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District Grant Applications Submission

Deadline: August 15

District grant applications, instructions, and guidelines can be downloaded from the website. Click on the dropdown menu "Grants and The Rotary Foundation" under the heading RI Programs/Grants/Affiliates. Also, district grants can be submitted online in the Admin section by certified members of clubs qualified to submit grant requests for the 2013-2014 year. District Grant applications must be submitted by August 15, 2013. Global Grant requests may be submitted at any time during the year.

Foundation, Membership & Public Relations Seminars

Online registration is open for the annual Foundation, Membership & Public Relations Seminars, to be held Saturday, August 17, at the Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, Mississippi. The seminars will begin at 8:30 am and will conclude at 12:30 pm, at which time lunch will be served in the cafeteria. A District Advisory Council meeting and District Governor Nominee interviews will follow lunch.

This will be the first opportunity for our club and district leaders to meet our two Rotary Exchange students, David from Belgium, and Andrea from Ecuador. Andrea is sponsored by the St. Charles Parish Rotary Club, and Andrea is sponsored by the two Rotary Clubs in Slidell. This will also be the first district meeting in which our district will be operating under the new grant structure previously known as Future Vision.



MINUTES: August 6, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Conrad Welker who gave the invocation and to Brett Phillips who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Mary Cromartie and Ember Ahua who served as our greeters today. Scott then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Wes Brooks to introduce today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Fellow Rotarian, Milton Wheeler, was visiting from the Petal Rotary Club. Prospective Members in attendance today include Jeremy Bolling and Amy Grubbs. Both were guests of Ember Ahua.

Jonathan Shemper reminded members of the Bike-a Thon fundraiser to be held in October. Maura McLaughlin gave an update on the benevolence fund taken up last week. She reported that members contributed \$250 for the family, along with the donation of 4 book bags. The family was very grateful for the gift!

Thanks to Jennifer Payne who sold chances for Polio Plus. Congratulations to Jerry Gilder who is today's winner. Proceeds from the sale go toward Polio Plus.

Sean Priebe introduced today's guest speaker Francis Farmer with The Boy Scouts of America, Pine Burr Area Council- Tall Pines District. .

Francis presented an overall view of the Boy Scouts and the purpose of scouting programs. The mission of Pine Burr Area Council # 304 Boy Scouts of America is to foster the character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness of young people and in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling values based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

The various BSA programs offered are as follows:

- ★Tiger Cubs- Serves boys in First Grade. Boys learn new skills in partnership with an adult family member. They follow the motto "Search, Discover, Share," working together on home-based projects and on a monthly event with other Tiger Cubs and adults.
- ★Cub Scouts- Serves boys in Second through Fifth Grade. Program is family and neighborhood-centered. Cubs work on advancement awards with their families and attend weekly meetings of their dens led by volunteer leaders. Monthly pack meetings are held bringing together several dens and families for fun activities and recognition ceremonies.
- ★Boy Scouts- Serves boys Sixth through Twelfth grades. Provides camping, outdoor activities and challenging advancement program that helps develop self-confidence, leadership skills, and introduces young men to more than 100 different hobby and career choices. They gain experience at weekly meetings. Scout-led adult supervised meetings and monthly camping activities.
- ★Venturing- Serves young men and women ages 14-20 years of age. The program emphasizes team leadership, life skills development, outdoor and high adventure activity, and other areas of interest to Crew members.
- ★Camp Tiak- Pine Burr Area Council's 1,200 acre camping facility located in Wiggins, Mississippi. The camp is open year round and is host to a variety of Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture activities. Camp Tiak features swimming, boating, rifle range, climbing tower, craft center and hiking trails.
- ★Cub Scout Day Camps – Designed as a week long summer activity for boys in the Cub Scout program. Pine Burr Area Council offers Day Camp programs in 9 separate locations within our 17 county territory.

The Learning for Life Program is a character building program for girls and boys which was developed for grades K-8.

For additional information or inquiries regarding the Boys Scouts of America programs you may contact Francis Farmer at 601-606-6126 or frfarmer@bsamail.org.

Minutes provided by:
Jerome Siegel on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary

Our Guest



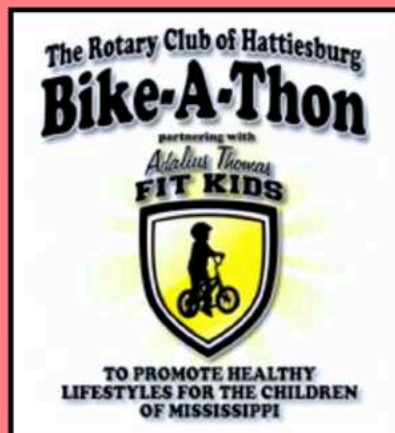
Celeste T. Brown is the Program Manager of the Hattiesburg Foster Grandparent Program which is housed at The Southern MS Planning and Development District (SMPDD). Mrs. Brown also serves as the Equal Opportunity Liaison for SMPDD's Twin Districts Workforce area.

Mrs. Brown has been committed to a working with non-profit, service-oriented organizations ever since graduating from the University of Southern MS. Mrs. Brown has worked for the South MS Children's Center, American Red Cross, and The University of Southern MS.

Mrs. Brown is a member of the Mississippi Cross Streams Council; President of the MS Directors Association of Foster Grandparent Programs; and President of the MS State University Forrest County Extension Office Executive Board. Mrs. Brown, a Jackson, MS native, is married to C. Jerome Brown. They reside in Hattiesburg with their two children, Cameren, age 14 and Carmen, age 11. The Brown family are members of West Point Baptist Church.



Wes Brooks
August 12



November 9

Rotary Foundation, Membership & Public Relations Seminar

8:30am - 12:30pm, August 17, 2013
Pearl River Community College



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On the Horizon

August 13 Celeste T. Brown, Director, Hattiesburg Foster Grandparent Program

August 17 Rotary Foundation, Membership & Public Relations Seminar

August 20 Dr. Kipper Nelson - Southern Eye Center (August is Cataract Awareness Month)

September 17-22 Zone 30/31 Institute

September 24 The Honorable Lynn Fitch, Treasurer, State of Mississippi

September 26-29 Alligator Festival

You heard it here... second.

"I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens."
Woody Allen

"Always do right.
This will gratify some
and astonish the rest."
Mark Twain

"My children love my parents, but I have to constantly remind them that these are not the two people who raised me... these are two old people trying to get into Heaven!"
Bill Cosby



Political "Huh??" Moments..

"Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we."
President George W. Bush

"But we have to pass the bill so that you can find out what's in it.. away from the fog of controversy."
Fmr. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

"Let me be absolutely clear. Israel is a strong friend of Israel's. It will be a strong friend of Israel's under a McCain...administration. It will be a strong friend of Israel's under an Obama administration. So that policy is not going to change."
President Barack H. Obama