

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 19 GSE Team Visit - Joint Meeting
Petal and Sunrise Club
- Oct 25 Rotary Board Meeting
6:00 Bill McLeod's House
- Oct 26 Christian Women's Job Corps
- Nov 2 10:30 am Kollege of Knowledge
For all New Red Badge Members
- Nov 19 Wine Tasting & Silent Auction



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. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please see Scott. We have great prizes, so far, so don't forget to bring a few dollars to have a chance to win!

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS.....

the friends and family of Dr. Annie Wimbish. Annie's brother Johnnie Richardson passed away last week. Annie sent us a note: "If you would like to go on line to Fisher & Watkins Funeral Home and look at obituaries, see Johnnie Richardson, Jr. and there's a beautiful photo of my brother when he was healthy and a brief obituary. Please know just how much the emails, calls, thoughts and prayers have meant to us."

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Tuesday or Friday mornings to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers.

The Gandy Child Development Center is located at:
The Family Y - Veterans Memorial Blvd. 601-268-0808
Sign up to read on Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30am.

Read to the children about 20-30 minutes.



email Dan Kibodeaux to sign up
dan@Unitedwaysems.org
or call 601-545-7141

Rotary Leadership Academy

The Rotary Leadership Academy focuses on many key business leadership skills. Rotarians as well as community leaders may be nominated to apply for this conference. See Wally Weakley for details. Deadline to apply is this week. Registration fee is \$75 and requires 4 Saturdays, including this Saturday, 10/23. It will be held in Long Beach, MS. For more details visit www.rotary6840.org/forms.

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

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 may donate Silent auction items
For more information contact
Jaclyn Adams or Jennifer Payne

Reading Volunteers

| Date | Volunteer | Volunteer |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Friday, 10/1 9:30am | Audra Cummings Sean Priebe | Aime Spears Jerome Brown |
| Tuesday, 10/5 9:30am | Brian Moore | David Johnson |
| Friday, 10/8 9:30am | Robert Cummings | Maura McLaughlin |
| Tuesday, 10/12 9:30am | Janice Touchstone | David Johnson |
| Friday, 10/15 9:30am | Andrea Hood | Patrick Ward |
| Tuesday, 10/19 9:30am | Scott Hummel David Johnson | Jaclyn Adams |
| Friday, 10/22 9:30am | Sted McCollough | |
| Tuesday, 10/26 9:30am | NO READING TODAY | NO READING TODAY |
| Friday, 10/29 9:30am | NO READING TODAY | NO READING TODAY |
| Tuesday, 11/2 9:30am | | |

Looking for Rotary International 2011 Convention Information?

District Website www.rotary6840.org - Rotary International www.rotary.org



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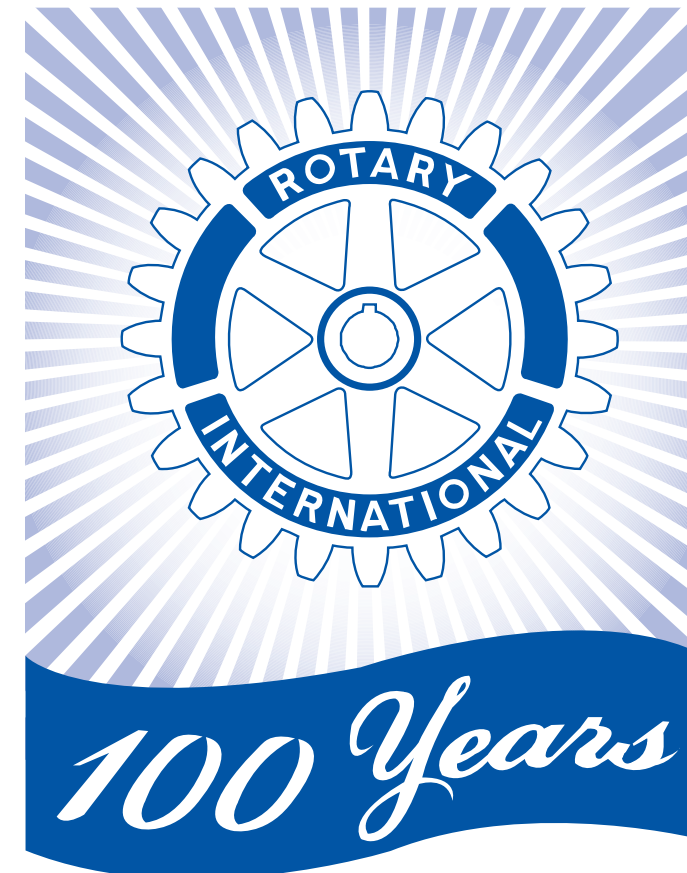
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 10/05/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Mary Cromartie, who gave the invocation and to Ric Courts, 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. Ken West visited from the Petal Rotary Club. Mike Bonnette was a guest of Wes Brooks. Chad Cain and Taylor Backstrom came with Jaclyn Adams. Mike Ratliff brought Troy Daniels, and Maura McLaughlin brought her guest, Melissa Phelps.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Brian Moore and Chris Price.

After Wes shared his "thought for the day", Bill announced that Maura's daughter, Delaney, is now out of the hospital and doing much better. Bill announced that the Nominating Committee will meet in his office on Tuesday, October 12th at noon.

In today's "Member Highlight", Mr. James Duncan introduced a little about himself. He was born and raised in Fordyce, Arkansas (the same town that infamous coach Paul "Bear" Bryant was born and raised). He served time in the military and then attended college at Mississippi State where he earned his degree in computer business. He and his wife raised two sons who are both in the medical field, and they now have five grandchildren. They are active members of the First Presbyterian Church. James joined Rotary in 1979 and absolutely loves being a member and enjoys the people, the community, and the service projects.

Please remember there is NO luncheon meeting on Tuesday, October 12th. This is due to our District Governor, Dick McCarthy, asking all district clubs to forgo a meeting and sending all proceeds to District 6840.

Brian Moore came forward for today's Rotary Foundation raffle drawing. Mary Cromartie was the winner of today's prize, donated by Scott Byrd. Mary won two tickets to a William Carey dinner/theatre production. Members are encouraged to supply products and services to be used in the weekly raffle. All proceeds are donated directly to the Rotary Foundation.

Jaclyn Adams announced the Wine Tasting event is set for November 19th. Silent Auction items are still needed. The tickets will go on sale beginning Tuesday, October 19th.

Dan Kibodeaux brought sign-up sheets for the Reading Between the Lions program. Since there is no meeting next week, he encouraged you to sign up twice today.

Mike Ratliff reminded members that the GSE Team will be at our October 19th luncheon. There will be a joint meeting between our Club, the Sunrise Club and the Petal Club while the GSE Team visits. Please make every effort to attend this meeting!

Mike then put a spotlight on the life and career of Rotarian, Dr. Milam Cotten. Dr. Cotten became a Rotary member in 1970. He has served in so many capacities as a Rotarian, from Club President to District Governor. He received several Rotarian awards, such as "Distinguished Service Award". Dr. Cotten has 18 family members recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

Dr. Cotten has also had an acclaimed career as an eye-care

professional and leading eye surgeon, both at home and abroad in places like Africa and Brazil. The Hattiesburg Rotary Club members gave Dr. Cotten a standing ovation.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dan Kibodeaux introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. William Dodson, Ph.D. Dr. Dodson was the superintendent of the Pearl School District at the time of the infamous school shooting on October 1, 1997 by student Luke Woodham. Dan said there was an article in the Hattiesburg American newspaper about Dr. Dodson because of the 13-year anniversary.

Dr. Dodson said that since the shooting, he has spoken at schools all across the country, but he really didn't understand the real problem behind the incident. After ten years, several interviews, and lots of research, he pieced it all together and wrote a book entitled "If Only I Had Known; A True Story". This book tells why he believes this act of violence and many more like it are committed. We all make the mistake of thinking that it can't happen to our schools; as he never thought it could happen to his. He called Luke Woodham a "random actor", who acts in very unpredictable ways. The signs are usually there, but teachers and students need to identify these signs and report them. His book helps to explain the signs to look for, such as animal cruelty, threats given in advance by the perpetrator, and feeling alone and desperate.

Dr. Dodson believes that there is nothing more important than having a SAFE school. This is more important than academics, costs, sports, etc. If your child isn't safe in school, then nothing else matters. He wrote this book to educate the country about identifying children in crisis and getting involved before it is too late. Many policies about bullying and other issues have changed over the last thirteen years, but there is still much more to be done.

Bill thanked Dr. Dodson and presented him with a token of appreciation. He then adjourned the meeting with our motto: Service above Self.

1260 GSE TEAM - ENGLAND

BIOGRAPHIES OF GSE TEAM MEMBERS

GSE TEAM LEADER: PAMELA BURNS

Pamela has had both an interesting and unusual career spanning both the Public and Private sectors.

She began her working life teaching Psychology and working on Behavioral Modification programmes in Youth Offender Institutions. She then worked with senior personnel from the National Health Service and Fast Track Government Executives on Leadership and Management programmes and with the Governments of the Republics of Czech and Slovakia. Later followed positions as Vice Principal in Colleges of Further Education and working with the Department of Education developing Education Policy and working with the Government on their Equal Opportunities and Diversity agenda

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WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 1260 GSE TEAM

GSE TEAM LEADER: PAMELA BURNS continued..

Pamela then moved into the Private sector and her roles have included: Managing Director; Chief Executive and a consultant working with large national and international organisations. Pamela now works as an interim, using her experience to help organisations who need support in taking their businesses onto the next stage of development. She particularly enjoys working on Organisational Development and Change Management programmes specifically working with staff to minimise vulnerabilities and maintaining motivation at times of great uncertainties.

Pamela has been in Rotary for 15years and her hobbies include playing tennis, car boot sales and antique fayres. If she's feeling rich, she can be found at antique fayres, if she's feeling poor she can be found at car boot sales....she can be frequently found at car boots!

She has two grown up children. Her son is 36 yrs old and her daughter is 33yrs old

NEVILLE HANKS

Neville has been involved with legal matters for most of his life, initially whilst studying for his Law degree and working as a paralegal and then moving to the sharp end of the business as a police officer in Hertfordshire.

During his 8 year career he has worked in several roles, both uniformed roles as a Beat Officer and Riot Commander and plain-clothed roles working as part of a drugs team. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2006 and worked within the Criminal Investigation Department CID. In his current role as Intelligence Manager, Neville is responsible for the review, assessment and dissemination of intelligence submitted by officers and members of the public. Much of this work is very sensitive and with careful handling, contributes significantly to the strategic priorities for crime reduction and public reassurance. Neville is very calm in a crisis, and good at spotting simple solutions to problems that other people sometimes overlook.

Neville has been both a fitness instructor and lifeguard. He has completed several physical challenges recently including running a sub-four hour marathon and the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, the latter accompanied by his dog George. Amongst his other achievements Neville passed his Inspectors exam at the first attempt but is most proud of having built a play house for his children in his garden in Shillington.

Neville is 32, married to Amy with two children Ronnie 4yrs and Nell 2yrs. Despite both Amy and Neville working full time, his first priority is family life and sharing as much time as possible with his children who both really appreciate his attempts at fatherhood.

KATE LANG

Kate is a Regeneration Officer within the Hemel 2020 Team at Dacorum Borough Council, which is also her own Local Authority. She is committed to taking forward an exciting package of regeneration and development projects which will deliver real change within her hometown of Hemel Hempstead.

The Hemel 2020 Vision is about enhancing quality of life, providing more homes, creating new businesses and employment opportunities and improving the environment. It covers all parts of Hemel Hempstead, from residential areas to neighbourhood centres and key employment areas. Together with the Hemel 2020 Team, Kate is making sure that Hemel Hempstead continues to prosper and thrive as a modern town well into the second half of the 21st Century and beyond.

Kate has worked for Dacorum Borough Council for eight years. Prior to her current role, she was Housing Enabling Manager, responsible for developing, identifying, pursuing and delivering affordable housing opportunities within the Borough.

Kate is 30 yrs old, married to Ricky and her interest include reading, cooking, exercising, travelling and Molly, her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

HAYDON LITTLEWOOD

After leaving college, Haydon pursued a career in sport and leisure and worked as a fitness instructor, lifeguard and a personal trainer. In 2001, he began to look for a career change and luckily found the Fire and Rescue Service. (FRS)

Since joining the Fire and Recue Service, he has studied and successfully qualified in many areas relating to FRS and although he thoroughly enjoys all aspects of his role, the area he is most interested in, is Community Safety.

Whilst working in the Fire Service, he also trained to be a teacher and works part time in a college of Further Education teaching Health and Fitness on a Public Services Programme.

In his spare time, he is very sport orientated and enjoys keeping fit. Motorcycles are also a keen interest and he enjoys riding out on a summer's day. His 6yr old son Toby also keeps him busy playing football and computer games!

Haydon is 32 years old, lives in Dunstable, Bedfordshire and is from a large family with 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Natalie Sullivan

Nat studied Scenic Arts BA (hons) degree at Rose Bruford College. During this time she was given the opportunity to develop her skills in Project Management and was voted onto the Student Union.

She now works as a Business Improvement District Ranger. This involves interacting with members of the public, local businesses, statutory agencies, special events promoters and participants, enhancing the public realm by acting as 'eyes and ears' on the streets and responding to all matters affecting the quality of the environment.

As a Ranger, Nat has played an integral part of setting up a commercial waste recycling programme which initially started with cardboard collections and is now an ever expanding project.

Nat is 23yrs is an active person and plays for her local hockey team and sits on the Executive Committee as their Youth Representative. She has recently started training with the local ladies rugby team.