

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 24 Jeff Hammond, USM Sports
- May 31 11:15 Board Meeting at Southern Oaks
- 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 donated by Sean Priebe and Janice Touchstone was the winner. To donate items call Scott 601-318-6497 or 601-466-61.56 (cell). Thanks for your participation!

William Carey University invites you to a dinner honoring Dr. Milton Wheeler,

for his 47 years of service, and counting.

Over the years, Dr. Wheeler has taught, led trips around the world, and contributed to Rotary International and District 6840 through GSE, Rotary Scholars, club leadership, and district leadership.

The dinner will be held on June 2, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at Southern Oaks House & Gardens. Also, we invite you to make a donation to establish

THE DR. MILTON WHEELER SCHOLARSHIP

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 Family Y -

Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808

Call Dan Kibodeaux or sign up at lunch meetings dan@Unitedwaysems.org call 601-545-714

May Reading Volunteers

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	Aime Spears	
Monday, 5/30 9:30am	NO READING THIS DAY	NO READING THIS DAY

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

Thanks to those who volunteered to help with the Convention!



LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL ~ AGAIN!!!

Volunteers needed for Annual Golf Tournament

Please sign-up to help at various times on

Saturday June 4th.

Everyone's help is needed!

GROVER ANDERSON AND RYLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

\$1,000 USM Scholarship recipients are:

- Yusef J. Buti, son of Jerry Buti
- Claire Ratliff, daughter of Michael Ratliff
- Austin Clinton, grandson of Stanley Carpenter

The RYLA award winners are:

Grant Mitchell and Shelby Gatewood, both students at PCS. Grant is Hayden Mitchell's son.



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District 6840

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**ROTARY YEAR
2010-2011**

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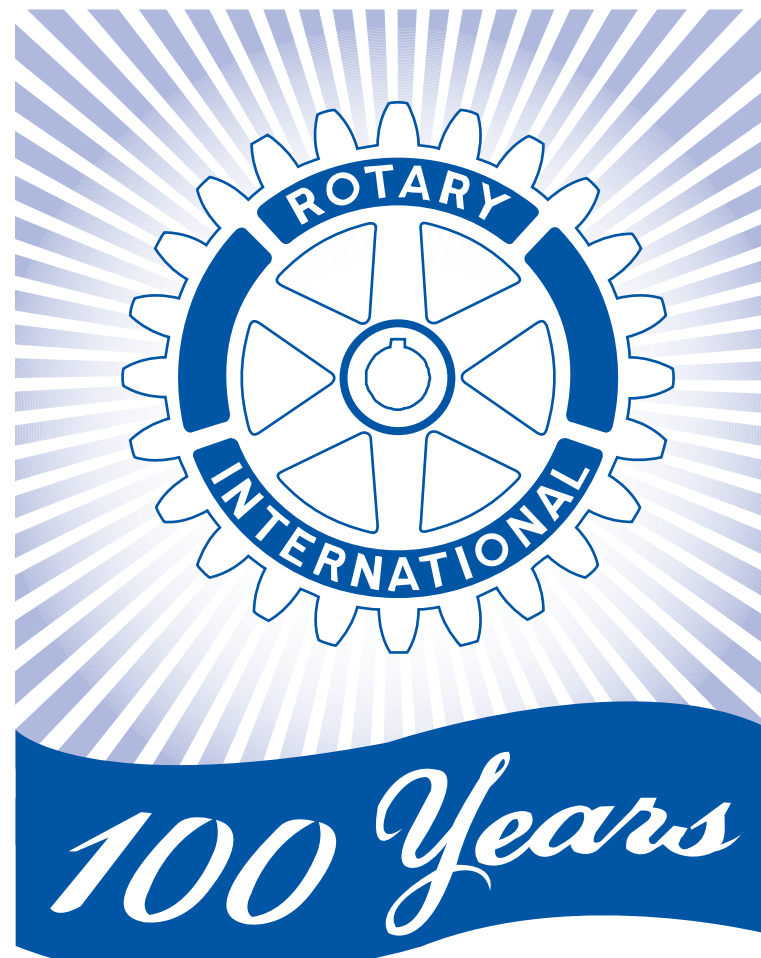
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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”



Looking for Rotary International 2011 Convention Information?

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

MINUTES FROM 05/17/11

Gene Owens provided the invocation and Walley Weakley 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 Richard Topp and Chris Price.

Gene Owens, filling in for Wes Brooks introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Milton Wheeler is visiting from the Petal Club. Rusty Brock is a guest of Mike Bonnette and a visiting Rotarian from the Clemson Club. Rusty and Bill exchanged club banners.

Bill asked that members continue to keep the Paul McMullan family in their thoughts and prayers after his death.

Bill reported that the Hattiesburg Rotary Club won a Certificate of Recognition from the District for our work with Polio Plus last year. The club also won a Presidential Citation and was recognized as the Large-Size Club of the Year.

Scott Hummel announced that Janice Touchstone is the winner of today's Rotary Foundation raffle. He also invited members to attend a dinner recognizing Milton Wheeler's contributions to William Carey University. Anyone interested in attending the event or contributing to the Milton Wheeler Scholarship Fund is encouraged to see Scott.

Dan Kibodeaux reminded those reading for the Reading Between the Lions project that the summer schedule is changing. He also reported that he needs readers to fill in several slots.

Erik Graham encouraged members get their golf teams registered for the June 4th tournament. The deadline to register a team will be May 27th. Hole sponsors and volunteers are also needed.

Bill announced that the May board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be held at Southern Oaks. The schedule change is made necessary by the Rotary International Convention.

Maura McLaughlin reported that the club has determined that we can contribute \$2,500 to the Smithville Community devastated by the April tornado. She is working with the Aberdeen and Amory Rotary clubs to determine the best way to make the contributions. Bill asked members with outstanding balances to please bring their accounts current in an effort to fulfill this and other financial obligations before the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM SUMMARY

Janice Touchstone came forward and introduced today's speaker, Hal Kittrell the 15th Circuit Court's District Attorney.

Hal thanked club members for today's invitation to speak. He noted that he was appointed in 2007 by Governor Haley Barbour to fill an unexpired term. He was then elected as the District Attorney in 2008. The 15th Circuit Court District consists of five counties and represents 164,000 people. Lamar and Pearl River Counties are the two most populated counties in the District. The DA's office consists of 19 employees including 7 Assistant District Attorneys and 3 investigators.

The DA office has taken 5,734 cases since Hal took office. Of that number 4,303 have gone to the Grand Jury. Each county has two Grand Juries that are convened each year. Of these cases, 14 were active murder cases. The DA's office spends 47 of the 52 weeks each year in court. Murder cases consist of approximately 50 percent of the DA's staff time. The DA's office has an 80% conviction rate.

Drug cases represent 38% of the case load. Pearl River County has the largest number of drug cases (51%). Lamar County's drug cases represent 31% of the county's case load. District-wide 8% of cases are violent crimes and only 2% are death or murder cases.

From January through November of 2010 there were 54 sex offender cases that were either pled out or convicted. All 54 are now registered with the state as sex offenders.

The DA's office responded to 1,767,059 bad check complaints and returned \$1,359,173 in collections. Hal notes that this check collection service is free to the District's merchants. Drug seizure forfeitures totaled \$1,553,951 from 2007 to 2010. That money is used to offset the DA's office operations and the remainder is returned to the counties for use in law enforcement. The District also returned \$156,344 to victims through the victims compensation program.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Major General (Retired) Jeff Hammond is a Father first, once a Soldier and always a grateful and proud University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagle. He received his commission as an Army Officer upon graduation from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1978. During his years at USM he was a member of the football team where he played quarterback and served as team captain his senior year.

He began his military career (which spanned more than 30 years) immediately following graduation and throughout the years led Soldiers and Families through some challenging circumstances. His service included command positions as a Battery, Battalion, and Brigade Commander, and most recently as Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division where he deployed his Soldiers to Iraq starting in December 2007 to serve as Commanding General, Multi-National Division Baghdad in support of the War on Terror. Over the years he deployed on four different occasions, three of which involved combat operations and one involving enforcement of the Dayton Peace Accord. His staff experience range from the Army Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization located in the Pentagon to include duty with the Pentagon Joint Staff, and the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps, Germany.

Jeff earned a BS and MeD in Special Education while attending The University of Southern Mississippi along with a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies which he received during his years on active duty. Throughout his career he attended numerous military schools ultimately graduating from The Army War College in 1998.

His decorations include two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, three awards of the Bronze Star Medal and two awards of the Combat Action Badge.

Jeff has been married to Diane (a USM Criminal Justice graduate) for 28 years and they have two children, Michael and Meagan.

ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF SCRAMBLE

2011 ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG SCRAMBLE



Saturday, June, 4th ~ Timberton Golf Course

"All Proceeds Benefit ARC of Forrest County"
(Association for Rights of Citizens with Disabilities)



Team Registration:

4 Man Scramble \$100/Player

(Includes 18 holes w/cart, range balls, beverages and meal after tournament)

Single player registrations are also welcomed – Single players will be placed on a team at the discretion of the golf committee

Shotgun Start @ 1pm ~ Sign-In Begins @ 12pm ~ Deadline to Register: Friday, May 27th

Company/Group Name: _____

Foursome Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

	Names of Golfers on Team	Average Score or Handicap	Amount Due	Check Number
1.			\$	#
2.			\$	#
3.			\$	#
4.			\$	#

Total Registration \$ Enclosed: _____

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Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, PO Box 15185, Hattiesburg, MS 39404

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