

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wes Brooks has been nominated for Secretary/Treasurer for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The current officers will move up in the rotation, with Maura McLaughlin as President, Patrick Ward as President-Elect and Scott Hummel as Vice President for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The following members have been nominated for the Board of Directors:

Jeri Buti- Bill MacLaughlan- Brian Moore
Lucy Parkman- Sean Priebe-Chris Price
Chris Strebeck-John Weeks

Elections will be held on November 29th. If elected as Secretary/Treasurer, Wes Brooks will be rotating off as a board member so the five nominees elected with the most votes will be the board members, with the four members receiving the highest votes for a 2-year position and the person receiving the fifth highest number of votes will complete the 1-year unexpired term of Wes Brooks on the board.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Stan Causey has been proposed for membership. Stan is a Sales Executive with CSpire (previously Cellular South). If anyone has any questions regarding Stan, please see a board member.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

11/15/11

Rotary.org: News

Rotary, UN celebrate special relationship

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News – 9 November 2011



Michel P. Jazzar, RI representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, and Richard S. Carson, RI representative to the Organization of American States, confer between panel presentations during Rotary-UN Day, 5 November in New York City. Both spoke on an RI representatives panel. Other panels focused on health, water, literacy, and youth. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

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President-Elect

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Vice-President

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Secretary – Treasurer

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Executive Secretary

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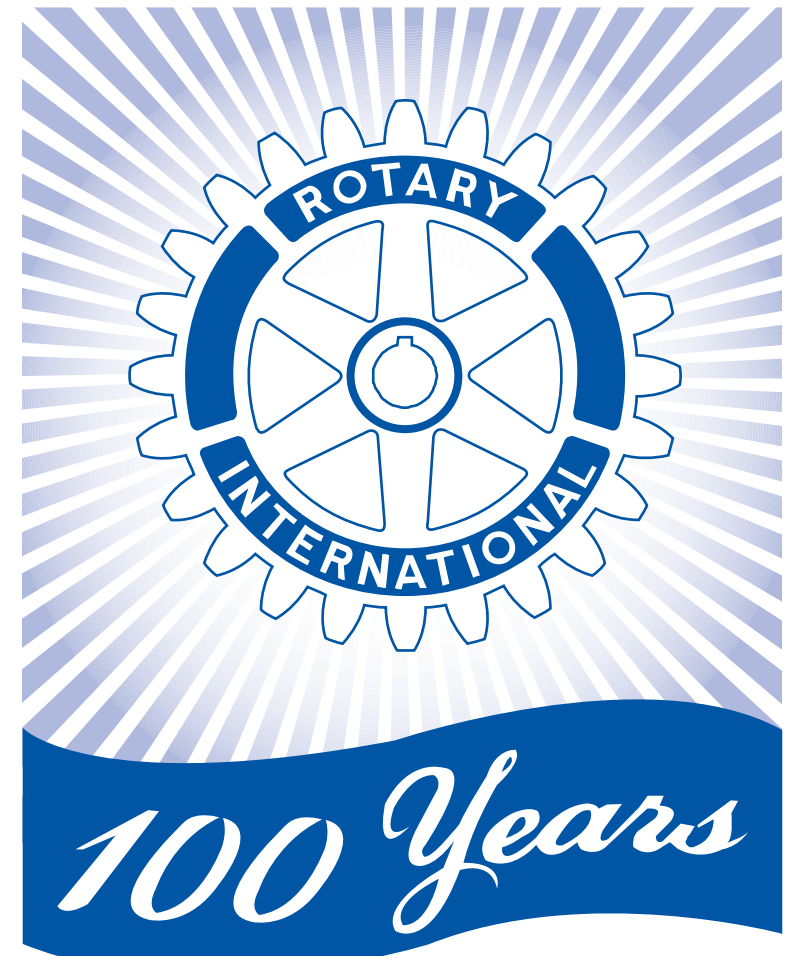
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 11/08/11

President Robert Cummings presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Audra Cummings, who gave the invocation, and to Dan Kibodeaux, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to today's greeters, Wes Brooks and Gene Owens.

Wes Brooks filled in for Sean Priebe and introduced today's visiting Rotarian, Brandon Hodges from the Petal Club. There were no other guests.

Robert congratulated Rotarian Bill Ray who has been selected to receive a Hub Award. The recipient receives a scholarship in his or her name and can designate where that scholarship is awarded. Congratulations to Bill for his continued contributions to the Hub City.

The date for the Night in Italy event has been moved forward by one week. The change was precipitated by a booking conflict with Southern Oaks. The 2012 Night in Italy event will be held on April 17.

The Nominating Committee continues to develop a slate of candidates for next year's board of directors. The slate will be presented to the full membership for the election later this month. Thanks to Bill McLeod for heading up this effort.

Dan Kibodeaux reminded members of the Reading Between the Lions literacy project. Readers are needed at the Family Y on Veterans Memorial Drive twice weekly for ten or fifteen minutes each day. Club members are encouraged to share a small portion of their life with the children attending the Y's day care program.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Allen Smithers then introduced today's program, "Challenges of Modern Technology". Today's guest speaker is a life-long friend of Allen's, David Drake. He has a vast knowledge of today's social media and the technology pitfalls that our children face routinely.

Dave reminded members that you can turn back the hands of time and you can't pull mistakes from the Internet once they've been posted. He reported on a young high school girl who was dared to take a nude picture of herself and send the photo to her boyfriend. Sexting, as this is known, is a common factor in today's younger population. According to David, the young lady thought better of her actions and did not send the photo. However someone found the photo in the computer's trash bin and forwarded it to his friends. Hundreds of people all across Mississippi had the picture within just a few days. The photo was known to have shown up as far away as New York.

According to David, 30% of 9 to 15 year olds have admitted sending explicit photos or messages to someone else. Twenty percent of those aged 13 to 19 have send nude or partially nude pictures of themselves either over the Internet or by text. There appears to be increasing pressure on our young people to participate in this activity.

As with the printing press, David suggests that it is not the technology that is bad but rather those who would abuse technology. He used an example of a homosexual ring of 5th graders in Louisiana that was broken up by the Parish's District Attorney. The ring leader was using nude photos of young men who willingly sent the photos thinking they were sending photos to an attractive young female.

Another growing Internet industry is that of cheating. David gave several examples of websites where students can go to download and purchase homework assignments. Several students have been expelled from state universities for using the sites. Schoolsucks.com and HomeworkHelpCentral were two of the examples.

The technology predators are busy according to David. He challenged Rotarians to "get into the fight" by becoming better informed and by talking to their children and grandchildren about these and other issues.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Meet our Presenter: Lance Nail, PhD, CFA

Lance is Dean and Professor of Finance at the University of Southern Mississippi. Lance's research interests include mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and insider trading. He has published over 50 articles or columns and has made over 100 presentations at numerous conferences and seminars. Additionally, Lance is the managing co-editor of the Elsevier journal International Review of Financial Analysis and served as the editor of a book on international corporate governance.

Lance's service to the profession includes serving as a reviewer for dozens of manuscripts at academic journals and he has served on the program committee for the Eastern Finance Association, Financial Management Association, and the Southern Finance Association. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Eastern Finance Association and previously served on the boards of the Southern Finance through 1992.

Association, CFA Society of Alabama, and Risk Management Association of Birmingham. He is currently a member of the CFA Society of Mississippi.

Receiving eight teaching excellence awards at both the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and the University of Georgia, Lance was also recognized as a best practices in teaching professor by Thomson Publishing (now Cengage) for his use of technology in teaching Finance. Prior to joining USM in 2008, Lance served as chair of the Department of Finance, Economics, and Quantitative Methods at UAB.

Lance received his Ph.D. in Finance with a minor in Economics from the University of Georgia in 1996 and his BS in Finance with a minor in Economics from the University of Alabama in 1989 – graduating first in his class. He spent three years in the industry as a mortgage-backed and asset-backed bond consultant for Ernst & Young National Consulting Group from 1989 to 1992.

WEEKLY FOOTBALL BOARD GAME

Our football board game has had a couple of rule changes. If the winning square has not been purchased by a player the proceeds will carry over to the following week. Each week's winner will split the cash proceeds with the club which will benefit the Rotary Permanent Fund. The winner will not be announced until the end of the meeting, must be present to win. There was not a winner last week.

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READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on **Tuesday or Friday** mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808
Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
or email
dan@Unitedwaysems.org
call **601-545-7141**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 15**

Dr. Lance Nail,
Dean of the College of Business, USM
"Update on Scianna Hall"
- November 22**

Judge Bob Helfrich, Circuit Court Judge
- November 29**

TBA
- Dec 13**

Christmas Lunch at Southern Oaks
Guests Welcome!
- April 17**

Night In Italy - Southern Oaks

November Reading Volunteers Needed!

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 11/1 9:30am		
Friday, 11/4 9:30am		Aaron Ladner
Tuesday, 11/8 9:30am	Mary Cromartie	
Friday, 11/11 9:30am		
Tuesday, 11/15 9:30am		
Friday, 11/18 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	Jennifer Payne
Tuesday, 11/22 9:30am		
Friday, 11/25 9:30am	NO READING THIS DATE	NO READING THIS DATE
Tuesday, 11/29 9:30am		