

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov 30 11:15 RIC Committee Meeting
- Nov 30 Dan Kibodeaux - Director United Way
- Dec 4 & 11 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec 14 Christmas Social at Southern Oaks
- Dec 15 Register online for Rotary International Convention
- Dec 20 & 27th No Meetings due to Holidays
- Jan 8th District Mid-Year Check-up Bay St. Louis

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. Thanks to Mike Ratliff who donated a John Grisham novel last week.

If you would like to donate an item 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

Reading Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 11/5 9:30am	Mary Cromartie	Annie Wimbish
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	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Tuesday, 11/30 9:30am	John McDaniel	

**DEADLINE FOR RIC EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT IS
DECEMBER 15TH**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS
FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, MAY 21-25, 2011**

**GO ONLINE TO ROTARY.ORG, SET UP YOUR USER LOGIN
THROUGH MEMBER ACCESS, CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS, REGISTER FOR CONVENTION.**

**CLICK ON THE STEAMBOAT LOGO TO ACCESS
THE WEB PAGES FOR THE CONVENTION**



District Registration Contest

DG Dick McCarthy is challenging clubs in our district to have the most members register for the 2011 International Conference. There will be awards for small, medium and large clubs who have the largest percent of their members register. Let's get rollin' today.....we can win the award for the large club with the most registrations! If you have questions about how to register online call, Aime Spears (601) 812-8066 anytime.



Looking for Rotary International 2011 Convention Information?
District Website www.rotary6840.org - Rotary International www.rotary.org

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November 30, 2010
www.hattiesburgrotary.com

District 6840

Club Number 04003

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**ROTARY YEAR
2010-2011**

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Term Expiring - June 30, 2011
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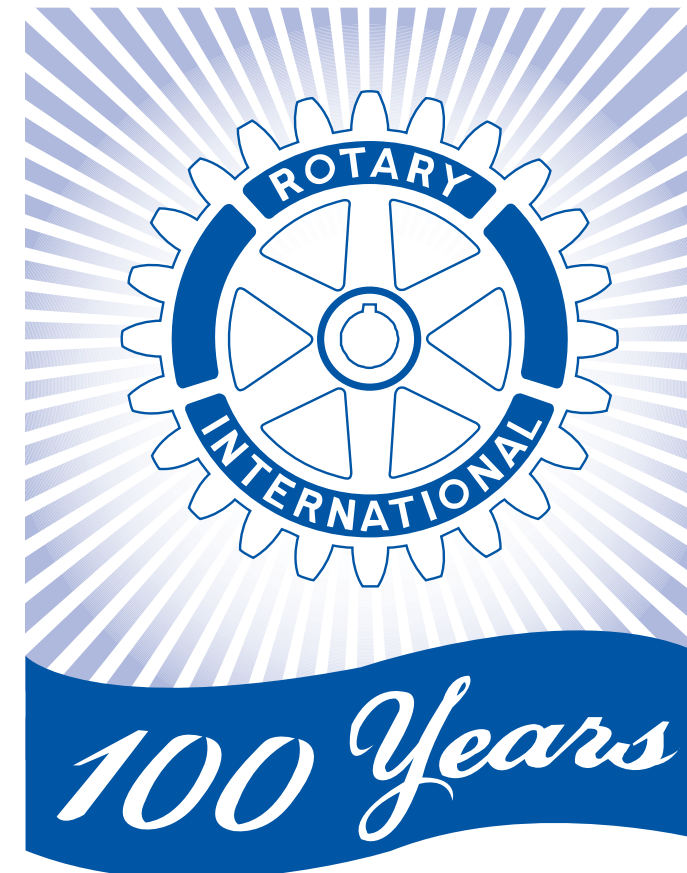
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 11/23/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Wes Brooks, who gave the invocation and to Bill McLeod, 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. Paul Philpot was a guest of Bill McLeod. Wally Babbige was a guest of Aime Spears.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Mike Ratliff and Jaclyn Adams.

Bill extended the Club's sympathy to Scott Hummel and his family over the recent loss of Scott's grandmother.

Scott then conducted the drawing for today's raffle prize. The prize was a "signed" John Grisham book donated by Mike Ratliff. New member Mike Bonnett was the winner.

Jennifer Payne came forward to thank those who volunteered to assist in this year's wine tasting event as well as the sponsors. It appears this year's event will generate almost as much net income as last year's event. The Club recognized Jennifer Payne and Jaclyn Adams for their tremendous efforts to make this year's event a success.

Jaclyn Adams then announced that the board is recommending the club reduce plans for a Christmas party to a come and go event with light or devours with the money saved from the event to be donated to two charities of the member's choice. A ballot was distributed for members to make their two charitable choices. There was a brief discussion about donating the entire annual holiday events budget to the charities. The consensus was to reserve some of the budgeted item for later in the year.

Bill announced that Scholarship Committee Chair John McDaniels has resigned and that new member Mike Bonnette has agreed to accept that position for the remainder of year.

Walley Weakly announced that December 15 is the deadline for early registration to attend the Rotary International Conference to be held next year in New Orleans. He also reported on a District wide dinner that is being hosted in New Orleans for the Rotary International president. Anyone interested in attending should see Walley.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Kristy Gould then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker Jerry DeFatta. Jerry currently serves as the Southern Mississippi Alumni Association's Executive Director. Jerry thanked the club for the opportunity and reminded members that the Alumni Association and the Hattiesburg Rotary Club share a common denominator; Powell Ogletree. He noted that both organizations benefited greatly from Powell's involvement.

Recently USM opened the new Trent Lott Center and the new freshman dormitory, Century Park. Jerry says both facilities give USM that "wow" factor that the campus has needed for some time. The new dorm has a central common area and four housing units complete with private bath areas and washing machines that text the students when their laundry is ready. In the near future the new parking garage will be opened. Jerry says the garage will provide welcome relief to the parking situation but with the growth the campus is currently experiencing, he does not expect the new garage to eliminate the parking problems.

On the planning table for the near future is a new business school facility. Immediately after that initiative is achieved plans are to move forward with a new nursing school facility.

Jerry provided members with the highlights of USM's 100th birthday celebration that has been going on throughout the year. He acknowledged Rotarian Jennifer Payne for the three years she devoted to making this year a success. He also noted that it is likely that the annual homecoming parade may be permanently located in the downtown area as it was many years ago. He noted the success of the downtown parade this year.

Regarding the budget, Jerry says everything, including enrollment and private giving, are up with the exception of the budget. Unfortunately, budgets cuts are the norm these days in higher education. Dr. Saunders commissioned a group in 2008 to look at a variety of ways to address the looming budget crisis. That group identified 111 cost savings areas for the university. To date, 25% have been enacted. Jerry noted that the group discovered that about 90% of all USM students were involved in 40% of the programs.

Bill thanked Jerry for speaking today and closed the meeting with our motto "Service Above Self".

TODAY'S PROGRAM

BIO OF DAN KIBODEAUX

Dan Kibodeaux is the Executive Director of the United Way of Southeast Mississippi and serves to support 21 non-profit agencies in Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties. Before assuming that position in 2004, he was an Assistant Manager with the Social Security Administration in Hattiesburg for 17 years. He served with United Way's Board of Directors and its Funds Distribution Committee for several years before becoming the agency director. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. He has served in various volunteer roles as a member of Parkway Heights United Methodist Church. He serves on the Board of the Greater Pinebelt Community Foundation. Dan and his wife, Vicki, are the parents of four children.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

We will be at the Sam's, located on Hwy. 98. If you are unable to make your shift please contact Maura or Richard Topp, who are in charge of organizing volunteers.

TIME	Dec 4 th	Dec 11 th
10-12	Mary Cromartie 601-297-8280	Wally Weakley 601-297-5114
	Mike Ratliff 601-270-9679	Perrin Lowrey 601-942-9456
12-2	Robert Cornett 601-310-3065	Bill McLeod/Jacklyn Adams 601-310-3065
	Aaron Ladner	Maura McLaughlin
2-4	David Owens/Dan Kibodeaux 601-270-2026	Scott Hummel 601-466-6156
	Robert Cummings 601-307-4634	Amie Spears 601-812-8066
4-6	Chris Price 601-818-8576	Steve Ramp 601-466-8446
	Conrad Welker 601-520-5829	Robert Holland 601-329-3790
6-8	Richard Topp 601-520-7421	Joe Meador 601-264-3848
	Jerry Buti	Sted McCollough 251-752-1150



The Host Organization Committee Chair Subhash Kulkarni has the pleasure of hosting a dinner honoring
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
Ray Klingensmith
 Saturday, December 18, 2010
 6:30 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.
 The New Orleans Marriott at the Convention Center
 River Bend Ballroom
 859 Convention Center Boulevard • New Orleans, Louisiana
 Choice of Menu • \$35.00 per person (inclusive of tax & gratuity)
 Cash Bar
 Dress is Business Casual
Let The Good Times Roll ~ Again!

RSVP: By Friday, December 10, 2010 to 504-687-3100 or rs@rotaryneworleans.com with your choice of entree. Please make checks to RI Convention New Orleans 2011 and mail to P.O. Box 70720, Metairie, LA 70003. The Marriott has offered a \$29.00 (plus tax) per night rate for those who wish to stay overnight; call 504-613-2000 to make reservations. Discounted Special Event Value Parking at \$10.00.

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Please join us for
The Rotary Holiday Social
Southern Oaks
Tuesday night, Dec. 14th
6pm - 7pm
Light Refreshments with a
Cash Bar

In lieu of our regular sit down dinner we voted last week to donate \$500.00 each to Shop for Seniors & The Angel Tree Program.

We plan to present these groups with their gift at the party.

No lunch meeting 12/14

