

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov 2 10:30 am Kollege of Knowledge  
2011 Rotary International Conference  
Presentation - Barbara Mauldin
- Nov 9 Ronald Schwartz, M.D., C.P.I.
- Nov 19 Wine Tasting & Silent Auction
- Nov 22 Board Meeting
- Nov 23 Jerry DeFatta, USM Alumni Assoc.
- Dec 4 & 11 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec 14 Christmas Social at Southern Oaks

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel, is coordinating a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. Last week USM Football tickets were donated by Mary Cromartie and Tracy Fowler. Winners were Allen Anderson and Larry LeBlanc. If you have items for the raffle, please contact Scott.

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 Gandy Child Development Center is located at:



The Family Y -  
Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
601-268-0808

Call Dan Kibodeaux or  
sign up at lunch meetings  
dan@Unitedwaysems.org  
call 601-545-7141

Reading Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 11/5 9:30am		
Tuesday, 11/9 9:30am	David Johnson	Andrea Hood
Friday, 11/12 9:30am	Chris Price	Richard Topp
Tuesday, 11/16 9:30am	David Johnson	Janice Touchstone
Friday, 11/19 9:30am		
Tuesday, 11/23 9:30am	David Johnson	Andrea Hood
Friday, 11/26 9:30am	<b>CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</b>
Tuesday, 11/30 9:30am	John McDaniel	

Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

November 19, 2010 at 6:30 pm  
at the Ogletree Alumni House  
Sommelier Dr. Nagen Bellare  
Wine Tasting Tickets \$40 - Couples \$75  
Only 100 tickets available  
All proceeds will benefit Rotary programs promoting literacy, eradication of polio, and water projects



Drawing at Wine Tasting for  
beautiful Sapphire Ring  
1 ticket \$10 - 3 Tickets \$20- 6 Tickets \$50

Members Needed to donate Silent auction items Or  
become a sponsor

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Connoisseur - \$500  
Four Complimentary Tickets  
Business name and logo on event program, sponsor boards and advertising pieces  
Verbal recognition of sponsorship from podium during event  
Recognition in Hattiesburg Rotary Newsletter
  - Sommelier - \$250  
Two Complimentary Tickets  
Business name on event program and sponsor boards  
Verbal recognition of sponsorship from podium during event
  - Aficionado - \$100  
Business name on event program  
Verbal recognition of sponsorship from podium during event
- Contact Jaclyn Adams, 601-579-5854  
OR Jennifer Payne 601-214-0653  
Deadline 11/12

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ROTARY YEAR  
2010-2011

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*President-Elect*

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*Executive Secretary*

WES BROOKS  
*Sergeant-at-arms*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term Expiring - June 30, 2011  
Janice Touchstone  
Gene Owens  
Mike Ratliff  
Aime Spears

Past President:  
Mary Cromartie

Term Expiring - June 30, 2012  
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Greg Buie  
Scott Hummel  
Dan Kibodeaux

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## MINUTES FROM 10/26/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave the invocation and Audra Cummings, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Wes Brooks welcomed today's guests and visitors. Welcome to Pierce Stevens from the Petal Rotary Club. Joe Spell had his daughter Sharon Spell as his guest. Joe Davis was a guest of Shawn Jones. Mike Bonnette was a guest of Wes Brooks. Mike is considering membership in the Hattiesburg Rotary. Jamie Lynn Garnett a new USM faculty members was a guest of Lance Nail.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Jaclyn Adams and Andrea Hood.

Bill then introduced Thor Sovingjan from Iceland. She was presented a Club flag and presented our club with a flag from her Iceland Club.

Erik Graham then came forward and introduced Tina Hoda with the Association for the Rights of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. Erik presented the ARC with a check in the amount of \$7,250 from the Club. He thanked all of the members, volunteers and sponsors who participated in this year's golf tournament. Their efforts made this contribution possible.

Janice Touchstone then presented the Rotary Foundation raffle winners of the week. Allen Anderson and Larry LeBlanc were the winners of USM football tickets provided by Mary Cromartie and Tracy Fowler. Thanks to Mary and Tracy for making this week's raffle possible. Members are encouraged to provide products or services that can be used in the weekly raffle. The proceeds from the raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.

Janice also asked members to complete and return the member survey that has been recently distributed.

Jennifer Payne reminded members of the wine tasting event scheduled for November 19th. Tickets are on sale. There are also opportunities for members to provide items for the silent auction. Participants may also purchase raffle tickets for a ring that is provided by Light's Jewelers. See Jennifer or Jaclyn Adams if you want tickets or would like to participate in other ways. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund community charitable events. Last year proceeds helped the Club provide seven Shelter Boxes to Haiti after the earthquake.

Mike Ratliff reported on a successful GSE Team visit. He thanked those who helped make the Team's visit a success.

Maura McLaughlin asked members to sign up for the Salvation Army bell ringing campaign. If you're interested please see Maura.

Bill called to attention the proposed slate of candidates for the 2011/2012 board of directors. The slate is published in today's SPOKES. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. He reported that voting will take place in early November.

Dan Kibodeaux encouraged members to sign up to participate in the Reading Between the Lions project. He noted that holiday reading times are difficult to fill and encouraged anyone who can to assist.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dan then introduced today's guest speaker Janice Swiggum. Janice is the director of Friends for Financial Freedom, a United Way initiative. She introduced Linda Donnell who is the site coordinator for the local Christian Women's Job Corps.

Janice noted that, although both organizations operate independently, they share common goals and work together to accomplish those goals. Participants in the Christian Women's Job Corps must complete a ten week training course that aids them in re-gaining or gaining self-esteem and helping them gain more independence. Friends for Financial Freedom assists these and other participants in obtaining the necessary money management skills to exist. Both organizations have the goal of offering a "hand-up" to those they serve rather than a "hand-out" helping them to gain independence and to become productive citizens.

Both organizations are committed to the alleviation of poverty by offering education, training, motivation and support. The goal is to interrupt the cycle of dependency. Janice gave one example of a client who successfully completed the Christian Women's Job Corps program. She came into the program at the age of 23 and expecting her fourth child. After completing that course she took advantage of the money management program offered by Friends for Financial Freedom. She is now employed full-time and has recently obtained a part-time job and is taking care of her children. Three of her children are enrolled in school and one was recently on the academic honor roll. She is now working out a plan to work, take care of her family and pursue getting her GED. Her cycle of poverty has been interrupted through the assistance of these two "hands-up" programs.

Recently Friends for Financial Freedom obtained a Federal grant that allows them to match a savings program in an effort to help the candidates build assets. The grant allows the match of one dollar with four dollars for approved projects such as a down payment on a home or furthering your education.

Many thanks to Janice and Linda for being here today to describe these two community based programs. Volunteers are needed to mentor participants, teach the financial management courses or to assist in other ways where your talents can be best used. If you're interested in helping, contact Janice at (601) 450-4622.

Stanley Carpenter gave today's Classification Talk. At age 11 Stanley grew up taking care of a dairy farm after his father died. His mom sold the farm and moved to the Hattiesburg area. He graduated from Hattiesburg High and then from The University of Southern Mississippi. He obtained his MBA from the University of Georgia. He taught accounting in New Orleans, at USM and at the University of Georgia. He ended his teaching career back at USM. From there he bought the old Pick-Wick Café in downtown Hattiesburg. He then opened a CPA firm in that building and continues to operate Carpenter and Carpenter with his daughter.



## NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

The nominating committee presents the following slate of nominations.

This slate of candidates has been approved by the nominating committee.

The individuals presented have agreed to serve if elected. Nominations will also be opened to the floor. The election will take place on November 9th, during the meeting.

### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

The following have been nominated for Officers of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

Rotary Year 2011-2012:

President Elect – Maura McLaughlin

Vice President – Patrick Ward

Secretary/Treasurer – Scott Hummel

(Robert Cummings current President-elect will assume the office of president for Rotary Year 2011-2012.)

The following eight members have been nominated to serve as Board Members:

Nominees for Board Members:

Janice Touchstone

Lucy Parkman

Sean Priebe

Jennifer Payne

James Duncan

David Johnson

Wes Brooks

Lance Nail

Four new board members will be elected to serve a term of two years from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

Each member present on November 9th will have the opportunity to vote on the officers and board member positions.

The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes will fill the board positions.

## FROM THE COMMITTEES

### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Robert Holland has been proposed for membership by Erik Graham. Mike Bonnett has been proposed by Wes Brooks. Mike has been a Rotary member in another Rotary Club. If you have any questions or concerns about those proposed for membership, please see Robert Cummings.

All new members that have not been through the Kollege of Knowledge are required to attend the training today at 10:30 a.m., location Southern Oaks.

### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

There will be a sign-up sheet available today for members to volunteer to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army. We will be ringing at the Sam's location on Hwy 98, Saturday Dec 4th & Dec 11th from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Members may sign up to assist for 2 hours during the day.

### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

All members have been asked to fill out a survey that should only take about 5 minutes. The survey will be available today and it was sent to you through email. We need your feedback to improve our club and to improve your experience with Rotary. Please take the time to answer these questions. Forms may be turned in to Janice Touchstone. If you have questions about committees see Janice.