

Service and Fellowship



Rotarian Robert Hall greets children who will be vaccinated against polio during a National Immunization Day. Moradabad, India. *Photo by Alyce Henson / Rotary Images.*

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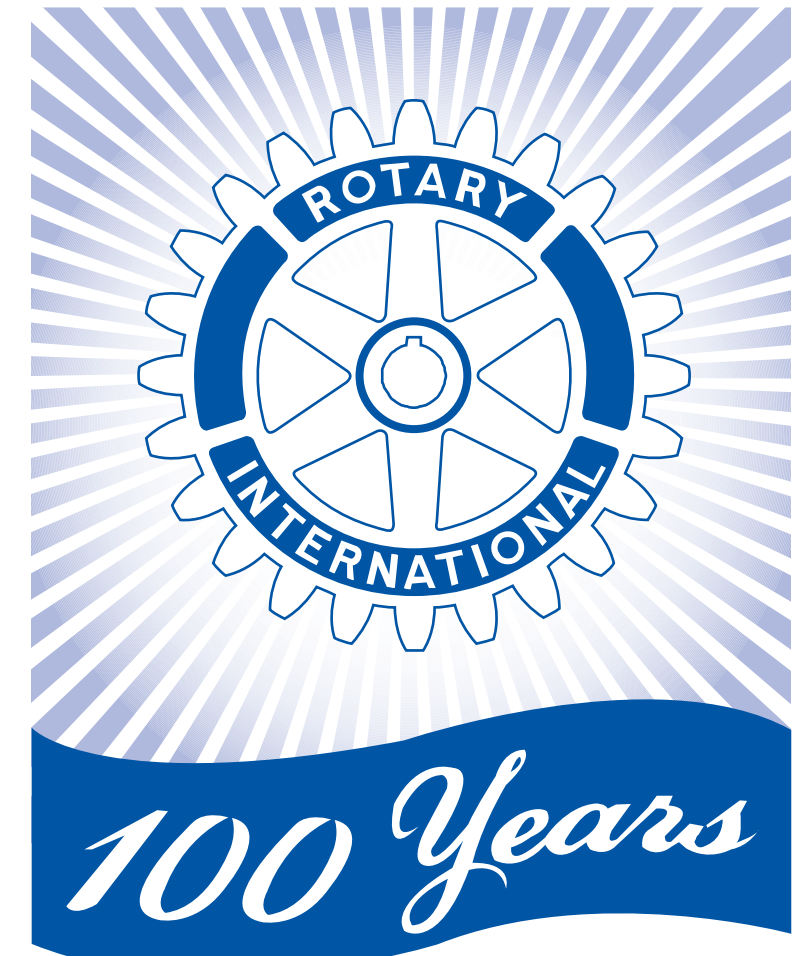
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A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

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MINUTES FROM 09/06/11

President Robert Cummings presided over today's meeting.

Thanks to Jaclyn Adams, who gave the Invocation and to Wes Brooks, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to Chris Price for serving as our greeter.

Sean Priebe then welcomed today's guests. Audra Cummings had Angela Pace as her guest; Scott Hummel had Ryan Kelly as his guest; and Brad Samen was the guest of Bill McLeod.

This week's raffle consisted of dual-prizes. Congratulations to Gene Owens who won a \$30 gift card from Gander Mountain and to Robert Cummings who won a book written by today's speaker, Randy "Bubba" Pierce.

Robert announced today's official kick-off of the NFL Monday Night Football square program and encouraged active participation. The squares are \$1/each and the winner must be present to claim the prize. Proceeds from the event will be split among the winner each week and a charity. If the winner isn't present the entire proceeds will be applied to the club's Rotary International Permanent Fund.

Dan Kibodeaux reminded everyone that there are still several volunteer reader slots to fill during September & October for the Reading Between the Lions program at the Family Y. Each session only lasts about 15-20 minutes every Tuesday and Friday beginning at 9:30am.

Holt McMullan announced that USM's Symphony Orchestra Feel the Music, the oldest continuous symphony in the state, is currently seeking local support and membership. Brochures were provided at each table with details, a concert schedule, and ticket information.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Audra Cummings then introduced today's guest speaker, Justice Randy "Bubba" Pierce. A native of Greene County (Leakesville), Randy currently serves as an Associate Justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court. His jurisdiction covers the 27 counties that make up the Southern District, Place Two.

Randy previously served on multiple committees in the House of Representatives and as a Chancery Court Judge. He is also a CPA. Although this was his first visit to the Hattiesburg Rotary Club, he is a former Rotarian and he earned his B.S. and MBA degrees at USM, so Hattiesburg still remains a special place to him.

In addition to his impressive political background, Randy is an accomplished public speaker and has now successfully authored his first book titled "Pain Unforgiven," a legal novel that he wrote by drawing on many of his experiences and encounters growing up in South Mississippi.

Randy said he first decided to write a book while still attending USM, and it was initially going to be a legal thriller. He only managed to write about four pages before getting elected to the State Legislature in 1998, which put his book on hold indefinitely.

Years later, just after joining the Supreme Court, a conversation about interests and hobbies came up which rekindled his desire to resume writing his novel. When he revisited those original four pages, he said "they were horrible." He ended up starting over and the story evolved away from being a legal thriller into more of a compelling tale of small town taboos, personal struggles, and harsh realities reflective of the time & location.

Randy said the story eventually took on a life of its own and he began writing from about 4:30am to 7am everyday and then again at night after work. "I discovered that if I went very long without writing, I actually started to miss the story and all the characters," he said. "I never really thought about trying to shorten or lengthen the book....I just wrote."

"Pain Unforgiven" has proven to be quite a success, with a second printing already scheduled. Anyone interested can obtain a copy at Amazon.com or at Main Street Books, where Randy is scheduled to hold a book-signing in December. Hard copies and e-books are both available.

Randy has already started working on his second book, expected to be a political fiction based on families and behind-the-scenes viewpoints of interesting cases. He plans to have it completed by December and possible published and available by next fall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 13 Marcelene Thompson, DHS Children and Family, Adoption Unit

Sept 20 Michael Marks, Just Over The Rainbow Acting organization (JORT)

27-Sep Kathy Emmons, FGH Spirit Girls

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Brian Moore coordinates a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. Congratulations to Gene Owens and Aaron Ladner who was the winner of a book, "Pain Unforgiven" written by our guest speaker, Randy Pierce.

If you have items to donate to the raffle contact Brian Moore or Janice Touchstone.

We Have a Facebook Page!

Thanks to Jared Eastlack for setting this up and Jaclyn Adams for getting some items posted. Please go to Rotary Club of Hattiesburg on Facebook and "like" our page. Post your pictures and comments.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on **Tuesday or Friday** mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808
Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
or email
dan@unitedwaysems.org
call 601-545-7141

September Reading Volunteers Needed!

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 9/2 9:30am	Sean Priebe	
Tuesday, 9/6 9:30am		
Friday, 9/9 9:30am	Susan Steen Jerome Brown	Lucy Parkman
Tuesday, 9/13 9:30am	Conrad Welker	
Friday, 9/16 9:30am	Wally Weakley	Wes Brooks
Tuesday, 9/20 9:30am		
Friday, 9/23 9:30am		
Tuesday, 9/27 9:30am		
Friday, 9/30 9:30am	Aaron Ladner	

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Meet Our Presenter, Marlene Thompson

Marlene obtained both her Bachelor (2007) and Master of Social (2009) Work degrees from USM.

She has been employed with Mississippi Department of Human Services since January 2007 and has been an Adoption Specialist since June 2009.

She is responsible for the recruitment & licensing of adoptive homes.

She's also responsible for recruiting adoptive homes for children that have the plan of adoption, but they do not have an identified placement.

Marlene maintains & supervises the adoptive placement of each child that has been placed in an adoptive home.



Water and sanitation is one of Rotary's areas of focus. Worldwide more than 800 million people lack access to clean drinking water.

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