuts for this fiscal year that must be made before July 1 of this year. Chris Price reported that teams are needed for the May 14th Children's Center golf tournament. Anyone interested should see Chris.

Scott Hummel drew two winners for today's Rotary Foundation raffle. Thanks to Larry LeBlanc for providing the floral arrangements. Congratulations to Sean Priebe, the winner.

Mary Cromartie encouraged club members to get involved in the Death by Chocolate event scheduled as a part of the Rotary International Convention. Hattiesburg area clubs need to bake and decorate 3,000 brownie desserts. If you can't prepare three or four box recipes of brownies, you are asked to contribute \$20 to offset the costs for icing and decorations. She encouraged members each to make a 4 box recipe of brownies for the Toast from the Coast event scheduled in Bay St. Louis on May 23rd. She also left tickets for purchase for anyone interested in attending. She also asked that members consider making a \$20 contribution to help defray the costs of the brownie decorations. She is planning on 3,000 servings for the event.

Bill announced that member Paul McMullen is recovering from surgery and is now in ICU. He asked that members keep Paul in their prayers. Bill also reported that the Club's board of directors is considering a variety of options available to assist the recent tornado victims.

Erik Graham announced the need for sponsors and players for the June 4th golf tournament to be held at Timberton.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Wes Brooks then introduced today's guest speaker, Stan Gwen. Stan is with Megagate. Leonard Wyatt from the company was also in attendance and will remain after the program in the event members have specific technical questions or needs.

Stan reported that he was first involved with computers approximately 30 years ago while an 8th grade student. His principal invited him and a couple of friends to set up and learn how to operate several computers the school has purchased. After getting the equipment operational the students were charged with teaching the teachers how to use the computers.

In 1990 Cellular One was a mobile telephone company in Hattiesburg. When Cellular One was sold, Megagate came along in 1997 and entered the cellular phone business. As technology evolved so did the company. Today Megagate offers telephone, Internet and email services to both residential and commercial entities. As technology expanded and became more complex, Megagate adopted a company policy of making technology simple to use for its customers.

Stan sees Cloud computing as the next technological advance. Customers may not have to purchase expensive software packages in the future. It is likely that you can download an application from the Cloud to fit your immediate need. He predicts that communication technology will evolve in the next few years to a single device. You will be able to access your work station, and your home computing facilities on this single device with seamless ease. The information contained on this device will be the exact same information on all of your operating systems.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Background for Dr. Ben Burnett

Dr. Ben Burnett was elected as Superintendent of the Lamar County School District in August, 2007. He assumed his new responsibilities on January 2, 2008. Prior to his election as superintendent Dr. Burnett has been employed with the Lamar County School District for 20 years, 9 years as high school band director and 11 years as principal at Oak Grove Middle School. He received his bachelor's degree, master's degree and PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a product of the Lamar County School District where he graduated from Oak Grove High School in 1982. During the last two years of his tenure as principal of Oak Grove Middle School the school was ranked in the top 10 out of all schools in the state of Mississippi and was selected as a national blue ribbon school. He is a member of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents and Phi Delta Kappa.

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