

November 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

It sounds so simple, yet it means so much.

It means so much to every one of the people touched by Foundation-supported programs every year – the children too poor to go to school, the families who have lost everything in a disaster, the communities that lack sanitation, clean water, and medical care.

It means so much to the two billion children now living lives free from polio. Because of the work that the Foundation has helped support, five million cases of paralysis and more than 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Today, we are in what we hope will be the last stages of the fight against polio. All of you have helped through your support of our Foundation. Through the Foundation, we are able to be part of the day-to-day work of polio eradication by helping supply the transportation, the fliers, the advertisements, and even the lollipops to ensure we reach all children with the essential oral polio vaccine and make each round of immunization a success.

Those of you who have participated in a National Immunization Day know exactly what I'm talking about when I say there's nothing like it – nothing like knowing you're being a part of saving lives and making history. And if you can't be there yourself, then being part of the work through our Foundation is the next best thing.

Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, we should all remember that The Rotary Foundation is our Foundation. It's here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more, and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
President, Rotary International

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**Talk with Maura McLaughlin to see how you can help our Rotary Club reach the goal of \$100 per member contribution to The Rotary Foundation this year.**

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2008-2009**

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

P.O. Box 15185  
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**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

## MEETING OF November 11, 2008

Minutes from meeting of 11/04/2008

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Mike Ratliff gave the invocation and Toxie Morris lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heath Hillman and Terry Miller served as Greeters today. Mark Satterlee also assisted with greeting and invited Club members to sign up for ring the Salvation Army's bells during the Christmas season.

Heath Hillman welcomed visiting Rotarians and today's guests.

Milton Wheeler visited from the Petal Club.

Leslie Farmer was a guest of Francis Farmer.

Ameer Buti was a guest of Jerry Buti.

Tom Montgomery also visited.

Maura McLaughlin provided the members with today's Rotary minute. She used the opportunity to discuss the Rotary Foundation's goals, mission and vision. The Foundations motto for the year is "Doing Good in the World". Maura will be working with all Club members throughout the remainder of the year. Each member is being asked to contribute \$100 to the Foundation before the end of the Rotary year.

Mark Satterlee asked club members to sign up for a two hour shift on December 6th or December 13th. The Salvation Army bells will ring from 10 AM until 6 PM in front of Sam's on Highway 98 West. The Salvation Army will serve 1,000 families in need this Holiday Season providing 2,100 children with Christmas gifts and 450 food baskets. Every Rotarian is encouraged to assist in whatever way possible.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Club members then broke up into committees to discuss plans for the coming year. After those meetings the Water Committee reported that it will participate in the Hattiesburg Spring Festival. Volunteers are needed to collect funds for water that will be distributed. The money raised will be used to support the Rotary International water project.

Valerie Sartin will be heading up the list of volunteers for the April 21 Night in Italy event. Funds raised from this event will be donated to the Children's Center for

Communication and Development. Members are also asked to volunteer their pots to be used during the event.

The Membership Committee reports that it has established a goal of net-seven new members for the year. This may sound low but attendance requirements will be enforced in the coming months which could result in the loss of memberships. Club members are invited to bring a friend and potential member to the November 25th meeting. Congressman Toby Barker will be the guest speaker that day.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Jennifer Miles and Tom Montgomery have been recently nominated for membership.

Please update your email addresses to help us better utilize this efficient method of communicating with our membership. This will save us money and allow for immediate response when necessary. You can email your contact information to Lamar Evans at [amsle@megagate.com](mailto:amsle@megagate.com).

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### Bio of William Harold "BILL" JONES

William Harold "Bill" Jones graduated from Petal High School in 1970. He attended Jones Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1976, he graduated from the Jackson School of Law at Mississippi College and has practiced law actively in the City of Petal, Mississippi for the last 31 years.

In the Fall of 1979, he was elected to the Mississippi Legislature and served for 13 years as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives. Jones served as Vice Chairman of the House Universities and Colleges Committee and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

He recently served as a Trustee of the Pine Belt Family Y and has been School Board Attorney for the Petal School District for 20 years. He is a past member of the United States Selective Service System for the State of Mississippi for 11 years.

Jones is married to the former Denise Creel of New Augusta, Mississippi, and they have one daughter, Katelan Jones, 23.

## R3SM PROJECT

R3Sm identifies families with needs, develops a recovery plan, establishes resources and coordinates work crews to make the recovery possible. The program goals are to provide a liaison program that is visible and credible to the public. And to support the efforts of the volunteers throughout the process.

Rotary will take on the building of one home in Hattiesburg. The exact location of the site has yet to be identified. Patrick Ward, through his company Southeastern Construction, has coordinated volunteers to provide most of the skilled labor.

Patrick will provide Rotary with a schedule of when the different phases of construction are to be done so that volunteers may plan to assist the construction crews on certain days. Construction is expected to start December 1st.

On December 4th starting at 3 pm all Rotarians will have an opportunity to work at the site.

Next week we hope to have pictures of the site and the address.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tues 11/18 Jerry Wilkerson - Executive Dir. MS Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

Tues 11/25 Rotary "Bring a Friend Day"  
Toby Barker - MS State Representative-Forrest County

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## DON'T FORGET

Tuesday  
November 25th

Bring A Friend To  
Rotary Day

Our Speaker  
will be  
Toby Barker  
MS State  
Representative  
Forrest County

## Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Bay Springs - 12:00	Columbia - 12:00	Clinton - 12:00	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00
City Hall	The Backdoor Restaurant	Baptist Health Plex	Steam Room Grill I55 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Talorsville - 12:00
Collins - 12:00	Laurel - 12:00	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00	MS Power Co. Building
Cedars Restaurant	Laurel Country Club	Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Wiggins - 12:00
Ellisville - 12:00	North Jackson - 12:00	Heidelberg - 12:00	Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
J.C.J.C. Cafeteria	St. James	Library	
Jackson - 12:00	Episcopal Church	Poplarville - 12:00	
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	<b>Friday</b>
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin County - 12:00
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Slidell, LA - 12:00
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	Pinewood Country Club
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			