

HATTIESBURG ROTARY WINE TASTING
SILENT AUCTION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009 7:00 PM
115 BEDFORD ROAD – HATTIESBURG, MS

1st Annual Hattiesburg Rotary Wine Tasting Benefiting
Polio Eradication, Clean Water Projects and Literacy Projects

TICKETS 40.00 OR COUPLES 70.00



See Jaclyn Adams, Mary Cromartie,
or Jennifer Payne for tickets & if you
would like to help with food or have
items to donate for the auction.

Hattiesburg Rotary
Annual Golf Tournament
with BBQ Social

Shadow Ridge Golf Club

October 30, 2009

12 noon

Bring the family out for the BBQ after
the tournament ends.

Space walk, food and fun!

Music by Remnants



We are looking for players and
sponsors for golf tournament.
\$65 per player (four players per team)

Putting green sponsor \$500

Driving range sponsor \$250

Tee box sign \$100

We would love for each rotarian to
either find a 4 person team or find
some sponsors.

See Erik Graham, Robert
Cummings, or Todd Bradley
for more information

Spokes

September 15, 2009
www.hattiesburgrotary.com

District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

ROTARY YEAR
2009-2010

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ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 9/08/2009

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Conrad Welker gave the invocation. Freddy Walter led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Gene Owens recognized today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Demaris Lee was a guest from the Petal Club. Jim Wild was a guest of John Griffith. Betsy Rowell was a guest of Jerry Buti. Christie Reynolds was a guest of Lance Nail. Dean Cromartie was a guest of Mary Cromartie and Brad Touchstone was a guest of Janice Touchstone.

Richard Topp welcomed back Bob Riley who has been on extended leave.

Thanks also for today's Greeter, A.D. Hunt.

Mary reminded members to wear their Rotary pins, especially in their work place and at social event. The pin will give you opportunities to talk to others about the work of Rotary. She also reminded members of the four areas of Rotary focus; safe drinking water, the eradication of polio, literacy and hunger.

Training for the Between the Lions project will be held in Jackson on September 17th. Anyone interested in joining Mary for the training is encouraged to contact her for a ride and/or more information.

Jennifer Payne reminded members of the October 16th wine tasting event. Tickets are on sale now so don't hesitate. A limited number of tickets will be sold.

Steve Ramp then installed Shannon Woodward as the Club's newest member. Shannon, a native of Tupelo and most recently employed in New Orleans is now employed by the University of Southern Mississippi.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Todd Bradley then introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Allen Smithers, Headmaster of Presbyterian Christian School.

Dr. Smithers reports that PCS began in 1975

with discussions among several community leaders in the area. The school actually opened in the basement of Bay Street Presbyterian Church in 1976 with twenty-three students. Enrollment for the 2009 school year is at 920 plus seventy-four students enrolled in the First Presbyterian Church's Day Care program. PCS is a K5-12th grade school and is the second largest private school in Mississippi.

PCS offers dual credit courses with William Carey University. Students taking certain subjects in high school can enroll in WCU's program and get college credit for the course work.

The school's mission is to teach children in the area with a Biblical World View. According to Dr. Smithers, that means that students are taught with Christ and the Bible at the center of everything they do. The school teaches creation. History is taught from the point of view that history represents God's work on time and people.

Efforts are underway not to measure the spiritual aspect of the program on the student's lives. Dr. Smithers quoted research that shows that two-thirds of Americans who profess Jesus Christ as their personal savior did so by the age of eighteen. He says that should tell Christian schools that they should be aware of and able to measure their impact on the lives of their students through the twelve years they have the students in their care.

PCS has a strong activities program and is ranked one of the top six Class AAA Division One private schools. Fifteen varsity sport programs are offered at PCS. Additionally the school has a debate team, offers a drama class and has a choral organization.

For the future Dr. Smithers expects that the school will relocate the existing elementary school to the existing site on Bonhomie Road. They are looking into the purchase of forty-five acres of land just north of the existing campus. The expansion would give them the ability to offer a 45,000 square foot school, a cafeteria and a playground for the elementary students. PCS is in the midst of a seven to ten million dollar capital campaign for this expansion.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio of Police Chief Frazier Bolton

Richton native Chief Frazier Bolton has 37 years of experience in law enforcement. He began his career at the Atlanta Police Department in 1970. After retiring from the Atlanta Police Department in 1991, Bolton worked as a resource officer for the Fulton County School District for two years. From there, he returned to Mississippi for four and a half years, as police chief for the Jackson State University Police Department. He also served as Chief of Police for the Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, GA. His most recent position was as Chief of Public Safety at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA.

Chief Bolton has received countless awards including officer of the year and has instructed many classes on various aspects of law enforcement. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police.

His educational background spans from Morehouse College to Brenau College, both in Georgia. He has obtained a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Master's degree in public administration.

He is married and has three sons. Bolton philosophy is to "treat everyone like you want to be treated".

The Chief of Police is the CEO of the Hattiesburg Police Department and is ultimately responsible for the successful accomplishment of its mission.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.... Mary Cromartie has proposed Lucy Parkman for membership into the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. Lucy is actively involved in many projects in our area and a fine example of the type of Community Leaders we are proud to have in our club.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 15	Frazier Bolton - Hattiesburg Police Department
Sept 22	10:30am Kollege of Knowledge for all Red Badge Members and Board Members
Sept 22	Ace Necaise, Rotary District 6840 Governor
Sept 29	Dave Shelman - Regions Bank
Oct 16	Wine Tasting Event at Mary Cromartie's house Proceeds fund many of our projects
Oct 30	Rotary Golf Tournament - with cookout to follow for all members and families

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 155 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorsville - 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	<i>Friday</i>
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Rankin County - 12:00
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			