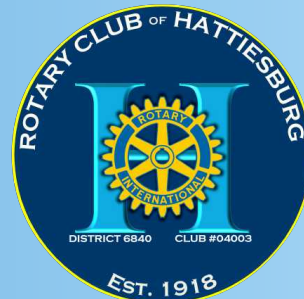


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August 20, 2013



DGE Brian Hall addresses the District 6840 club delegates on Saturday at PRCC.

District 6840
Foundation, Membership
and Public Relations Seminars

District Grant Submissions Completed for 2013-2014

By Wes Brooks

Hattiesburg Club Vice President, Jennifer Payne, recently completed the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg's grant submission to the District 6840 Grants Committee. This grant requests matching financial support of our club's \$500 investment. The following excerpt was taken from Payne's submission:

Beginning in September 2013, club members will begin mentoring and tutoring students at Hawkins Elementary. Members will sign up for weekly time slots and will be responsible for establishing a weekly routine with the students. Hawkins Elementary has agreed to match club members with classrooms and teachers. Through the weekly tutoring portion of this project, we anticipate 20-30 club members to participate.

The second portion of this project will involve a larger group of club members distributing books and educating parents on the impact that their involvement can have on their child's education at the school's Fall and Spring Festivals. The club plans to purchase 375 books and will be using 50-60 club members to staff the festival and be engaged in the distribution.

This year a total of 28 project requests were submitted by 22 clubs. The District's Grant Committee is now reviewing these requests.

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Minutes from our August 13 meeting, noteworthy events, and Birthday recognition

Our Guest

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Minutes: August 13, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Brian Moore who gave the invocation and to Gene Owens who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Ember Ahua and Wes Brooks who served as our greeters today. Scott then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Brian Moore to introduce today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Fellow Rotarian, Gill Miller from the Edgewater Club and District Secretary is visiting today. Jeremy Bolling is a guest of Ember Ahua and a prospective member.

Thanks to all of the members who purchased raffle tickets today. Thanks also to Jennifer Payne for making the effort to have a raffle each week. The funds raised will go directly to Polio Plus.

Scott reported that two Rotary Youth Exchange students will be visiting our area the last weekend in this month. They have been invited, along with two Rotarian escorts to the President's Box at the opening USM football game. Scott is asking members to make sure they get invited to experience a tailgating experience prior to the game. Scott also noted that he is in hopes that a host family can be recruited to host at least one Youth Exchange student for the academic year next year. Anyone interested is encouraged to let Scott know in the very near future.

Scott then asked Abumere Akinwale to come forward along with her sponsor, Mike Ratliff. Abumere was inducted and welcomed to the Hattiesburg Rotary club as our newest member. She is originally from Nigeria. She moved to Mississippi at the age of 15. She went to school here. She is married and moved to Boston shortly after her marriage. She is now back in Mississippi and happy to be here. She is looking forward to service her club and the community.

Jerome Brown then was asked to come forward and introduce today's guest speaker. Celeste Brown is the Program Manager of the Hattiesburg Foster Grandparent Program and is also married to Jerome.

President Lyndon Johnson established the Foster Grandparent Program in 1965. It was originally established to be another weapon on the war against poverty. Volunteers are paid a small stipend to serve as a role model for children with special or exceptional needs. When originally organized the volunteers were provided a \$2.65 per hour stipend for their efforts. That stipend has never been increased. Today the program is funded and administered through the Corporation for National and Community Services. The Hattiesburg program provides Foster Grandparents for only \$3,583 per Grandparent per year.

The Jones county Foster Grandparent Program is one of the oldest in the nation. The Hattiesburg program is one of the newest having been formed in 2003. There are currently 38 volunteers working in seven sites in the Hattiesburg program. They have contributed 33,000 hours of service since last October. More than 230 children are enrolled in the program.

To be a Foster Grandparent you must be 55 years of age or older and meet income and physical standards. Volunteers must also go through a background check. In addition to receiving the small stipend you also receive a small transportation allotment, liability and accidental insurance coverage and a daily meal if you volunteer at a site during a mealtime. Children in the program must be 21 years of age or younger and possess a special or exceptional need. Foster Grandparents are assigned 3 to 5 children. They must agree to accept the children unconditionally and offer positive encouragement, tutoring or other needs as assigned.

Celeste says she is always on the look-out for new applicants, especially male applicants. Contributions to help offset the food and background check costs would also be appreciated.

For more information contact Celeste Brown by calling (601) 545-2137 or by email at cbrown@smpdd.com.

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

District Dates

GSE Deadline
September 8, 2013



November 9, 2013

The ADA Mission of Mercy – "Big Easy Smiles" will be held in New Orleans, LA, on November 9, 2013, from 5:30am until 5:30pm.

For the first time, the ADA will host a free dental clinic in conjunction with the Annual Session. Building on the success that more than 25 states have had with Mission of Mercy (MOM) programs, the ADA is ready to bring big easy smiles to the faces of New Orleans.

- Dentists and dental hygienists needed
- Non-dental professionals (i.e. you and me) volunteers are also needed.

For more information visit their website.

<http://www.ADA.org/MOM>



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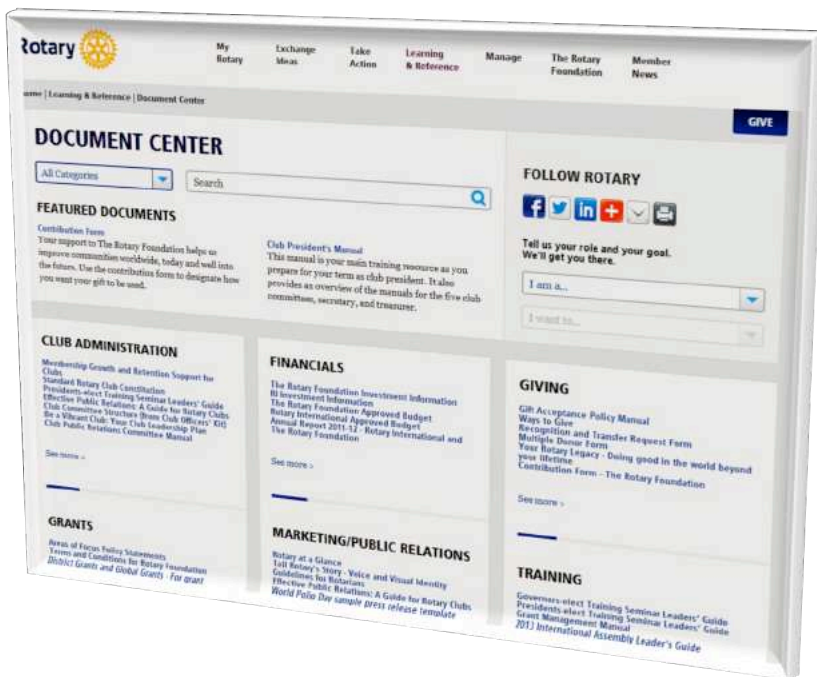
**Southern
Eye Center**

Joining us today is Southern Eye Center Surgeon, Dr. Kiper Nelson. Dr. Nelson is married to Laura Lee Peaster with 3 children, Win, Thomas and Ella.

Dr. Nelson received his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering at the University of Mississippi. At the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Nelson received his medical degree and completed his internship. Dr. Nelson later went on to serve as Chief Resident at the Wake Forest Eye Center. He enjoys outdoor activities, including golf, hunting, fishing and college football and often donates his time and skills performing free eye surgery for needy patients in Mississippi.

Dr. Nelson's accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- Member of Alpha Omega Fraternity (the most distinguished medical honorary society in the country), finished in the top 5% of his medical class
- Fellowship in cataract and lens implants with Dr. Lynn McMahon
- Opened the Pine Belt's first stand alone LASIK Center in 2006
- First in the Pine Belt to perform and offer iLASIK
- First in Mississippi to perform and offer iCataract – blade free cataract procedure.
- Member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology
- Member of the Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
- Member of the Society for Excellence in Eyecare – board member since 2011
- Named in the Top 40 under 40 by the Mississippi Business Journal
- Awarded one of ten national Make a Difference Day awards from USA TODAY



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Wed Aug 21		86° 71°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 30%	WIND: ENE at 4 mph	Details
Thu Aug 22		87° 70°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 40%	WIND: E at 5 mph	Details
Fri Aug 23		90° 70°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 30%	WIND: ENE at 4 mph	Details
Sat Aug 24		89° 71°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 30%	WIND: E at 4 mph	Details
Sun Aug 25		88° 71°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 40%	WIND: E at 5 mph	Details

New Rotary International Website To Be Unveiled August 26

A new, dramatically revised www.rotary.org will be launched by Rotary International on August 26. The revision embraces multiple advances in technology and will make the site more user-friendly and manager-friendly as well. For more details as they emerge, go to: digital.rotary.org.

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