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# NEXT TUESDAY - APRIL 22nd

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET? CONTACT AMANDA LEE IF YOU HAVE NOT!

#### ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG



## Lhay Browning Thriffiley

Lhay is the Director-Liaison at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on the campus of Southern Miss. She manages all aspects of the administrative side of the organization, organizes the educational activities they offer, and coordinates the staff members and volunteers who make it all possible. Lhay and her husband, Tate, live with their son, Sohbian here in Hattiesburg.

Lhay was recently interviewed by *Signature Magazine* and was featured in their Q&A section. Here is an excerpt from that article:

#### What is your idea of happiness?

I love it when something you've been working on for a long time finally comes together. Happiness floats in that fleeting moment between hard work and success.

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The University of Southern Mississippi Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is an association of active women and men 50 years of age and older who seek to explore stimulating learning experiences (no homework or exams) while developing new friendships.

The institute's program recognizes that a growing number of adults are adventuresome, active and intellectually curious. Its cornerstones are peer learning and shared responsibility. The strength of the program is that it is directed and run for and by the members. It draws primarily on the talents and experiences of members for instructors and facilitators.

Men and women, 50 years and older, are invited to become members of The University of Southern Mississippi Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Present members come from a wide range of experiences and backgrounds. They share one essential attribute: belief that learning is lifelong and that the world of ideas is one of knowledge.

The institute is member-governed, member-driven and primarily peer taught. There are two part-time staff members, a director-liaison and an administrative assistant. Its executive board and standing committees enable members to participate fully in the organization and direction of the institute. Officers are elected to serve one year. The vice president is the president-elect and the associate secretary is the secretary-elect.

The elected officers are president, vice president, secretary, associate secretary, treasurer and three board members.

## **District Training Seminar**

District Governor-Elect, Brian Hall, working through the agenda at last Saturday's District Training Seminar at P.R.C.C.



(Proof that he does own a jacket and tie!)



#### (Lhay Thriffiley, cont.)

#### What is your greatest fear?

What if I'm playing it too safe? What if I am not taking enough risks?

#### What is the trait you most deplore in others?

I wish everyone took the time to research and fully form their own opinions instead of following the crowd.

#### What is your most prized possession?

My dog, but she owns me.

#### What talent would you most like to have?

I wish I could command my body like a dancer or gymnast. I would love to go into an empty studio and just explode into movement.

#### What is your favorite quality in a woman?

I love it when a woman abandons female stereotypes.

#### What is your favorite quality in a man?

I love to see a man who takes a stand against the oppression of others.

#### What is your idea of misery?

Feeling misunderstood after saying everything I know to say.

#### Who are your heroes in real life?

I admire people who are not afraid to passionately pursue their own goals.

#### What is your greatest regret?

I could have been a career musician if I had known earlier that it was something that was available to me. I didn't pursue it because, frankly, I didn't know it was an option. I don't regret that I didn't - I regret that I didn't know then what I know now.

#### What is your motto?

My favorite quote is 'Ever since happiness heard your name, it has been running through the streets trying to find you.' -Hafiz of Persia"



District 6840 Conference MAY 9-10 Biloxi Civic Center

Sponsorships are needed for our Rotary Club

Please contact Bill McLeod for more information.



# Shoe & Sock Drive

Donate NEW Shoes & Socks to vulnerable children around the world.



Donations needed by April 29th meeting

We are far from our goal! Please remember to bring new pairs of shoes and socks to our Tuesday meeting.

> For more information please contact Aaron Ladner or Kemmi Simmons.