

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov 9 Ronald Schwartz, M.D., C.P.I.
- Nov 16 11:15 am RIC Committee Meeting
- Nov 16 Speaker TBA
- 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 a Southern Living Annual Holiday Book and New Orleans Chocolate Praline cake were donated by Aime Spears. Winners were Tom Montgomery & Evan Dillard. 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	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	<b>CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</b>
Tuesday, 11/30	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- 8 Tickets \$50

Members Needed to Donate Items for Silent auction And to help at the Event

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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2010-2011

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*President-Elect*

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*Executive Secretary*

WES BROOKS  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Past President:  
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Term Expiring - June 30, 2012  
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District Website [www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org) - Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



## MINUTES FROM 11/02/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Allen Anderson, who gave the invocation and to Gene Owens, 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. Anthony Harris visited from the Columbia Rotary Club and Mike Bonnette was a guest of Wes Brooks.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Kris King and Jennifer Payne.

Bill introduced today's guest speaker, Barbara Mauldin. Barbara is a member of the Petal Rotary Club, she has also served 4 times as District Treasurer. She has recently been elected to serve as the District 6840 Governor for 2013-2014. She joined Rotary International in 1989 and has served as Petal Rotary President twice. She graduated Magna cum Laude at the Univ. of MS School of Dentistry. She has practiced general dentistry since 1984 with her office in Petal.

Barbara is very excited about the Rotary International Convention coming to the U.S., but especially to our own "back-yard" New Orleans, LA. Planning has been in the works since 2005 because this convention was supposed to be held in 2007, but Hurricane Katrina put a halt to those plans. Barbara presented a short promotional film about having a convention in New Orleans. The theme is "Let the Good Times Roll - Again". The film showed how New Orleans will be a great place to invite our international Rotarian friends. Barbara said that District 6840 and other districts are helping with the convention planning, but we are the hosts and are inviting our friends from around the world. We must be involved in every way.

Numerous fellowships and events will be offered at the convention. Anything you ever wanted to know about Rotary, you will be able to find out if you attend. When you register, you will select from many different events, such as the Sounds of the South Concert, French Quarter Dining Experience, or an evening of fun at the Aquarium of the Americas. R.I. is offering a full one-day pass to the House of Friendship for only \$40. You may register for the convention online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) - just click under the steamboat logo. Register by December 15th and pay only \$300. The price goes up after that.

While Barbara knows that not everyone will be able to attend the entire four-day weekend, she does expect every area Rotarian to volunteer in some way. Even if you work for only 1-2 hours, anything will help make this convention a success. Please register online to volunteer. This is the only chance America will have to host the R.I. Convention for the next seven years; when Atlanta will host one in 2017. Bill thanked Barbara for her presentation with a small token. He reminded members that Suzy Steen is the 2011 RI Convention Chair.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bill then introduced all of the Committee Chairs:

Jennifer Payne and Jaclyn Adams co-chair the Social Committee which is currently working on the Wine-Tasting event. They have sold 1/2 the available tickets and need to sell out the event! They also need more members volunteering to help at this function, Don't forget you can still buy tickets for the ring raffle, for which you can choose to be billed directly for if that is easier. So far, they have received \$1,950 in sponsorships, but their goal is to reach \$2,500. There are three sponsorship levels - \$100, \$250, and \$500. They also hope to raise about \$5k at the silent auction the night of the event. The event is open to non-rotarians. There will be an early preview of auction items to offer members an opportunity to pre-bid on items.

Scott Hummel chairs the Foundation Committee. So far the weekly raffles have raised about \$700, with proceeds going to the Foundation and Polio Plus. He reminded members that the Rotary Foundation does so much to help impact and support the programs of RI and local projects like Reading

Between the Lions, RYLA Scholarships, Polio Plus, Water Project, etc. 50% of all donations to the Foundation help causes around the world and the other 50% comes right back to our local district. One-third of our club members have committed to be Sustaining Memberships (\$100 per year) this year. Scott said he feels that every Rotarian should be an annual Sustaining Member. You can write a check any time or you can be directly billed for it. Scott then drew two winning raffle tickets - Tom Montgomery was the winner of the Southern Living Cookbook and Evan Dillard was the winner of a home-made New Orleans Double Chocolate Praline Fudge cake. Both prizes were generously donated by Aime Spears.

Robert Cummings is the Membership Committee Chair. He stated that we must continually recruit and develop new potential members into great Rotarians. The process is that a prospective member is proposed, recommended, approved, and published twice in the Spokes. The goal is to gain more members, but Robert feels like it's more important to have quality members who will serve in great capacities. Currently we have 118 active members.

Mike Ratliff represented the Kollege of Knowledge Committee. A session was held this morning, and we have four new graduates who have earned their Blue-Badge status. Please congratulate Tracie Fowler, Chris Price, Allen Smithers, and Stedmann McCollough.

Erik Graham co-chairs the Reading Between the Lions program with Dan Kibodeaux. Erik mentioned that this literacy project is based off of a cartoon that is produced in Jackson, MS. The program is excellent because pre-school-aged children are read to at daycares where they don't focus on reading. The children are evaluated prior to and at the end of the year. Evaluations are then studied to see the progress of the children. Please volunteer to read. You will enjoy it as much as the children!

Greg Buie spoke about the Night-in-Italy event that will be held in April, 2011. It is a nice spaghetti dinner fundraiser, with most of the proceeds going to benefit the Children's Center for Language and Development at USM. The event will once again be held at Southern Oaks. It was a great success this year, and he expects the same next time. This is one event that requires every rotarian to get involved.

John McDaniel chairs the Scholarship Committee. Bill McLeod read his submitted report, as he was not in attendance. This committee is actively working on the goals of the scholarship programs for the Hattiesburg Rotary, which includes: the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Grover B. Anderson Scholarship, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Scholarships (RYLA). They are also planning two club programs that show club members what the Ambassadorial Scholarships do to change lives, provide international scholarship and promote international fellowship through world peace.

Aime Spears chairs the Public Relations Committee. She said their main focus is to inform members of the Rotary Club, also members of the community. We want everyone to know how Rotary helps, benefits, and supports so many causes. She asked for any volunteers that can help on occasion, such as writing articles for the paper. Jared Eastlack is also developing a Facebook page.

The Salvation Army's "Ring of the Bell" program is chaired by Richard Topp. Our club is scheduled to ring the Christmas bells on December 4th and December 11th in front of Sam's Club in Hattiesburg. It will begin at 10am and end at 8pm. Please contact Richard to sign up for one 2-hour block of time. Each person will have a partner.

Bill made several announcements: Next Tuesday, November 9th, we will be electing new officers for 2011-2012, so please make every effort to attend. On December 14th, there will be NO luncheon, but the Christmas Social is held that evening. Bill thanked Erin and Dennis Granberry for hosting the GSE Team dinner and also thanked Aime and others for decorating today's luncheon in a Mardi Gras theme. Bill then adjourned the meeting with our motto: Service above Self.

## 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.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



### BIOGRAPHY

Ronald L. Schwartz, M.D., C.P.I.



Ronald L. Schwartz, M.D., C.P.I., is the director and principal investigator at the Neurological Research Center at Hattiesburg Clinic.

Dr. Schwartz graduated from Columbia University, in New York City with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and attended medical school at Albany Medical College, in Albany, N.Y. He completed his neurology residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y., where he also served as chief resident in Neurology. Dr. Schwartz completed a fellowship in behavioral neurology at the University of Florida.

Dr. Schwartz is board-certified in neurology. He maintains sub-specialty certification in behavioral neurology/neuropsychiatry (United Council for Neurological Subspecialties). Dr. Schwartz is a certified physician investigator (Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators). He has been actively involved in clinical research since 1994.

Dr. Schwartz joined Hattiesburg Clinic in 2005.



## 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. If you have any questions or concerns about those proposed for membership, please see Robert Cummings.

### 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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE WINE TASTING AND SILENT AUCTION

We are in need of volunteers to sign up to help the night of the Wine Tasting. There is a sign-up sheet on each table. If you don't see the sign-up sheet you can contact Jaclyn Adams or Jennifer Payne via phone or email to offer your help. Thanks to all those who have already offered and all the business sponsors!