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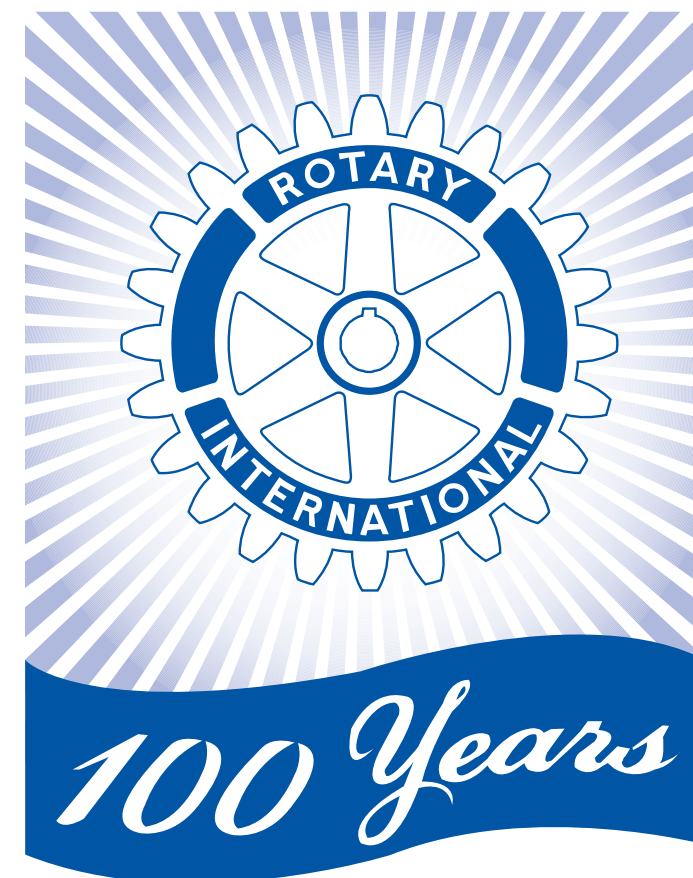
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MEETING OF October 28, 2008

Minutes from meeting of 10/21/08

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Freddy Walter gave the invocation and Annie Wimbish lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Topp welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

Jack Gay and Milton Wheeler visited from the Petal Club.

John Hutto was a guest of Wallace Weakley.

Tom Montgomery was a guest of Allen Anderson.

Richard Topp introduced returning member Elaine Temple from Bankcorp South.

The golf tournament is coming up on October 27 with a shotgun start at 12:30. Sign ups are encouraged for both players and sponsors. Jaclyn Adams has the sign-up sheet for the shotgun to be given away.

Richard Topp announced that the board meeting schedule for Monday, October 27, might be rescheduled due to the golf tournament.

LAST WEEK’S PROGRAM

The scheduled speaker, John Cox, was unable to attend the meeting. Richard Topp asked members to volunteer to give Classification Talks. The following Rotarians volunteered to give their classification talk:

Elaine Temple is a returning Rotarian. She manages the Equipment Finance Division of Bankcorp South.

Susan Morgan is the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Wesley Medical Center.

Ted Hardin is a new Rotarian. He attended the Citadel and is an optometrist in Hattiesburg. His wife is a dentist.

Catherine Smith is an attorney specializing in asbestos litigation across the U.S.

Jaclyn Adams is a branch manager with Hancock Bank – University Branch. She is married to a branch manager of Regions Bank.

THIS WEEK’S PROGRAM

Welcome to Tom Montgomery as our newest Rotary member. Tom was sponsored by Allen Anderson.

Last weeks scheduled speaker John Cox apologizes to all members and guests that he was unable to speak to Rotary and requests that he be invited back another time.

We would like to thank all Rotarians who helped with the Golf Tournament. It was a huge success because of everyone’s support!

Our Speakers Today are Jerry and Diane Shepherd.

Jerry and Diane Shepherd own and operate Main Street Books which they opened in November 2002 on Main Street in Hattiesburg. In 2006 they moved into a larger building across the street from their initial location.

Jerry was born and raised in Laurel. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Mississippi State in Education and served as an administrator in the Starkeville, Hattiesburg and Petal School Districts for over 30 years. Jerry now works part time at Petal Primary School as an assistant principal.

Diane was born in Mobile Alabama but has lived in Hattiesburg all her life. After graduating from the University of Southern Miss she worked at USM before opening the Book Store.

Their talk today will be focused on the eccentric Authors they have had at the Main Street Books for the many book signings they have held through the years.

**COMING IN NOVEMBER...
R3SM Project
WE ARE BUILDING A HOUSE!**

**Volunteers will have an opportunity
to help with some projects during
construction.**

**Look for more information soon from
Patrick Ward - Project Coordinator**

News from the District

Betty Gill, District Governor 2011-12



Betty is a member of the Rotary Club of Franklinton. She has been a Rotarian for twelve years, the first two in Bogalusa and the last ten in Franklinton. She currently serves her club as secretary/treasurer. Prior to that she served two consecutive terms as club president. On the District level, she serves as the Assistant Governor for the Heartland Territory, a position she has held since 2001 and in the past served as District Co-Trainer, a committee member of the District Leadership Development Committee and as a board member of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Last year, Betty was named as the Rotarian of the

Year for District 6840.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Mon 11/03 Rotary Board Meeting 5:30pm @ Richard Topp’s office

Tues 11/04 Election Day - Program to be announced

Tues 11/11 TBA

Tues 11/18 Jerry Wilkerson - Executive Dir. MS Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

Tues 11/25 Toby Barker - MS State Representative-Forrest County
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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 I55 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	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			