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**Vote for Rotary Clubs in the South MS District
to win a grant for \$25,000 from Pepsi**

**The funds will support Early Childhood Literacy in
disadvantaged daycares throughout Mississippi**

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Vote May 1st until May 31st

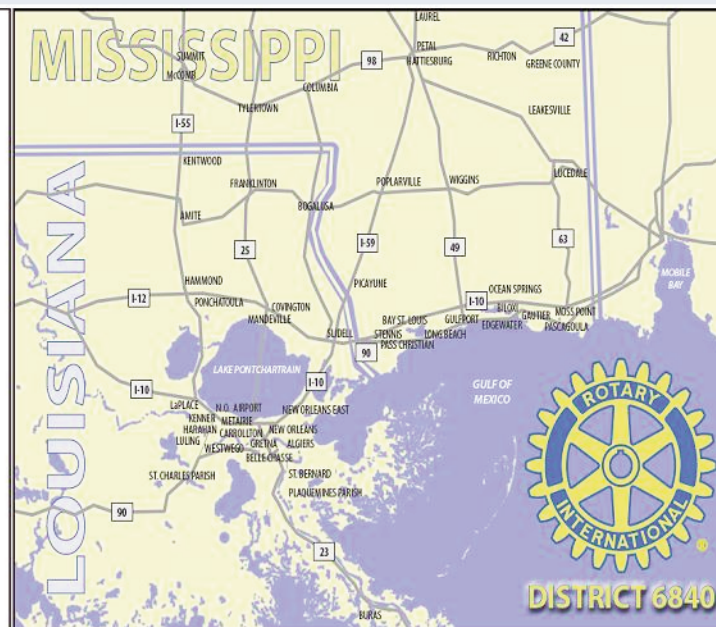
VOTE EVERYDAY

Ask your friends and co-workers to vote

The only way our MS kids win is with your Vote!

Easy as 1, 2, 3....

- 1. Set up a login at
PepsiRefresh.com
one time**
- 2. Login**
- 3. VOTE DAILY**



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May 11, 2010
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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

**ROTARY YEAR
2009-2010**

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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 5/4/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Wes Brooks who gave the invocation and to Robert Cummings for leading the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced today's visitors and guests. Milton Wheeler visited us from the Petal club. Aaron Ladner was a guest of Jeri Buti. Mike Ratliff brought along Chris Price. Joe Tegerdine visited with James Duncan, and Marc Massengale was a guest of Bill McLeod. Jimmy Hopkins came with Annie Wimbish, and Wade Wicht was a guest of Robert Cummings.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Betsy Rowell and Allen Anderson.

Milam Cotten led the club in a rousing cheer of "It's Great to be a Rotarian".

Red Badge members were reminded that they should attend Kollege of Knowledge, which is scheduled for May 25th at 10:30am at Southern Oaks. Completion of this course will graduate your badge status to Blue Badge.

Bill McLeod mentioned again that Night-In-Italy was a success and then he thanked all of the volunteers who helped make it all possible. Bill also gave special thanks to Lucy Parkman, who prepared a bread pudding recipe that fed about 350 people during the recent District Conference.

Bill reported that after last week's induction, the club now has 118 current members. We still need to reach our goal of 123 by July. We have 3 new applicants for membership who we expect will be inducted soon.

Bill announced that the budget for the new fiscal year is currently being worked on and asked that if anyone had any items to be considered to please submit it to Bill as soon as possible.

Richard Topp is selling event tickets at \$100/per 2 tickets to benefit the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs. Please see Richard for more information or to purchase the tickets.

Aime Spears announced that more help is needed in the voting process of the Pepsi Challenge Grant. Everyone is encouraged to vote at least daily throughout the month of May and to encourage friends, families, and others to support the project as well. If the club wins the award, the money will be used to expand the Reading Between the Lions project to 16 other facilities throughout the area. There are over 1000 entries nationwide, and a project must be in the top ten to win the \$25k grant award. As of today, there have only been about 225 votes. This number needs to grow tremendously. Please use email your co-workers, friends, etc. and forward the link to them. You can go to www.PepsiRefresh.com or go to www.HattiesburgRotary.com and click on a direct link.

Maura McLaughlin reported that she sent foundation

monies to Rotary International and will have a report ready by next week. Maura also thanked Larry for the beautiful table runner flowers that he donated as a prize for the drawing and the Night In Italy Flowers.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Erin Granberry then introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Steven Farrell. Dr. Farrell is the Medical Director of Hattiesburg Clinic's Hospital Care Service and he is the Chief Medical Officer at Forrest General Hospital. Dr. Farrell received his MD from University of Texas at Houston, and has practiced with the Hattiesburg Clinic since 1994.

Dr. Farrell's discussion was about Medical Ethics. Since there are many different topics that are debated under this subject, he chose to focus his speech on the most recent and heated debate – Healthcare Reform. The ethics of healthcare reform involve morals, values, and judgments of patients, doctors, insurance companies, and even the government. It poses many questions, such as a patient's right to request or refuse treatment, the justice that is served to patients, or does the government or the insurance company have the right to decide if a test should be administered.

Our country has the best healthcare system in the world, yet it is the costliest of any industrialized nation. Many people cannot afford the insurance or the medical care. An important question: Is Healthcare an entitlement? With approximately 40 million people in this nation who both make too much to qualify for assistance, yet not enough to afford services, it is a tough question. If healthcare is run by our government, how will they decide who gets service? How will they decide at which level to cut the services off? At which age? Will patients be allowed to choose? These are part of some very serious ethical questions to be asked. Is it ethical to say that those who cannot afford healthcare should not receive it?

Dr. Farrell gave two personal examples of how people are affected by the healthcare system. The examples demonstrated the differences between either having insurance or not. It brought up more questions. How does each person decide if they should receive treatment for a terminal diagnosis? How does each person decide how long to continue treatment? Each individual has to decide what their own personal quality of life can be. But what if a government-run healthcare system decides you are too old to receive treatment, like they do in the U.K.? Their government looks for ways to cut expenditures and this is one of the methods used. A new system in place here in the U.S. could probably prevent physicians from treating new Medicare patients, according to Dr. Farrell. Is that ethical?

Dr. Farrell ended his discussion with a famous quote from Martin Luther King Jr., which said "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."

Mary thanked Dr. Farrell for his presentation and adjourned the meeting with our motto.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio of Nick Ortego

Nick Ortego was born in Louisiana, raised in Northern Virginia, but now calls Hattiesburg, Mississippi home. After attending the University of Southern Mississippi, he began reporting the news and covering the weather in 2003. For over 3 years Nick worked as a beat reporter for Hattiesburg, Forrest and Lamar counties.

In 2007 Nick switched to full time weather reporting. Since then he has been awarded "Best Weathercast" by the Mississippi Associated Press Broadcasters Association the past 3 consecutive years.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

We have 4 new applicants proposed for membership. Aaron Ladner is a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones in Hattiesburg and was proposed for membership by Jeri Buti. Wade Wicht has been proposed by Robert Cummings. Wade is a Professional Therapist at Pinegrove Mental Health of Hattiesburg. Wade's father is a Senior Active Member of our Club and his brother, Ward, is a member and past President of the Ocean Springs Rotary Club. If you have questions about the proposed members please see a board member. Tracie Fowler has been proposed by Kristy Gould. Tracie is the General Manager of The Hattiesburg American. Chris Price has been proposed by Mike Ratliff. Chris is the Real Estate Manager for Vines Realty and Land in Hattiesburg.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 11

May 18

May 25

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- Nick Ortego - WDAM TV

David Thompson - AAA Homes of MS

10:30 Kollege of Knowledge for Red Badge Members


Dr. Jay Dean - Director of the University of Southern Mississippi

Symphony Orchestra and Creator of *Festival South*



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 Erik 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 program supports our campaign for Literacy.

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 4/30 9:30am	Wally Weakley	Robert Cummings
Tuesday, 5/4 9:30am	Steve Ramp	Wes Brooks, Bill Hughes
Friday, 5/7 9:30am	Annie Wimbish	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Tuesday, 5/11 9:30am	Vickie Shaw	Bill Hughes, Bill MacLaughlan
Friday, 5/14 9:30am	Sean Priebe	Mike Ratliff
Tuesday, 5/18 9:30am	Vickie Shaw	Andrea Hood
Friday, 5/21 9:30am	David Johnson	Jaclyn Adams
Tuesday, 5/25 9:30am	Jennifer Payne	Janice Touchstone
Friday, 5/28 9:30am	Wally Weakley	
Tuesday, 6/1 9:30am		

POLIO PLUS 50/50

50/50 Raffle for Polio Plus Challenge

Our club has committed to raise \$33 per member to meet the Gates Foundation Matching Grant Challenge.

Raffle will end June 30th or when we reach our goal.

Each week we will have numbered tickets for sale and then at the end of the meeting draw one winner who will receive half of the proceeds from that days ticket sales.

One ticket is \$5 or
buy 4 get one free
\$20 get 5 tickets

