

## MINUTES FROM 10/13/09

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Steve Ramp gave the invocation. Bill Hughes led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gene Winters then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test song.

Gene Owens recognized today's guests. Sam Alman was a guest of Richard Topp. Jared Eastlack was a guest of Janice Touchstone. Michael Milner was a guest of Allen Anderson. Richard Jones also had a guest.

Bill McLeod, membership committee chair recognized the twenty-four members who had perfect attendance for the month of September. He also inducted three new members; Betsy Rowell, Sean Priebe and Vickie Shaw. They were welcomed into the club by the membership.

Erik Graham reported that reader recruitment for the Reading Between the Lions project will begin soon. He also reported that the golf tournament plans are moving along. He recognized and thanked the sponsors. Additional hole-sponsorships are needed if any member is interested.

Jaclyn Adams reported that the wine tasting event is almost a complete sellout. She also thanked the sponsors who are supporting the event.

Jerry Gilder gave members a classification talk. Jerry obtained his original degree in Civil Engineering. After that he went into the military service. In 1977 he graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School. He began his Hattiesburg practice in the 1980's. He and his wife of forty-two years have two children.

Wallace Weakley asked member to consider volunteering to assist with the Rotary International conference that will be held in New Orleans, LA in 2011. Anyone interested in helping should see Wallace before December

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Erik Graham then introduced today's guest speaker, Jennifer Payne, the Centennial Celebration coordinator for the University of Southern Mississippi.

According to Jennifer USM began by legislative action as Mississippi Normal College in 1910. In 1924 the City of Hattiesburg was the highest bidder for the location of the college. Hattiesburg beat out Laurel and Jackson for the college location. The Hattiesburg bid included \$250,000 and assistance with land acquisition. The university began with 120 acres of harvested timberland.

The name changed to the State Teachers College and remained by that name until 1940. It offered a two-year teachers certification program. In 1928 the college obtained accreditation. Beginning in 1942 the college had a close relationship with the military, as evidenced in some of the campus' architectural designs. The location of Camp Shelby was critical to the war efforts during World War II. The institution had another name change and became Mississippi Southern College. Finally in 1962 another name change occurred and the College became the University of Southern Mississippi.

Jennifer invited club members to participate in the year-long centennial celebration that will begin in January, 2010. There will be fine arts programming, sporting events, the unveiling of a new museum feature. Founders Day will be celebrated on March 30.

For more information and a detailed schedule of events visit [www.usm.edu/centennial](http://www.usm.edu/centennial).

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

Bio of Jeff Haydel

Jeff Haydel is a Cisco Systems Engineer with over ten years of experience in the IT industry. He is currently both a Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) and a Certified Wireless Security Professional (CWSP) and holds numerous other certifications at both the associate and professional levels. Jeff has been with TekLinks for over three years as a systems engineering consultant and focuses on wireless projects and network deployments for all sizes of business. Prior to working for TekLinks, Jeff worked as a Senior Systems Engineer at Mississippi State University where he also received his degree in computer engineering. Jeff lives in Hattiesburg with his wife Judy and two sons Sam and Henry

**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....** has proposed for membership Audra Saunders and Brian Moore of Bancorp South. Please welcome our newest members that were inducted last week, Betsy Rowell, Sean Priebe and Vickie Shaw.

If you have any questions about those proposed for membership please see a board member.

### IMPORTANT DATES

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Oct 20</b> | <b>Jeff Haydle - Wireless Network Specialist</b>  |
| <b>Oct 27</b> | <b>Dr. Martha Saunders</b>  |
| <b>Oct 30</b> | <b>Rotary Golf Tournament -Shadow Ridge 11:30 am<br/>with cookout to follow around 4 pm, for all members and families</b> |

**Missed Meetings:** One of the obligations of Rotary members is to attend meetings. If you miss our meeting you can make up at any of the locations listed below. When you sign in the next week you should write MG on the sign in sheet so Lamar will credit you for that meeting.

You can also makeup meetings online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**Night In Italy assessment:** You will notice a \$50 charge on your next 3 Rotary invoices.

We are paying in advance for the 2010 Night in Italy tickets.

If you have any questions about this please see Lamar or a board member.

### Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

| <i>Monday</i>              | <i>Tuesday</i>          | <i>Wednesday</i>                | <i>Thursday</i>            |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bay Springs - 12:00        | Columbia - 12:00        | Clinton - 12:00                 | Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00  |
| City Hall                  | The Backdoor Restaurant | Baptist Health Plex             | Steam Room Grill 155 N     |
| Bolton - 7:30              | Flowood - 12:00         | Gluckstadt - 12:00              | Jackson                    |
| Methodist Church           | River Oaks Hospital     | Parker House Restaurant         | Taylorsville - 12:00       |
| Collins - 12:00            | Laurel - 12:00          | Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00      | MS Power Co. Building      |
| Cedars Restaurant          | Laurel Country Club     | Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria | Wiggins - 12:00            |
| Ellisville - 12:00         | North Jackson - 12:00   | Heidelberg - 12:00              | Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria  |
| J.C.J.C. Cafeteria         | St. James               | Library                         |                            |
| Jackson - 12:00            | Episcopal Church        | Poplarville - 12:00             |                            |
| MS Museum of Art           |                         | Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria      | <i>Friday</i>              |
| Lucedale - 12:00           |                         | Richton - 12:00                 | Rankin County - 12:00      |
| MS Gulf Coast Community    |                         | Magnolia Restaurant             | Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex |
| College Cafeteria          |                         | Waynesboro - 12:00              | Slidell, LA - 12:00        |
| Petal - 12:00              |                         | Western Sizzlin                 | Pinewood Country Club      |
| Civic Center               |                         | Prentiss - 12:00                |                            |
| South Hinds County - 12:00 |                         | Country Fisherman               |                            |
| BoDons Catfish & Seafood   |                         |                                 |                            |



**EVENTS FOR THE HATTIESBURG ROTARY CLUB**

With the dedication and hard work of Jaclyn Adams, Jennifer Payne, Mary Cromartie and several volunteers the First Annual Wine Tasting was a tremendous success.

The ticket sales and silent auction raised  
**\$8,418.52**



Thanks to all those who helped, came out and worked to support this event.

**Hattiesburg Rotary  
Annual Golf Tournament  
with BBQ Social**

**Shadow Ridge Golf Club**

**October 30, 2009**

**11:30 registration**

**12:30 shotgun start**

**TITLE SPONSOR:  
Dr, Ted Harden, Jr  
Optometrist**

**PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR:  
Forrest General Hospital**

**Bring the family out for the  
BBQ after the tournament  
ends.**



**Space walk,  
food and fun!**

**We need players and  
sponsors**

**\$65 per player  
(four players per team)**

**\$100 tee sign sponsor**

**Driving range sponsor  
\$250**

**Tee box sign \$100**

**See Erik Graham, Robert  
Cummings, or Todd Bradley for  
more information.**

**New Orleans Convention  
Organizing Committee Seeks  
Hosts for Fellowship Event**

The 2011 RI Convention includes four evening fellowship/social events. Three of the four are sponsored and organized by Rotary International.

Rotarians and local Rotary clubs are encouraged to sponsor and organize the fourth event, called Host Hospitality night and will be held on the Monday evening of the convention.

Host Hospitality night is an RI convention tradition offering a memorable opportunity for registrants to have dinner and an evening of hospitality and fellowship. The event can be as small or as large, as simple or as extravagant, as the hosts design.

We are asking for all interested Rotarians and Rotary clubs to fill out the preliminary interest form at [www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org). And to provide the name and contact information of a person to serve as a contact liaison with the Host Hospitality committee. Send the info to Neil Alford.

Plans need to be coordinated for this event now. We would appreciate it if you could confirm your plans to participate by December 30, 2009. Your kind consideration of this request is appreciated. Any questions, please contact:  
Neil Alford, PDG District 6840  
Host Hospitality Committee  
[neil@alfordlegal.com](mailto:neil@alfordlegal.com)

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