

# Rotary Club Of Hattiesburg



October 9, 2012

## ***"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"***

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

David Bailey, CEO of Regency Hospital in Hattiesburg, a division of Select Medical Corporation

David hails from West Monroe, Louisiana. He's married to Lisa and they have 5 grandchildren. When he's not busy with Regency Hospital business, David enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycle.

David received a graphic design degree from Northwestern State University 1986. He played collegiate baseball there and later professional baseball in the Red Sox organization. In 1996, David received a bachelor of science degree in Occupational Therapy from University of Louisiana. In 2004, he received a masters in business administration degree from Delta State University.

David has been a guest speaker at the Florida and Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association National Conferences on Evidenced Based Practice and Recruitment Strategies in Healthcare. He has over 20 years experience in various healthcare clinical and management positions. His career with Select Medical Corporation includes various positions in Ruston, Louisiana, Longview, Texas, Bristol, Tennessee, prior to coming to Regency of Hattiesburg in April 2012.

### ***Dates to Remember:***

Zone 31 meeting is scheduled for October 4 -7 in  
Huntsville, Alabama

Mid-Year Checkup – January 12, 2013

Beer Tasting event is scheduled for January 17, 2013

## Minutes from 10/2/12

President Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Mike Ratliff, who gave the invocation and to Sean Priebe who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maura then led the Club in the 4-Way Test.

Chris Price noted that we have no visiting Rotarians and no guests at today's meeting.

An update was given on Donna Wheeler's health. She is scheduled for surgery in Jackson this coming Thursday.

Chase Munro and Stan Causey served as greeters for the meeting.

Chris also reported that Speaker of the House Phillip Gunn will be in Hattiesburg on October 11<sup>th</sup>. He will be at the Cultural Center for a 9 a.m. meeting with interested citizens. The topic will be moving Mississippi forward. Plan to attend if you're interested.

Also, sponsorships and teams are being organized for the annual Children's Center for Communication and Development's golf tournament. Any interested should see Chris or visit their website at [ccgolfclassic.com](http://ccgolfclassic.com). The tournament is scheduled for November 10, 2012 at Timberton.

The District Conference will be held in Bay St. Louis next April. If you haven't already purchased your chance to win a Blue Dog print, please do so soon. See Chase or Stan. Money generated from the sale of these tickets will be used to purchase Paul Harris Fellowships.

Maura and Angela Herzog reported on their recent exchange trip to Maine. They had an interested few days meeting other Rotarians, working on community projects and seeing many interesting sites.

Maura also noted that the District Governor was also on the trip. While there he discovered that he would be unable to speak to the club today. His visit is being rescheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Today's meeting was used as a Club Assembly. The group discussed suggestions to improve the food service at Southern Oaks, including desserts for diabetics and a soup/salad/sandwich menu. Maura will discuss the suggestions with Southern Oaks representatives.

The group also discussed other revenue generation opportunities that might replace the annual golf tournament. Events discussed included a Celebrity Waiter Luncheon and a 5 K run.

It was also suggested that the board consider improving the functionality of the committees. Strong committees seem to make the club function better and improve participation.

Some members suggested holding functions outside of the regular noon lunch meetings. It was suggested that the group could meet at 206 Front for an evening of social activities. It was also suggested that members visit churches on a rotation basis for Wednesday night services.

The reading program at the Family Y was a topic of discussion. It is clear that Mississippians need assistance in this area. It was suggested that Red Badge members solicit reading volunteer and then coordinate those readers with Bill MacLauchlan.

Finally, it was noted that many good ideas were generated during today's discussions and that the board should take these ideas into consideration and channel the club's energies to best meet the community needs and the club's goals.