

MINUTES FROM 10/19/09

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Scott Hummel gave the invocation. Johnny Stevens led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gene Winters then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test song.

Freddy reported that we have no visiting Rotarians. Charles Greer bought his son as a visitor. Freddy then recognized and awarded members who are wearing their Rotary pins. Find yours and put it on for a treat at next Tuesday's meeting.

Thanks to Bill MacLaughlin who served as our greeter today.

Erik Graham reported that reader recruitment for the Reading Between the Lions project will begin next week. He also reported that the golf tournament plans are moving along. He recognized and thanked the sponsors. If you want to put a team into the tournament and haven't registered, please do so in the very near future.

Jennifer Payne Jaclyn Adams were recognized and thanked for their efforts relating to the recent Wine Tasting event. More than \$8,000 was generated from this event. All of the net proceeds will be used to support Rotary service projects in the coming weeks and months. Thanks to all Rotarians who participated and helped make this a successful event.

It was reported that Joe Spell continues to mend. Additional tests are to be conducted and treatment options will be determined after the test results are back. Mary read a thank you note received from the Spell family for the plant sent by Rotary.

Two new members will be inducted in the coming months. Members are encouraged to recruit new and active members who wish to be involved in service to the community.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Erik Graham then introduced today's guest speaker, Jeff Haydel, a Cisco Systems Engineer with TechLinks.

Jeff presented club members with a great overview of the wireless technology that is use all around us. The wireless technology features that are currently on the market utilize radio frequencies and most of them transmit 54 megabytes per second. Today's

average laptop utilizes 1 watt in its wireless features. That compares to the 50,000 watts of some AM radio stations.


When you see a 3G or 4G network promotion, Jeff reports that the brand simply means what generation the product is. A 4G product is a fourth generation product and newer than the 3G product.

Why should today's office consider a wireless communication and data transfer system? Jeff says the systems are more affordable and much more mobile than the hard wired systems. A wireless system can travel with you when you move the office. A hard wired system will stay behind and those expenses will have to be incurred once again. He also notes that a wireless system is much more aesthetically pleasing than a system that has wires throughout the building and across floors.

As you leave the local drugstore your departure is being monitored by a RFID system. That's the system that beeps loudly when you leave and the clerk forgot to take the bar code tag off of your new shirt. These systems can and are being used in inventory control. As the customer departs the store with an item, the RFID system can record that departure and deduct it from your existing inventory. When you left the hospital with your newborn baby, they had to take the arm band off the child before you could leave. That armband could tell the nursing staff where the baby was at all times, another use of the RFID system.

Both indoor and outdoor wireless systems can be installed. These systems can tie your office phone to your cell phone as well as your laptop computers. In the future Jeff predicts smaller wireless components, much more user friendly features and much more consumer acceptability.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.... has proposed for membership Audra Saunders and Brian Moore. Please see a board member if you have any questions about those proposed.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 11:30
Teams still needed
Proceeds benefit
Reading Between the Lions
Literacy Program. See Erik or
Robert for applications.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Martha D. Saunders, Ph.D.,
President
The University of Southern Mississippi

Dr. Martha D. Saunders is the ninth president of The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She took office on May 21, 2007, continuing an illustrious career of higher-education leadership.

As the new president at Southern Miss, Dr. Saunders worked quickly to bring the campus together in a widely inclusive strategic planning process. Under her leadership, the university has identified four overarching areas of strategic emphasis including (1) a climate for academic success, (2) an enhanced national image, (3) stronger connections with the community and (4) a culture of healthy minds, bodies and campuses. She and campus officials are actively planning events surrounding the university's 100th anniversary in 2010.

Dr. Saunders came to Southern Mississippi from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where she served as its first-ever female Chancellor. Prior to her appointment at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, she was vice president for academic affairs at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia.

She previously held the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of West Florida (UWF), where she earned the rank of tenured professor of communication. At UWF, she also worked as Director of the University Honors Program.

Throughout her 30-year career in higher education, Dr. Saunders has taught thousands of students. Her philosophy of education follows three simple guiding principles: know your students, connect them to bigger things and set a good example.

Dr. Saunders' training and experience in the field of communication led to numerous publications on crisis communication and public relations; widely anthologized published speeches; and the Public Relations Society of America's highest national award for the "Just 2 It!" public safety communication campaign.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Saunders earned her B.A. in French from The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg; her M.A. in Journalism from the University of Georgia in Athens; and her Ph.D. in Communication Theory and Research from Florida State University in Tallahassee.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Oct 27 | Dr. Martha Saunders |
| Oct 30 | Rotary Golf Tournament -Shadow Ridge 11:30 am - BBQ 4:00 - Everyone Welcome! |
| Nov 3 | Senator Joey Fillengane |
| Nov 10 | Sandra Bender, Ph.D |
| Nov 17 | Dr. Alan Covin, Cardiologist |

Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 | Taylorville - 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 | Friday |
| 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 | | | |



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