

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 14 District Gov. Dick McCarthy
- Sept 21 10:30am Strategic Planning for Board at Southern Oaks
- Sept 21 Billy Scruggs, Forrest County Youth Court
- Sept 27 Board Meeting
- Sept 28 Dave Ware, Hattiesburg City Council
- Oct 15th-16th District Conference, New Orleans
- Oct 19-21 GSE Team Visit
- Oct 23 Rotary Officer & Leadership Academy
- Nov 2 10:30 am Kollege of Knowledge For all New Red Badge Members at Southern Oaks
- Nov 19 Wine Tasting



District Conference New Orleans

October 15 & 16th Scheduled Events:

FREE - Friday Gourmet Buffet Luncheon
Come and get a sneak preview of the House Of Friendship, Sounds of the South Musical Jazz Concert, Fun, Food, Fellowship & Fins at the Aquarium of the Americas, Host Hospitality Night and French Quarter Dining Experience.

FREE - Friday Night Food Festival
Party to the world class New Orleans performer, Luther Kent and Trick Bag, a truly great Rhythm and Blues Band.

Saturday Night Gourmet Buffet Dinner Dance featuring the Hot Foxtrot Orchestra. The Lowes Hotel will host this event.

Book your reservations now with Robert Cummings.

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

Project Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 9/7 9:30am	Sted McCollough	Chris Price
Friday 9/10 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams Angela Herzog	Bill McLeod
Tuesday, 9/14 9:30am	Andrea Hood Lucy Parkman	Kris King
Friday, 9/17 9:30am	Christina Ghents	Brian Moore
Tuesday, 9/21 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams Janice Touchstone	Mike Ratliff
Friday, 9/24 9:30am	Dr. Annie Wimbish	
Tuesday, 9/28 9:30am		
Friday, 10/1 9:30am	Audra Cummings	
Tuesday, 10/5 9:30am	Brian Moore	
Friday, 10/8 9:30am	Robert Cummings	Maura McLaughlin

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 9/30/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Scott Hummel, who gave the invocation and to Milam Cotten, 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. Potential member Allen Smithers was a guest of Robert Cummings. Daniel Hyatt visited from the Laurel club.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Chris Strebeck and Chris Price.

Wes thanked all who have participated thus far as door greeters and leaders in the weekly beginning ceremonies. He suggested that anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Wes via phone or email. Scott Hummel announced that Brian Moore generously donated a 2009 New Orleans Saints book for today's raffle drawing. He then announced Richard Topp as today's winner. Funds raised through the weekly raffle will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.

Robert Cummings reminded members that the District Conference is held in New Orleans this year, October 15th-16th. Registration must be complete by Sept. 30th. He would like to see many club members go to this event, as he promises this one to be exciting and a little different this year. He will continue to sell raffle tickets weekly at \$5 each, with the winning prize being a Blue Dog framed print. Members are encouraged to purchase a minimum of two (2) tickets each, or they may look at adding \$10 to your billing statement as an alternative. All proceeds will be used to purchase Paul Harris Fellowships.

Bill McLeod made several announcements: Lucy Parkman will be hosting the Food Fest at the District Conference, so if you can help her, please let her know. Rotary District Governor, Dick McCarthy, will be our guest speaker next week, so please make every effort to attend. The Wine Tasting event has been rescheduled for Friday, November 19th. Please see Jaclyn Adams for more information. Allen Smithers, Brantley Nichols, Tina Lowrimore, and Thomas Light will all be inducted next week.

Bill also reported that the GSE team from England will be visiting us October 19th-21st. The deadline to submit a GSE team member application is Saturday, 9/11. Only one (1) more family is needed to serve as host, so if you are interested, please contact Bill or Mike.

Jeri Buti spoke about Rotarian Magazine. He said that all members receive monthly issues as part of their annual dues. The magazine contains great humanitarian articles, such as Polio and Haiti. He urges you to read the magazine when it comes to your home or office, as it keeps us connected with our district and with the entire world. Also, if you would ever like to write

your own article related to Rotary for the magazine, you should submit it and ask the editors to publish it.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Todd Bradley introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Michael Garrett, Executive Director of the Homes of Hope for Children in Purvis, MS. Dr. Garrett also brought along his assistant, Sarah Dixon, who is Director of Communications at Homes of Hope. Club member Aime Spears had recently pushed our club to vote for Homes of Hope in the \$25k and the \$250k grants made available in the Pepsi Voting Challenge. Michael gave special thanks to Allen Anderson, Patrick Ward, Aime Spears, and Greg Buie for all of their support and efforts over the last year. Michael said that he and his wife and crew are so very thankful for everyone's support, votes, donations, and faith and prayers. He said they have been so blessed and he feels that they are carrying out God's plan in a way that will be beneficial to so many children and families.

Michael said their organization is a debt-free ministry.. They will not take out any loans and they rely strictly on fundraising and charitable contributions. Initially they had raised enough money to begin Phase I of the project, but realized it was going to take about another \$250k to add more space for more children. Two grants were awarded by Pepsi and they have been able to put 100% of that money into capital additions. They do not apply any of the money to operational expenses, because they cannot count on winning grants all the time, so they should function daily with only donations and fundraising. They welcomed their first two children at the Home on July 12th, and they now have five children. Within several years, they plan to be able to hold 42 children altogether.

Homes of Hope for Children offers a loving, Christian home for children who are in bad family circumstance and are in need of the best opportunity life has to offer. They may live there through their high school years, relying on consistency, love, support, a connection to Jesus and a stable environment. If they have siblings, they are ALL brought into the homes together so that they are not split apart. Michael said there are over 3500 children in the foster care system in the state of MS alone. Most of those children will live in at least 3 different homes every 14 months. More organizations like Homes of Hope are needed throughout the county so that every child will have the best opportunity in life.

When asked what the three top things that this ministry could use to thrive, Michael stated: prayer, monthly monetary donations, and food. He thanked everyone once again for their support and prayers. Bill then thanked Michael for his dedication and service to the children of the community. He then adjourned the meeting with our motto *Service above Self*.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dick McCarthy, District 6840 Governor

Dick wears two Rotary hats. One as District Governor 2010-2011, he also chairs the Logo and Banner Committee of the Host Organizational Committee for the Rotary Convention in New Orleans. He created the highly successful 2011 Banner Sponsorship program featuring Rotary Convention Banners to hang from street poles "Rotarians Welcoming Rotarians". Past President of the New Orleans Rotary Club he has served as Assistant District Governor for the Orleans Territory. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

A high energy executive who dares to think outside of the box, Dick leads by example, figures out what needs to be done and then mobilizes others to follow. This was most evident as the point person to engage Rotarians from around the country to help his Rotary Club post-Katrina to re-build the oldest, inner city High School in New Orleans to open its doors ahead of schedule, while other schools remained closed.

A graduate of U.S. Army Artillery OCS he served with distinction as an officer in Europe followed by service in the Washington Artillery in New Orleans. Dick is founder and CEO of Richard Gray's Power Company international electronics firm and National Bank Recruiting Firm. He is married to Tish McCarthy of London England, and they have two grown children Richard and Catherine, both of whom live in New Orleans.

Tish McCarthy, wife of DG Dick McCarthy

Patricia McCarthy, known as "Tish" is originally from London where she grew up living in Chelsea. Having graduated from St. Martin's School of Design she worked in NYC as a commercial artist.

So how did such a refined English Lady meet such a questionable character as our DG Dick? Well, his parents were a name in her address book to look up sometime when visiting New Orleans. Short story, they were both 23 years old, met on the 23rd of February, engaged on 23rd of June, and married on the 23rd of December. Double the number 23 and you get 46 years they have been married.

Just think, if Tish can put up with Dick for 46+ years, we only have one year he's District Governor.

They have two children, both married and living in New Orleans. Son Richard who started the Crescent City Farmer's Market and his wife Bonnie. And Catherine, who is an Emmy nominated film maker and teaches Anusara Yoga in uptown New Orleans and in NYC. Her husband Calvin is an architect/builder.

Now that Tish is making the Rotary rounds, accompanying Dick on his official visits, she jokingly says she has been thoroughly Spindled, Mutilated and Rotarized, and is enjoying every bit of it, including working diligently at the 2011 New Orleans Convention booth in Montreal.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

We have several new members who will be inducted. This week we will induct Allen Smithers, who was proposed by Toxey Morris, and Dr. Brantley Nichols, proposed by Erik Graham. Tom Light will transfer from the Sunrise Club to our club. We plan to induct Tina Lowrimore next week. She has been proposed as an active member by Mike Ratliff. If anyone has any questions or concerns about those proposed for membership please speak to a member of the Membership Committee or Robert Cummings.

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. Speak to Robert Cummings if you have any questions about this class.



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