

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 McLaughlan- 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.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SIGN-UP

**ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG
 SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SIGN-UP**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2011 (Wal Mart Highway 98-Garden Center)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CELL PHONE #'S</u>
10-12	1 Hayden Mitchell	601-297-7901
	2 Scott Hummel	601-466-6156
12-2	1 Conrad Welker	601-520-5829
	2 Janice Touchstone	601-813-4744
2-4	1 Jennifer Payne	601-214-0653
	2 Steve Ramp	601-466-8446
4-6	1 Wally Weakley	601-408-8477
	2	
6-8	1 Jerry Buti	601-596-4092
	2	

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2011 (Wal Mart Highway 98 Grocery Entrance)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CELL PHONE #'S</u>
10-12	Erik Graham & Den 5 Cub Scouts	601-329-3161
	1 Mike Ratliff	601-270-9679
	2 Mary Cromartie	601-297-8280
12-2	1 Anthony Harris	601-441-1122
	2 Bill McLeod	601-942-9756
2-4	1 Joe Meador	601-264-3848
	2	
4-6	1 Dan Kibodeaux	601-467-7744
	2 Chris Price	601-818-8576
6-8	1	
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PATRICK WARD
Vice-President

SCOTT HUMMEL
Secretary – Treasurer

LAMAR EVANS
Executive Secretary

SEAN PRIEBE
Sergeant-at-arms

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 Jennifer Payne
 Janice Touchstone

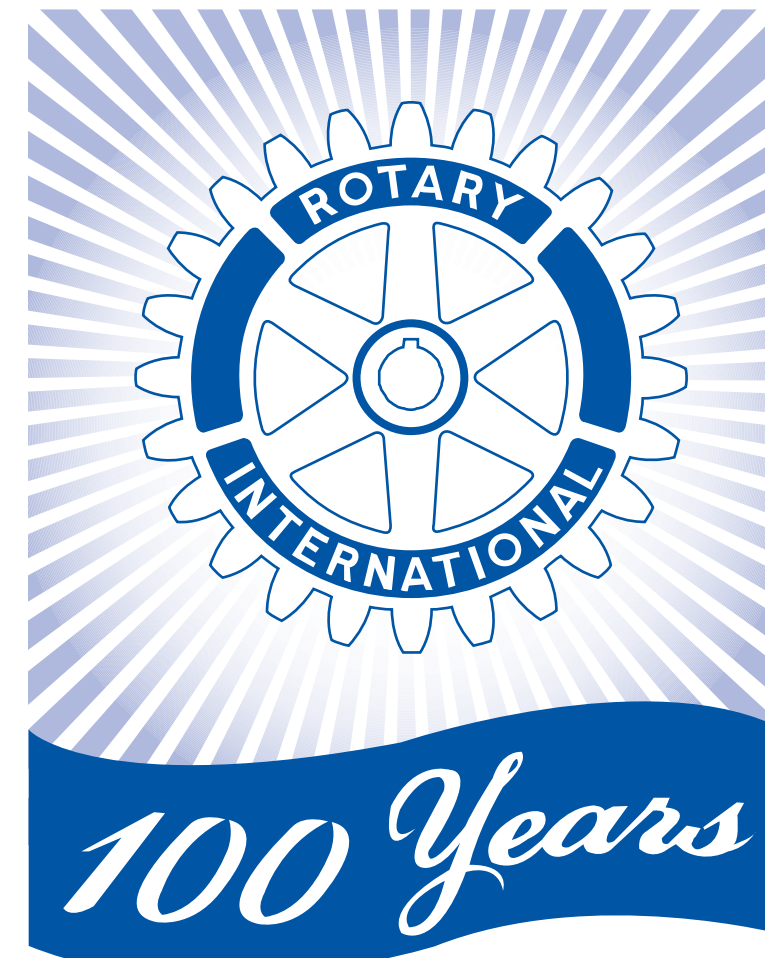
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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 11/22/11

President-Elect Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Scott Hummel, who gave the invocation, and to Gene Winters, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Maura then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to today's greeter, Dan Kibodeaux.

Sean Priebe introduced today's visitors. Janice Touchstone has her husband Brad as a guest. Bill McLeod has Brad Stinson as his guest. Bill also recognized former member Francis Farmer who is visiting today.

Maura reminded board members that the November board meeting will be held on Monday, November 28th. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:15 and the board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the United Way of Southeast Mississippi.

Dan Kibodeaux encouraged members to sign up for the November and December reading schedule in the Reading Between the Lions program.

The Nominating Committee reported that it has completed the slate of candidates for the coming year. Elections will be held at the November 29th meeting.

Maura reminded members of the Christmas event which will be held at Southern Oaks at noon on December 13th. Funds raised during this event will be used to help provide Christmas for needy children in the Forrest county area.

Anyone interested in participating in the annual Salvation Army bell-ringing project on December 10th and 17th is encouraged to see Richard Topp.

Maura announced that Stan Causey will be inducted as a new member at the November 29th meeting.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Todd Bradley then introduced today's program speaker, Circuit Court Judge Bob Helfrich.

Judge Helfrich noted that he has been in the criminal justice system for more than twenty-five years and that he continues to see the same people coming through the system, repeatedly. He is of the opinion that the system is broken and in need of

repair. According to Helfrich, most of the people serving prison time will return to society at some point in their lives. In Mississippi when a prisoner is released he or she is given a \$15 check and a bus ticket that will get them back to the county of their conviction. Judge Helfrich says once the released convict gets back into society they have a great chance of getting back into trouble and returning to the criminal justice system.

In an effort to repair one part of the system a specialized Drug Court system was introduced in Miami, FL in 1989. A few years later Helfrich began a drug court in his district. First-time drug and alcohol offenders are given the option of going through the Drug Court system or serving prison time. The Drug Court is a four-phase program consisting of nine months in each phase. Phase one is treatment of the addiction. Phase two is stabilization when the subject gets a GED and a job. The final two phases of the program consist of intense monitoring. At any time during the program a subject is found to be using alcohol or drugs they immediately go to jail and serve their sentence. Just over 70% of prisoners return to prison. Only 16% of those who graduate from the Drug Court system return to the system.

In 2008 in Buffalo, NY a Veterans Treatment Court was begun. Today there are 90 throughout the country, including a new one in Helfrich's district. About 1% of our population consists of veterans and according to the Judge, they have special issues and needs. The Veterans Treatment Court will take the vets out of the Drug Court system and treat them differently. There are currently 144,000 veterans in prison or jail. Approximately 50% of those are in jail due to drug and/or alcohol problems. About 25% of all the homeless in America are veterans. Domestic violence cases are very high among this population. Helfrich believes that by treating the underlying problems these individuals are attempting to deal with, they can be rehabilitated and returned to society as a productive citizen.

MEET OUR PRESENTER - JANET MCKENZIE BALDWIN

Janet McKenzie Baldwin is the single mother of four children; Andrea, Jasmine, Donnie, and T.J. She also has 8 grand-children. She was born and raised in Clarke County – Quitman, Mississippi and is one of 18 siblings.

She has been a resident of Petal, MS for the past 22 years. She retired in 2007 after working for 23 years with Georgia Pacific Pulp and Paper Mill in New Augusta, MS where she worked in several departments and job areas. She is a 1979 graduate of Jones County Jr. College with an Associates Degree in Sales and Marketing. She also received many other community recognitions such as: 2005 Citizen of the year award by Phi Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, 2006 Making a Difference Day Award for Ward 2 from City of Hattiesburg, 2010 Extraordinary Service in Black Family Involvement Award by Theta Sigma Omega Chapter and a 2010 Dedication award to the Pine Belt Minority Worker Training Program from Dillard University and the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice. In 2010 she also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters award from Agape Bible College in conjunction with the Ambassador for Christ Church.

She is the Founder and the Executive Director of the Oseola McCarty Youth Development Center in Hattiesburg, MS since 2003.

This organization is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to working with the community youth and their families to empower them to win in every area of their lives.

The Oseola McCarty Youth Development Center provides after-school mentoring and tutoring services, monthly activities and summer camp for youth Kindergarten thru 12th grades. She also serves as the "Mother Hen" to all her "Chicklings" in the community; who most call her "Mama"...and even... "Auntie". She daily strives to instill in them the importance of respect, honesty and love for each other.

She leads a very busy life, but always find time to be active with her church, Friendship Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, MS and be a supporter of her children and grandchildren. When asked ... "How do you do all this?" she replies..."Only by the Grace and Goodness of the Lord."

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 29 Janet Baldwin - Executive Director Oseola McCarty Youth Development Center**
- Dec 13 Christmas Lunch at Southern Oaks Guests Welcome!**
- April 17 Night In Italy - Southern Oaks**

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**

December Reading Volunteers Needed!

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 12/2 9:30am	Aaron Ladner	Dr. Scott Hummel
Tuesday, 12/6 9:30am	Dr. Steve Ramp	
Friday, 12/9 9:30am	Sean Priebe	Wes Brooks
Tuesday, 12/13 9:30am	Chris Price	
Friday, 12/16 9:30am		
Tuesday, 12/20 9:30am		
Friday, 12/23 9:30am		
Tuesday, 12/27 9:30am		
Friday, 12/30 9:30am		