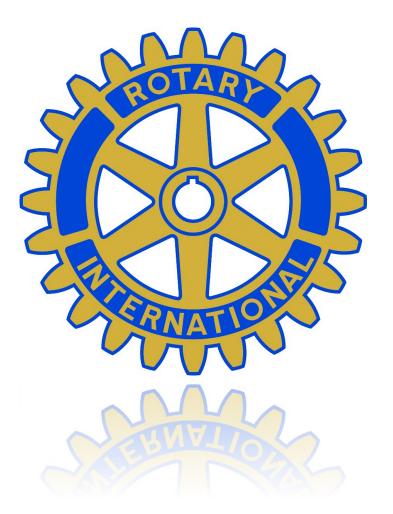
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#### THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG DISTRICT 6840, CLUB 04003



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#### MINUTES: FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting. Thanks to Mike Ratliff, who gave the invocation and to Corey Marsh, who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Gene Owens who served as our greeter today. McLaughlin led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Sean Priebe to introduce today's guest. Jenny Boudreaux is a guest of Jennifer Payne.

McLaughlin thanked the many Rotarians who volunteered to help those in need during the recent tornado event. Christian Services continues to need volunteers who will assist them in sorting and organizing the many donations they have received for storm victims. Anyone interested in contributing to the relief efforts can do so by sending a check to our Rotary club. The donations will be kept separately and the board of directors will determine their use. Maura also announced that because of the storm the Petal club would be meeting at First Presbyterian Church until further notice.

Chase Munro, with the American Red Cross, reported that, his organization continues to serve the community by feeding and sheltering victims. Munro reports they (American Red Cross) have 25 disaster assistance trucks in the area and more than 600 staff and volunteers throughout the area. If Rotarians know of someone in need of assistance they are encouraged to have the victims call the Red Cross at 1-800-Red-Cross. In order to be eligible to receive federal assistance through the recent federal disaster declaration, victims must be registered with FEMA. Those registrations can take place at the Red Cross shelters and also at the FEMA website.

Sean Priebe than came forward and introduced one of today's two speakers. Patricia Burchell is currently serving as the District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District in Forrest and Perry Counties. Burchell thanked the Club for inviting her and today's featured speaker, Connie Keene. Burchell noted that Keene will be making a presentation about social networking and some of the risks associated with the new technology. Keene is an Investigator for the District Attorney's office specializing in cases against women and children.

Keene began by asking how many in the room participate in some form of social media or social networking. The majority of those present indicate that they do participate. She then asked if those who are utilizing the new technology are making good and safe choices. Keene defined social networking as begin a virtual community. People of mutual interest can get together to discuss those issues and other things they find of interest. She reported that there are currently 800 million active Facebook users in the world and that 53% of those are 35-years of age or older. She encouraged Rotarians to ask themselves why one of engage you through your social network. Keene also noted that we those 800 million users would want to be your friend or to engage you through your social network. Keene also noted that we should all keep in mind that not everyone on Facebook is there for the same reason as you. Criminals are using new technology, their skills, and you're vulnerability to commit crimes against you and your virtual community. She also reminded us that our pictures, words and thoughts that are posted on the social networking sites no longer belong to you. These items become the property of the person or the company who owns or runs the site and is used for advertising and marketing purposes.

Keene reported that, after 2005 all smart phones are equipped with GPS. Therefore, when you post a picture on your social networking site it is now possible for someone to find the address where the picture was posted from exposing you and your neighbors to possible criminal activities. She also encouraged users to not post pictures from their travels. If you do it becomes relatively easy for a criminal to know where you live and that you are away from your home. Keene also cautioned the audience regarding posting pictures or comments about your new car, new ring, or new bike. Criminals can use this knowledge to take your things.

Keene also cautioned against the use of spyware software. Although you can purchase the software legally it has illegal uses. Criminals can put these software products on your personal computer and then use the software to report all of the keystrokes you enter on your pc. If you're using your pc to pay bills on line and you have the spyware software on your pc, the criminal can obtain your checking account information.

Keene encouraged each social network user to ask yourself, "How vulnerable are you?" The only way you can find out the answer to that question is conduct a self-evaluation of your social networking usage and habits. In conclusion, Keene encouraged everyone to conduct that evaluation in the very near future.

McLaughlin adjourned the meeting with club motto, "Service Above Self."

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







#### **OUR GUEST:**

#### KATHY YADRICK, PH.D., R.D.

Kathleen Yadrick, PhD, RD, is associate dean for research in the USM College of Health professor and chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems. She has over 35 years experience in community nutrition and health programming and research. After earning B.S. and M.S. degrees in nutrition from Michigan State University, she worked in community nutrition programs in Michigan and Oklahoma. After earning her PhD in nutrition from Oklahoma State University, she joined the faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1986.

She has served as a faculty member and program director for the dietetic education program and graduate nutrition programs. She was principal investigator and project director for the Southern Miss collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Initiative, a community based participatory research consortium in the lower Mississippi Delta region of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana focused on improving health through nutrition intervention. Currently she serves as principal investigator for Hub City Steps, community-university research collaboration among the City of Hattiesburg, the University of Southern Mississippi, and other Hattiesburg community partners.

Yadrick's contributions in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students in research were recognized by the USDA with a Certificate of Merit. Yadrick received the University of Southern Mississippi Innovation Award for Applied Research in 2006 in recognition of her research contributions and the HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence) Award from the Mississippi State Legislature and Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning in 2010. The Mississippi Dietetic Association has also recognized Dr. Yadrick as "Outstanding Dietician of the Year".

#### Upcoming Dates

March 1-2	"Old Man River P.E.T.S"
March 5	Deborah Schiller
March 12	Isaac L. Boose, M.Ed., LPC-S, LMFT, CCAP, "Burnout & Stress"
March 19	Carolyn Smith, M.A., LPC, CSAT, EMDR, Intensive Workshops
March 26	Carver Brown, Pine Grove Alumni Coordinator
April 2	Joe Paul, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs, USM
April 9	Cindy Bivins, M.Ed., Interim Director, Director, Children's Center, USM
April 18-20	**District Conference**
April 23	"A Night in Italy" Fundraiser (No noon meeting)
April 30	The Honorable Lynn Fitch, State Treasurer of Mississippi
June 25	Awards Luncheon (Tentative)



March 25-28

Volunteers are needed to host GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team Members.

Please notify Maura McLaughlin or a board member if you wish to participate.

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#### REMINDERS

#### **OLE MAN RIVER PETS (MARCH 1-2)**

Will be joint event between four Rotary Districts - 6190, 6800, 6820, and 6840. It will be held at the Hilton in Jackson,
Mississippi. Attendance at P.E.T.S. is a mandatory requirement for incoming club presidents serving in the Rotary year 2013-2014. Reservations must be made separately for the hotel.
P.E.T.S. has a block of rooms available at a group discount rate of \$99 per night plus tax.

Hilton Jackson 1001 East County Line Jackson, MS 39211 601-957-2800 Reservation Code: ROTARY



#### **ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE: APRIL 18-20**

Attendance requested by all Rotarians of District 6840. The conference is held at the Hollywood Casino, but the Friday night Food Fest and Talent Show will be held at the Bay St. Louis Community Center.

Conference registration is only done by sign-in sheet distributed to each club president. Hotel reservation information can be downloaded by clicking on the file name to the left of your screen. Be sure and mention the Rotary code when reserving rooms at the Hollywood to get the discounted room rate. Corporate and club sponsorships for the conference are still available!



# March 5 Deborah Schiller

Director, Gentle Path Pine Grove Mental Health



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