March 11, 2014

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

"Ole Man River PETS" 2014

**President-Elect training was** held this weekend at the **Jackson Convention Complex** and attended by Hattiesburg **Club President-Elect, Wes Brooks and District 6840 Assistant District Governor and** Hattiesburg Club member, Bill McLeod.



#### **OFFICERS**

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### Minutes - March 4, 2014

Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Lynn Walton who gave the invocation and Dan Davis who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Kevin Zemetis for serving as our greeter today. Bryan Moore, introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Kevin Mauseth is the guest of Allen Anderson.

Scott introduced two members who had earned their blue badges; Ember Ahua and Janet Williams. He encouraged other red badge members to focus on getting their badges converted.

Scott announced that District 6840 is encouraging Foundation giving by matching recognition points. A Rotarian has donated a large number of recognitions points, so as long as recognition points remain, gifts made to the Rotary Foundation between March 1st and June 30th will be matched 1 for 1. In other words, if a Rotarian gives \$500, the district will match the 500 recognition points with another 500 so that the Rotarian is eligible for a Paul Harris Fellow. If a Rotarian is already a PHF, the Rotarian can recognize another as a PHF with those points. Scott encouraged all club members to support the Rotary Foundation, especially with this incentive.

Scott announced that District 6840 is planning to host another Friends Forever team. This year the district hosted a team of Protestants and Catholics from Ireland, and planning is beginning to bring a team of Israeli and Palestinian youth to our district in summer of 2015. Interested members are invited to a planning session in New Orleans on April 16<sup>th</sup>. If a member would like to attend or be involved, please contact Scott.

Bill McLeod reminded members of the District Conference on May 8-9. It will be held at the Beau Rivage in Gulfport. Bill mentioned that sponsorships are needed and to please contact him if you would like to sponsor.

Robert Cummings recognized Wes Brooks for his upcoming participation in PETS.

Scott then introduced today's guest speaker, Wes Brooks. Wes is the President-Elect of the Hattiesburg Rotary Club.



Wes spoke regarding ClubRunner, the leading software provider for Rotary clubs and districts worldwide. His power point presentation was very informative as well as entertaining. In addition to database management,



ClubRunner is designed to improve membership retention and growth, public relations and image, and makes managing a club's overall functions more efficient. He stated that the software is very user friendly, which is always a plus! For more information and suggestions regarding ClubRunner or assistance logging in to the website, please contact Wes at HattiesburgRotary@gmail.com

#### **Minutes:**

Jerome Siegel on behalf of Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary

## **OUR GUEST TODAY**

Dr. Faye Gilbert
Dean, College of Business
The University of Southern Mississippi



Dr. Gilbert is a graduate of USM with BSBA and MBAs and has a doctorate from the University of North Texas. During her career, she has published over fifty academic articles and a book, served as President of two different academic associations, and provided leadership as dean to Georgia College and to Radford University. Gilbert has also served on the Board of Directors for a Chamber of Commerce, co-authored a grant to build a greenway to provide public access to a river walk, assisted in the development of a new academic building at Radford and served on peer review teams for accreditation. Dr. Gilbert is currently the Vice President of the Southern Business Deans and will serve as the President of that organization in 2015.

# **Ole Man River PETS 2014**



# PERFECT ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY

Wes Brooks
Mary Cromartie
Dan Davis
Lamar Evans
Erin Granberry
Scott Hummel
Bill McLeod
Lucy Parkman
Jennifer Payne
Johnny Stevens
Lynn Walton

Conrad Welker



# Collins Rotary Club "SPRING CLASSIC"

2-Man Scramble

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Okatoma Golf Club • Collins, MS Shotgun Start - 8:00 a.m.

Entry Fee • \$50 per person Includes green fee, cart, food and beverages

## **WIN MONEY AND PRIZES!!!**

### FIRST FLIGHT WINNERS

First Place • \$250 Second Place • \$200 Third Place • \$150

### SECOND FLIGHT WINNERS

First Place • \$200 Second Place • \$150 Third Place • \$10

Prizes for closest to pin & longest drive Free lunch served beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Mulligans • \$5 each Two per golfer/Four per team Mulligans may NOT be used on "closest to pin" or "longest drive."

Make checks payable to: Collins Rotary Club

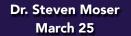
For more information, call 601-765-1841, 601-765-8202 or 601-765-4466.

Proceeds support Collins Rotary Club's scholarship program which annually awards scholarships to graduating seniors from Covington County who will attend a state college or university and also to an eligible Covington County sophomore attending Jones County Junior College.

# **UPCOMING**









Christopher Napier April 1



Lhay Thriffiley April 15

Dr. Robert Kent March 18