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The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg  
& The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg – Sunrise*

Monday, October 27, 2008  
Shadow Ridge Golf Club

Registration & Lunch . . . . . 11:30 AM  
Shotgun Start . . . . . 12:30 PM

*Yes, I would like to provide the following support to the REMAX Golf Scramble:*

- \_\_\_ \*Driving Range Sponsor (exclusive) . . . . . \$300
- \_\_\_ \*Hole-in-One Sponsor (exclusive) . . . . . \$200  
(+ insurance)
- \_\_\_ \*Putting Contest Sponsor (exclusive) . . . . . \$300
- \_\_\_ \*Hole Sponsorship . . . . . \$200
- \_\_\_ \*Hole Sponsorship with One Playing Spot . . . . . \$250
- \_\_\_ \*Hole Sponsor with Entire Team (4 spots) . . . . . \$500  
(Best Deal!)
- \_\_\_ \*4 person Team . . . . . \$400

**Deadline for Sponsorship and Registration: Monday, October 13, 2008**

*For more information, please contact Ken Lee at (601)-545-5405  
or Todd Bradley at (601) 545-4720.*

Please complete form and enclose check payable to:  
**Rotary Club of Hattiesburg**  
P.O. Box 15185  
Hattiesburg, MS 39404

*Rotary charities include Miracle Network (Children’s Hospital), American Red Cross,  
Boy Scouts of America, Salvation Army, Girls’ State, Boys’ State, literacy programs,  
Habitat for Humanity, Association for Retarded Citizens and other local charitable causes*

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October 7, 2008  
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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

**ROTARY YEAR**  
**2008-2009**

**OFFICERS**

RICHARD TOPP  
*President*

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*President-Elect*

A.D. HUNT  
*Vice-President*

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*Secretary – Treasurer*

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*Executive Secretary*

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Term Expiring – June 30, 2009**  
Todd Bradley  
Kristy Gould  
Perrin Lowrey  
Bill McLeod

*Past President:*  
Freddy Walter

**Term Expiring – June 30, 2010**  
Robert Cummings  
Maura McLaughlin  
Steve Ramp  
Erik Graham

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

P.O. Box 15185  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39404



**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

## MEETING OF October 7, 2008

Minutes from meeting of 9/30/08

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Freddy Walker gave the invocation and Robert Cummings lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to our Greeters this week, Felicia Warren and Susan Morgan (who stood in for Travis Sisson). Richard encouraged members to volunteer to serve the club in the above positions.

Heath Hillman welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

Gene Owens brought his son David Owens

George Karnes was a guest of Frances Karnes.

Jack Gay was a visitor from the Petal Club.

Richard announced that Ted Hardin, Jr., will begin application for membership by appearing in SPOKES next week.

Steve Ramp welcomed new members.

Kathy Smith, an Attorney sponsored by Marie Cromartie

Keith McLarnan, a retired Neurologist, sponsored by Marie Cromartie

Jennifer Payne, USM's Centennial Coordinator, sponsored by Erik Graham

Scott Hummel was absent and will be inducted next week.

Jaclyn Adams was presented her blue badge and new member orientation packet.

Todd Bradley reminded Club members of the upcoming golf tournament to be held October 27 at the Shadow Ridge course. Rotarians are encouraged to sign up as players or sponsors now. Members who do not are asked to please outreach to the community for additional players and sponsors. Todd encouraged members to participate in the raffle for a 20 gauge pump shotgun, as Petal has sold more tickets so far. A Golf Committee meeting will follow this member meeting.

Patrick Ward announced that the R3SM project adopted by Rotary will start between mid-October and November. He will oversee the project which will build a house for a family affected by Hurricane Katrina. Richard Topp asked other members to volunteer their assistance.

Richard Cummings gave a brief classification's talk. The elementary school Richard attended was named after F.B. Woodley, a charter member of Hattiesburg Rotary. Sam Sphinx, who was the superintendent of his elementary school was a Rotarian. The current superintendent of education is also a Rotarian. He encouraged members to explore their connections to Rotary.

The following individuals have applied for membership as Rotarians: Scott Humel.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Susan Light was then introduced and presented today's speaker, Whitney Hartfield, Hattiesburg Area Director for March of Dimes. Susan recalls fundraising with Whitney one cold night when a woman suggested that every parent and grandparent give just one dollar for each healthy child they have. Before turning over the podium, Susan encouraged members to consider this proposal.

The March of Dimes seeks to address premature birth, infant mortality, and birth defects. Two major fundraising events for the organization are the Signature Chef Auction and the March for Babies. The March of Dimes provides neo-natal intensive care units (NICUs) to local hospitals. Any child born before 40wks will spend time in one of these units. Dr. Clinton White is both the neonatologist for Forrest General and a March of Dimes board member.

Prematurity statics are as follows: US 12.5%, MS 20%, and Forrest County 18.4%. Children in our area are being 'born too soon and too small.' The March of Dimes endeavors to decrease our state's statistic from 18.8% in 2005 to 7.6% in 2010. Whitney cited a high propensity to induce labor at nine month (36 weeks) as a large contributor to prematurity. Full-term pregnancies are ten months (40weeks). Some doctors induce labor at the patient's request because they are afraid to lose patients and business. Other factors leading to premature babies include drugs, alcohol, and teen pregnancy. March of Dimes sponsors a program to educate mothers in the tenth through twelfth grade, but not all communities allow this program into their schools.

Whitney encouraged club members to attend the upcoming Signature Chef event on October 23, at the Bottling Co. Ten of the top local chefs will donate their time and money. Tickets are \$75/seat or \$750/table. Tickets include unlimited food and an open bar.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### Bio for Dr. Angeline "Angie" D. Godwin

Dr. Angie Godwin, President, Area Development Partnership, Hattiesburg, MS, 2004-present, the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Forrest, Lamar and Perry Counties, City of Hattiesburg and City of Petal President, The University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation, 2002-2004

Vice President of Research and Economic Development, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2002-2004

CEO/President, Mississippi Technology Alliance, Inc., 2000-2002, a non-profit organization promoting science and technology-based economic development in Mississippi

Institute for Technology Development, 2000-2002 [concurrent with MTA]

CEO/President, Ashland Community College, Ashland, KY, 1997-2000

Dean of Arts and Sciences, Jackson State Community College, Jackson, TN, 1994- 1997

Program administrator, technology developer, and faculty member, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, 1990-1994

### CIVIC and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Greater Hattiesburg Community Foundation board member, 2007-present

Pink Ribbon Fund board member, 2006-present

Junior Achievement board member, 2006-present

State Science and Technology Institute board member, 2006-present

Homes of Hope for Children board member, 2005-present

Mississippi Economic Development Council board member, 2005-present

United Way of Southeast Mississippi board member, 2005-present  
Area Development Partnership, Executive Committee board member and strategic planning chair, 2004

Mississippi Polymer Cluster Organization, founding member, 2004

National Association of Call Centers board member, 2004-present

Noetic Technologies Inc. board member, 2004-present

Blue Print Mississippi Statewide Economic Development Task Force, 2003

Innovation and Commercialization Park Steering Committee, 2002-present

Mississippi University Research Authority, 2002-2004

Southern University Research Authority, 2002-2004

Southern Technology Council, board member 2001-2004, Co-Chair 2001-2002

### EDUCATION

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI, J.D. 1994

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL Ph.D. English, 1989 /  
M.S. English Education, 1984

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL M.A. English, 1985

Troy State University, Troy, AL B.A. English, 1979

Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, FL, 1977

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tues 10/17 Jim Compton, GM, South MS Electric Power Assn.

Tues 10/21 John Cox, Dir. Sports Broadcasting, USM

Mon 10/27 Rotary Golf Tournament - Shadow Ridge

Tues 10/28 Jerry & Diane Shepherd, owners, Main Street Books

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## 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 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	<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			