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Winter Social & Buffet Dinner

Please extend a very special "thank you" to Mrs. Lucy Parkman, Mrs. Jennifer Payne, and the staff of The Camellia House for a wonderful evening of fellowship!



Minutes - February 18, 2014

Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Steve Ramp who gave the invocation and Lamar Evans who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Jennifer Payne and Chris Price for serving as our greeters today. Bryan Moore, introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Jay Huffstatlen is a guest from the Gulfport Rotary Club. Lindsay Gloven and Brittany Flather are guests of Chase Munro. Scott Maxfield is a guest of Francis Farmer. Charles Dillon is a guest of the club.

Lucy Parkman reminded members about the winter social. It will be held on the evening of February 25 at the Camellia House. Members are requested to RSVP prior to the event. Members are reminded that the winter social will replace next Tuesday's meeting.

Jennifer Payne reported that Allen Anderson has donated a \$250 gift certificate to be auctioned off. Ticket prices are \$3 each or you can buy 4 for \$10. The drawing will take place during the winter social.



**Jennifer Payne, Martha Dearman,
and Scott Hummel**

Scott noted that two red badge members have earned their blue badges this week. He encouraged other red badge members to focus getting their badges converted.

Jennifer Payne then introduced today's guest speaker, Martha Dearman. Martha is the Executive Director of the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation. She has worked for the Foundation since its formation seven years ago.

The Foundation came into existence after Katrina when a small group of concerned Forrest General Hospital employees came together to raise money to help their fellow employees hurt by the storm. They received more than 800 applications for assistance and raised more than one-million dollars to provide assistance.

Since then the Foundation paid for the roof-top plaza at the Neonatal Unit giving family members the opportunity to get out of the hospital room for a few minutes. They also paid for a camera system where Neonatal Unit families can check on their patients remotely via the Internet. They've also provided the funds for the renovation of Woodland Chapel at the hospital and they are raising money for three more of the five elements of the Spiritual Groups and the Pine Grove Recovery Center.

The Foundation's latest campaign is finding the funding for a 12 bed community hospice house. The project will cost an estimated \$5 million of which \$4 million have already been raised. The facility will be located on South 40th Avenue just south of the post office. Ground breaking is scheduled for July with completion to be in the fall of 2015.

The hospice house will serve the Forrest General Hospital's 20 county service area. It will have a home atmosphere for the patients and their families. The facility will have a den area, a children's corner and a small dining area. The staff will be professionally trained. The facility will be operated by Forrest General Hospital.

More than 100 community volunteers are involved in the project. The Forrest General Hospital employees raised \$174 thousand this past year for the project, bringing their total fundraising efforts for the facility to more than \$500 thousand dollars.

For more information on this project and the Foundation, visit their website at fghfoundation.com/. You can make a donation straight from that website. You can also reach them by phone at 601.288.4396.

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Jerome Siegel on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**

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Wes Brooks, President-Elect
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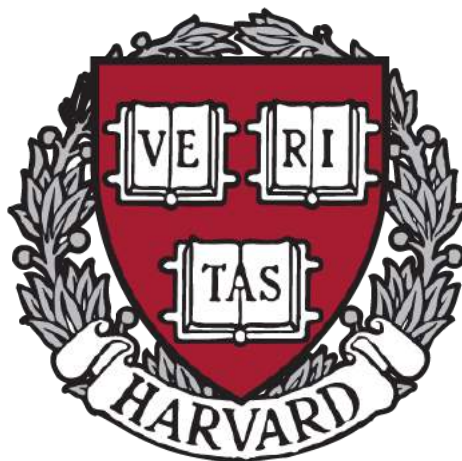


Register now for Ole Man River Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to be held at the Jackson Convention Complex, Jackson, MS, March 7-8, 2014. The seminar is required for all incoming presidents taking office on July 1. A special room rate is available at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (formerly King Edward Hotel) located two blocks from the convention center. Registration must be made online from the Ole Man River PETS website. The district website has links to the PETS website and to the hotel reservation site. The program will be a combination of inspirational keynote speakers, plenary session, and a Thursday night welcoming party with District Governor-elect Brian Hall at the Garden Inn. Presidents-elect can certify their clubs for 2014-2015 grant eligibility with a grant session at PETS, and a signed MOU.

UPCOMING



Dr. Faye Gilbert
March 11



Dr. Robert Kent
March 18



Dr. Steven Moser
March 25