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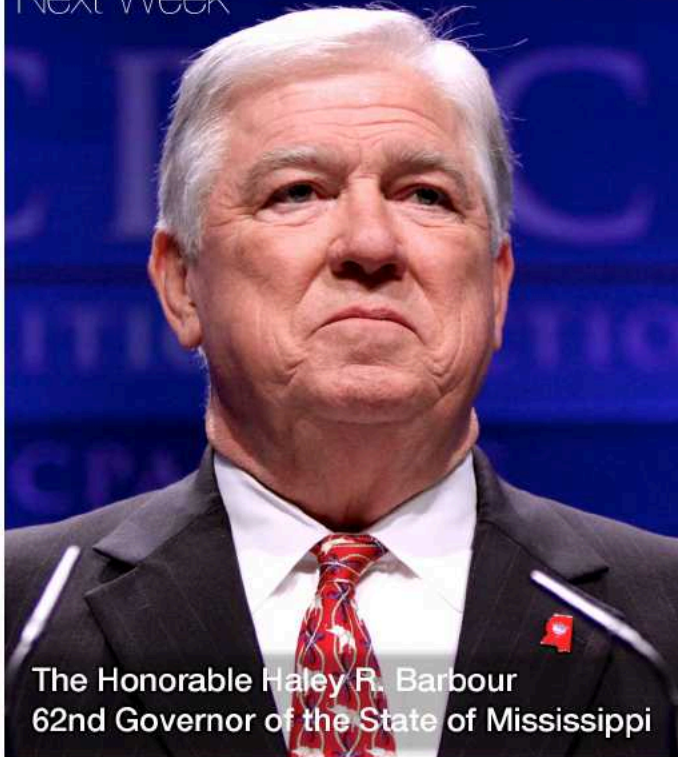
Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

October 8, 2013



PRCC President, Dr. William A. Lewis, Allen Anderson, and Scott Hummel

Next Week



The Honorable Haley R. Barbour  
62nd Governor of the State of Mississippi

Spokes Newsletter  
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Saturday, October 26

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg will put service into action and help the Homes of Hope for Children with their facilities and grounds. All members are encouraged to attend.

## MINUTES: October 1, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Kristy Gould who gave the invocation and to Chase Munro who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Wes Brooks to introduce today's guests. Julian Allen is a guest of Kristy Gould. Andy Davidson is a guest of Allen Anderson. Prospective member Ryan Kelly is a guest of Scott Hummel. Scott noted that Ryan will be inducted as a new member next week.

The Bike-a-Thon is quickly approaching. Additional sponsorship opportunities remain available for any company interested. Pos2ters are now available and Rotarians are asked to take and display them.

Aaron Ladner has organized a service day for club members on the morning of October 26. Sign-ups are encouraged. Club members will be assisting Home of Hope in a clean-up effort. If you can't make the clean-up day, members are encouraged to donate products that are needed at the center. A list of items is available from Aaron.

Allen Anderson then introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. William Lewis, President of Pearl River Community College. Dr. Lewis became the college's tenth president in July, 2000.

According to Dr. Lewis Pearl River Community College was started in 1909 as an Agricultural High School. The two-year college program in our state is the oldest such program in the country. There are 15 Community Colleges in Mississippi today with an enrollment of more than 80,000 full-time students. Additionally Community Colleges trained 95,000 in trade programs and provided educational assistance to another 20,000 through adult based programs last year. Community College enrollment represents 68% of all freshmen enrolled throughout the state.

The average age of a community college student is 25. Approximately 74% of all those enrolled are enrolled in full-time studies. Sixty-three percent of community college students are female and 97% of all enrollees are Mississippi residents.

State funding for community colleges is a problem according to Dr. Lewis. Community colleges were funded at 52% of the Mid-Level funding legislation



passed in 2007. That law requires the legislature to fund community colleges at a level mid-way between what is appropriated for K – 12 and Regional Universities. To bring the funding level up to what the law requires the Legislature would need to appropriate an additional \$2,402 per student next year, something Dr. Lewis says is very unlikely. However, the community colleges are asking the legislature to consider funding them at one-half of the shortfall.

Another serious problem facing the community college program is that of remedial education. The legislature is considering legislation that will eliminate all funding for remedial education programs in the state by 2018. Dr. Lewis maintains that eliminating funding for those programs will leave a large number of Mississippians on the street with no viable education and no skill training, something that he says will be very bad for our state's economy. Community colleges are spending about 28 million dollars a year on remedial education programs.

For more information visit the Mississippi Community College Board at <http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/>.



# Service Above Self

# Susan Light Pink Ribbon Fund

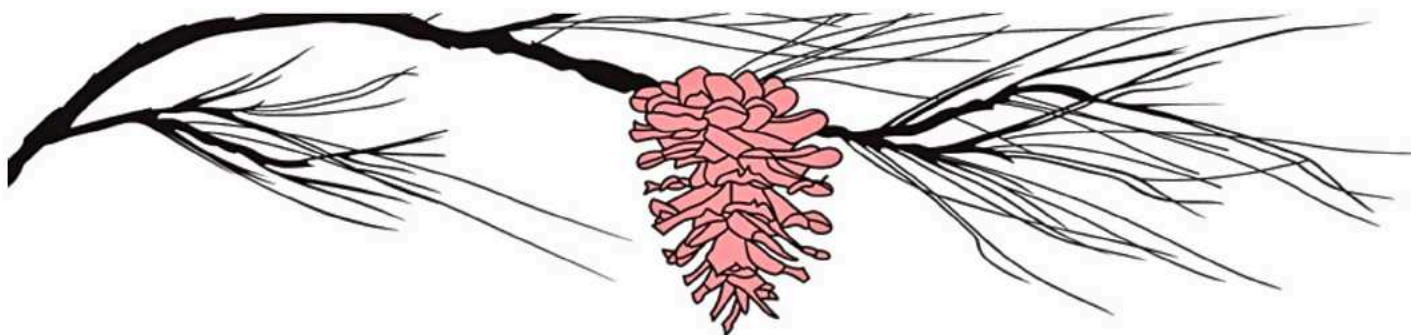
Breast Cancer Awareness



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Susan will visit with us on Tuesday, October 8, to give tell us about her charity, the Pink Ribbon Fund. This fund was founded in memory of Susan's best friend, Mary, who succumbed to breast cancer in 1999 at the young age of 49.

This month is the 10th anniversary of the Pink Ribbon Fund which began with 5 women at a kitchen table. It is now a thriving 501(c)(3) with 40 volunteers serving on 4 committees. Since its inception, The Pink Ribbon Fund has contributed in excess of \$750,000 to hundreds of Pine Belt breast cancer patients and survivors.



## HOPE, HELP & HEALING IN THE PINE BELT PINK RIBBON FUND



Rotary International  
**WORLD POLIO DAY:  
MAKING HISTORY**

*Join Rotary's Livestream Event*

**THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER  
5:30 P.M., CST**



#endpolio | [endpollionow.org](http://endpollionow.org)

UPCOMING

October 15  
Governor Haley Barbour

October 22  
Jimmy Herzog  
Ms. Amber Alert System

October 29  
Joel Bomgar  
Ms. Ctr. for Public Policy

November 19  
Raven Tynes  
The Extra Table  
Foundation

November 26  
\*\*NO MEETING\*\*

December 2  
Paul Harris Society  
Gala Dinner

December 3  
Italo Subbarao, WCU  
Holiday Safety Tips

December 10  
Frank Baugh, WCU  
School of Psychiatry  
"Beating the Holiday Blues"

December 17  
Don Odum  
WCU School of Music

January 11  
Mid Year Checkup

March 7-8  
P.E.T.S.  
Jackson Convention  
Complex

May 9-10  
District 6840 Conference  
Biloxi Civic Center

June 1-4  
Rotary International  
Covention  
Sydney, Australia

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Weather in the Hub City

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We meet Tuesdays at 12:00 PM  
Southern Oaks  
1246 Richburg Rd.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
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NEWS

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Tue Oct 8		77° 56°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%	WIND: N at 7 mph	<a href="#">Details</a>
Wed Oct 9		81° 58°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 10%	WIND: NE at 6 mph	<a href="#">Details</a>
Thu Oct 10		83° 60°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%	WIND: NE at 6 mph	<a href="#">Details</a>
Fri Oct 11		84° 57°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%	WIND: ESE at 5 mph	<a href="#">Details</a>
Sat Oct 12		85° 60°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%	WIND: ENE at 5 mph	<a href="#">Details</a>
Sun Oct 13		83° 60°	CHANCE OF RAIN: 30%	WIND: SSE at 5 mph	<a href="#">Details</a>

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