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### April

9  
CINDY BIVINS, M.Ed., CHILDRENS CENTER

18-20  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

23  
"A NIGHT IN ITALY"

30  
DELBERT HOSEMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE

### May

7  
SHEILA VARNADO, R3SM  
DENA PARKER, VOLUNTEER H'BURG

14  
JANICE VANNATTA, HATTIESBURG ZOO  
KOLLEGE OF KNOWLEDGE

21  
JOHN BROWN, ASST. to the MAYOR &  
PUBLIC WORKS DIR., HATTIESBURG

28  
LEADERSHIP PINEBELT

### June/July

6/18  
INDUCTION OF SCOTT HUMMEL

6/25  
AWARDS LUNCHEON

7/2  
DISTRICT GOV. BARBARA MAULDIN

## "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

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## MINUTES: APRIL 9, 2013

President Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting. Thanks to Dan Kiboceaux, who gave the invocation and to Jennifer Payne, who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Andreas Moffett and Audra Cummings who served as our greeters today.

Maura led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Chris Price to introduce today's guests. Prospective members Elizabeth Gillentine and Sara Peterson are guests of the club today. Jamie O'Quinn with The Children's Center for Communication and Development is a guest of Corrie Marsh. Abumore Akinwade is a guest of Mike Ratliff.

Maura announced that the club has a new Paul Harris Fellow. She asked Jennifer Payne to come forward to recognize Erik Graham, the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow. Erik noted that when he was on the board he began sending \$100 each month to the Rotary Foundation. He says he hasn't missed the money and those contributions have now resulted in his becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

Andreas Moffett announced that he would be selling raffle tickets for an AR 15 22 rifle. Tickets can be purchased for \$2.50 each. Proceeds will assist the Mississippi Army National Guard. Bill McLeod announced that tickets are on sale now for the draw down being sponsored by the area's Habitat for Humanity. Anyone interested can see Bill for more information or tickets.

Maura reported that our Club is sponsoring a desert station for the District Conference's Food Fest event. There is no charge for the event and every club member is encouraged to attend this event and stay for the conference. The conference is being held in Bay St. Louis April 18-20.

Maura also announced that the club has scheduled a Kollege of Knowledge on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at Southern Oaks and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Every red badge member is encouraged to attend. Attendance will mean red badge members can become blue badge members. All board members are also encouraged to plan to attend and help with the Kollege.

Corrie Marsh then came forward and introduced today's speaker, Cindy Bivins. Cindy is a special educator and interim director for The Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Cindy stated that she will not speak of the Center as a place; not as a program; and, not as her employer. Although the Center has a beautiful campus on the University of Southern Mississippi's campus with observation rooms, a resource loan library and a state of the art playground, it is more than a place. The interventionists who dedicate much of their lives to the children offer their services wherever the child can best learn. Sometimes the place is their home or a day care or a combination of both or even at the home of a grandparent.

The Center is not a program but does follow guidelines established by the Department of Education and the University of Southern Mississippi. The center offers evidence based methods and practices. However, the development plan for each child is customized for that child. No two programs are the same. Each depends on the child, his or her parents and his or her learning style.

Although the Center does provide compensation to the employees and is a source for personal and professional awards, the employers of the Center are actually those who are served by the Center.

And how is all of this paid for? Cindy says they partner with organizations like Rotary. In fact, this club has partnered with The Center for the past nine years and has contributed a total of \$99,995. This year's Night in Italy event will push the club's contribution to the Center over the \$100,000 level. The Center also partners with other organizations such as the United Way, other USM departments, and the Mississippi Department of Education. The Center also conducts fundraisers throughout the year in an effort to raise the much needed money to operate but also to make the public more aware of the Center and its services.

The Children's Center for Communication and Development is a statewide program, however most of the clients currently served come from a 22 to 23 county regional close to the University.

The Center's primary goals are to make sure that their children are ambulatory and have a form of communication upon graduation. Children can start attending the Center at the age of 2. Graduation takes place at the age of 5. However, many infants are offered in-home services as soon as the Center can make provisions for those services.

Cindy ended her comments with a very big "thank you" to Rotarians. If you haven't volunteered to work during the Night in Italy event on April 23rd, do so today.

Minutes provided by:  
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary  
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



# Chase Munro

**Branch Coordinator  
American Red Cross  
South Mississippi Chapter**

Our speaker and fellow Rotarian is a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast graduating from Biloxi High School in 2007. Chase obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Millsaps College in 2011.

Chase served as a volunteer with the American Red Cross from 2007 until January 2012 when he took his present position as Branch Coordinator of the South Mississippi Chapter of the Mississippi Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has served Mississippi since 1917. Volunteers and staff assist communities daily with disaster response, assistance for military families, international aid, lifesaving training programs and blood services.

There are five chapter in Mississippi providing the same valued services throughout the state. American Red Cross Mississippi Region effectively shares resources and streamlined operations to ensure that critical services such as disaster relief; service to military, veterans and their families; international humanitarian aid; blood services and lifesaving training remain at their peak, while at the same time maximizing and using donor dollars more effectively. Working together statewide ensures that we will continue to provide our vital lifesaving mission.



**American Red Cross**

# "A Night in Italy" - Shifts: April 23, 2013

2:30 - 4:30	4:30 - 6:30	6:30 - 8:00	Clean Up
Lucy Parkman	Janice Touchstone	Francis Farmer	Corrie Marsh
Seth Hammet	Allen Anderson	Chrissy Cullinane	
Mike Ratliff	Wally Weakley	Angela Herzog	
Janet Williams	Andreas Moffett	Janice Touchstone	
Brian Moore	Bill McLeod	Bill MacLauchlan	
Steve Ramp	Chris Strebeck	Hayden Mitchell	
Tracie Fowler	Robert Cummings	Freddy Walter	
Mary Cromartie	Erik Graham		
Dan Davis	Bill MacLauchlan		
Dan Kibodeaux	Wes Brooks		
	Sean Priebe		
	Aaron Ladner		
	Curtis Smith		
	Gene Owens		
	Johnny Stevens		
	Jennifer Payne		
	Audra Cummings		
	Mickey Allen		
	Lynn Walton		
	Corrie Marsh		



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