

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 5 Dr. William Dodson
- Oct 12 NO MEETING - Due to District Conference
- Oct 15th-16th District Conference, New Orleans
- Oct 19 GSE Team Visit - Joint Meeting
Petal and Sunrise Club
- 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!

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

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Get Your Raffle Tickets for only \$5

Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation



Drawing to be held at the 2011 District Conference

You don't need to be present to win!

See Robert Cummings for your tickets.
LAST DAY TO GET TICKETS IS TODAY!

Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

November 19, 2010 at 6:30 pm
at the Ogletree Alumni House
Sommelier Dr. Nagen Bellare

All proceeds will benefit Rotary programs promoting literacy, eradication of polio, and water projects

Individual Tickets \$40 - Couples \$75

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	
Friday, 10/8 9:30am	Robert Cummings	Maura McLaughlin
Tuesday, 10/12 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 10/15 9:30am	Andrea Hood	
Tuesday, 10/19 9:30am	Scott Hummel	Jaclyn Adams
Friday, 10/22 9:30am	Sted McCollough	
Tuesday, 10/26 9:30am		
Friday, 10/29 9:30am		

If you made up a meeting during the month, please mark "MG" on the sign in sheet so your attendance will be counted.

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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

MINUTES FROM 9/28/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave the invocation and Erik Graham, 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. Kim Bradley was a guest of Todd Bradley and Wes Curry was a guest of Robert Cummings.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Steve Ramp and Conrad Welker.

Bill announced that Maura McLaughlin's daughter, Delaney, is in the hospital. Also, Chris Price's mother just recently passed away. Please offer your support and prayers for these families.

Please make a note in your calendar that there will be NO luncheon meeting on Tuesday, October 12th. This is due to our District Governor, Dick McCarthy, asking all district clubs to forgo a meeting on this day and sending all proceeds to District 6840. The District Conference is also set for that weekend in New Orleans, Oct. 15th and 16th. On October 19th, we will have a joint meeting between our Club, the Sunrise Club and the Petal Club while the GSE Team visits. Excellent attendance is needed on the 19th! Please make every effort to come that day.

Jeri Buti spoke about Rotarian Magazine's October issue. He shared information from one of the articles entitled "One for the Road". It shows the readers how we can be successful at anything we set our minds to. Jeri encouraged all club members to read the monthly magazine, as he feels they will help improve your life.

Robert Cummings reminded members that the District Conference is only a couple of weeks away. Currently 12-14 members will be attending. There is still time to register if you would like to attend. Robert said there are great events scheduled that you wouldn't want to miss. He noted rooms are still available as well. He is still selling raffle tickets at only \$5 each for the District Fundraiser. He pointed out that ALL proceeds go to many charitable causes within our district, such as the Reading Between the Lions program. Lucy Parkman is coordinating the Food-Fest, so please see if she needs your assistance.

Betsy Rowell announced that there are several events happening in our city throughout October. "Live at Five", an outdoor music event, will be held at Town Square every Friday from 5pm-9pm throughout the month. Every Thursday at 12 noon, will be the "Brown Bag Lunch" at Fountain Park on Front Street with live music. And this weekend, Oct. 1st - 3rd, will be the Mobile Street Renaissance Festival, with blues music, arts & crafts, BBQ food, and other events.

Bill reminded members that attendance is an important part of being a Rotarian. Members are required to attend at least 50% of meetings every month. If you miss a luncheon, there are make-up opportunities, such as Reading Between the Lions, attending other club luncheons, doing online meetings, or attending any of the functions or events held. The important part you must remember to do is to record these make-up meetings on the sign-in sheets when you attend our luncheons, or email Lamar Evans at the management firm. Lamar records all attendance for a more accurate count. Email

Lamar at ceo@associationmanagement.us.

Scott Hummel came forward for today's Rotary Foundation raffle drawing. Wes Brooks was the winner of today's prize, generously donated by Janice Touchstone. Wes won a \$40 gift certificate to the Crescent City Restaurant. Members are encouraged to supply products and services to be used in the weekly raffle. All proceeds are donated directly to the Rotary Foundation.

Dan Kibodeaux brought sign-up sheets for the Reading Between the Lions program. He reminded members that reading to the children takes 30 minutes on a Tuesday or a Friday morning AND it counts as a make-up meeting.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Todd Bradley then introduced today's guest speaker, Dave Ware. Dave is the Vice-President of the Hattiesburg City Council. He is married and has four children who are active in several sports. He is also a full-time nurse anesthetist and an active coach for his kids sports teams.

Dave said he is happy to be serving on the City Council, because he is a part of a community that continually strives to move forward. Even in these hard economic times, they are finding ways to improve the city without burdening tax-payers. Dave touched on a few points of interest:

1. Sanitation issues: Over the last few years, rates kept rising several dollars at a time. They realized they could not continue to increase the rates, even though costs increased. They saw that they needed a more effective and innovative solution. After doing research, they found a very effective system used in Mobile, AL, which allows them to save money. Also, an automated meter reading system being used had not always been accurate. They recently found another system that they will begin to use instead.

2. This year's city budget showed a smaller amount leftover than expected. Instead of raising taxes, they looked through the expense list and went through each item, deleting the ones that were not necessary. They were able to increase the bottom line figure. Dave and the other councilmen do understand that if you increase taxes to the taxpayers, there will be less consumer spending.

3. Public Schools: all schools are going through budget cuts, but the city council realized that if they keep the 2011 budget the same as it was in 2010, there will not be any need for any tax increase. They requested the schools use their Rainy Day fund instead of increasing taxes.

It is the duty of elected government leaders to hear the voice of the people who are saying "enough is enough". Everyone is tired of higher taxes and not having enough money to take care of their families. Leaders are responsible not only for current times, but for the future as well. Dave always welcomes input from city resident; after all, he serves on the council to represent your interest. The economy is suffering, but our city is positioning itself for the future. Please visit his website at: www.daveware.net.

Bill thanked Dave for all he does for our city and presented him with a token of appreciation. He then adjourned the meeting with our motto: Service above Self.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio of Dr. William Dodson

William Dodson, Superintendent of Education for Pearl Public Schools from 1982-2000, first served as coach and history teacher in the schools of Corinth, Tunica and Vicksburg Public Schools. His administrative career started in the Greenville Public Schools where he served as assistant principal for three years and principal for ten years before going to Pearl as superintendent. During his career he remained active in many professional organizations and affiliations. Among those were, Mississippi School Boards Association, Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, Mississippi Association of Secondary Administrators, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of School Administrators, Council of Public Schools, and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. His honors include the Golden Lamp Award- Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Distinguished Service Award- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Mississippi Superintendent of Year, Administrator of the Year- Mississippi Association of

Student Councils, Community Service Award—Pearl Chamber of Commerce and the Visionary Leadership Award—Mississippi State University. Dr. Dodson served as state president of the following organizations: MASS, MASA, CPS, SACS plus three local civic organizations at sites of employment: Jaycees, Lions and Rotary Clubs and the Pearl Chamber of Commerce.

In his role as Superintendent his schools received many state and national awards including two National Blue Ribbon School Awards plus level five ratings for both secondary schools. He prided himself in promoting a balanced academic and extracurricular program. All areas excelled in top ratings especially in academics, track and band competition. For the past five years Dr. Dodson has served as president of his own educational consulting firm. He has lectured nationally on School Safety and Leadership. During a fifteen-year period he served as an adjunct professor for Mississippi College, Delta State University and Mississippi State University. Presently he is working for the Mississippi State Department of Education and the Mississippi Community College Foundation.

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	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	
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			

KOLLEGE OF KNOWLEDGE FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS....

Make plans to attend the Kollege of Knowledge at 10:30, November 2, at Southern Oaks (prior to the regular lunch meeting). All new members recently inducted or current red badges that did not attend the last one should make arrangements to attend to earn their blue badge. Mike Ratliff and Steve Ramp will be leading this class.



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