

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 21 10:30am Strategic Planning for Board at Southern Oaks
- Sept 21 Billy Scruggs, Forrest County Youth Court
- Sept 27 Board Meeting at Bill McLeod's, 6pm
- 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

Reading 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 David Johnson	Brian Moore
Tuesday, 9/21 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams Janice Touchstone	Mike Ratliff
Friday, 9/24 9:30am	Annie Wimbish	Wally Weakley
Tuesday, 9/28 9:30am		
Friday, 10/1 9:30am	Audra Cummings Sean Priebe	Aime Spears
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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2010-2011

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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

MINUTES FROM 9/14/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Audra Cummings, who gave the invocation and to David Owens, 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. Milton Wheeler from the Petal Club and Tom Smith from the Sunrise Club were visiting Rotarians. Joey Rivers was a guest of Aaron Ladner. Ashley Grant was a guest of Dan Kibodeaux.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Aime Spears and Gene Owens..

Scott Hummel came forward for today's Rotary Foundation raffle drawing. Janice Touchstone was the winner of today's prize. Thanks to Scott for making today's gift donation.

Dan Kibodeaux thanked those who are participating in the Reading Between the Lyons project. Both the children and readers are gaining from the experience. He encouraged other Rotarians to join the effort by signing up to read. Sign-up sheets were made available.

Bill McLauchlan came forward for today's Classification Talk. Bill was born in Baltimore and served the military in Arlington National Cemetery for two years. He then worked in the Washington, D.C. area for a few years in the real estate business. Seeing a need for similar services he volunteered as a civilian for Viet Nam duty. That duty resulted in a 33 year career with the Department of State. Bill served his nation in a number of foreign mission service locations. His last assignment was in Africa. Bill and his wife relocated to Hattiesburg 13 years ago and he says they really like living here. In fact, he says they've lived here longer than any other location since they've been married.

Robert Cummings gave the Club the August membership report. The attendance rate for August was 67 percent. A total of 32 members had 100% attendance for the month. He encouraged members who are making up their missed luncheon meetings to make sure those make ups get reported on the attendance sheet before the end of the month. The monthly report must be filed immediately after the last monthly meeting.

Bill then introduced and inducted three new members into the club. We welcome Allen Smithers, Brantley Nichols and Tom Light. Tom is transferring in from the Sunrise Club. They were each encouraged to remain after today's meeting so members can meet them personally.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Mike Ratliff then introduced today's guest speaker, Dick McCarthy, District 6840 Governor whose theme is "Building Communities – Bridging Continents". Dick says our Club is doing great things in this community however he encouraged us to get involved in projects with other Clubs so we can take full advantage of the Rotarian experience. By getting involved with other Clubs we will get to know other Rotarians. He also encouraged the membership committee to seek a membership that is reflective of the demographics of today's society.

Dick encouraged each and every Club member to make plans to attend the International Rotary Convention that will be held in New Orleans. At no other time in recent history will we have the opportunity to take advantage of an international gathering so close to home. By attending each individual can broaden his or her Rotary experience. After all, Rotary is the world's largest service organization.

Signs to be hung from street lights throughout New Orleans will announce the Rotarian presence. He encouraged each club and each member to consider sponsoring a sign to let the world know that Rotarians from around the world are in New Orleans. It cost \$250 to sponsor a sign. Dick's club has sponsored ten.

Dick ended his presentation by giving Club members a few interesting details of the District Conference, which will be a prelude to the International Conference. The District Conference will be held in New Orleans on October 15 – 16. The convention kicks off with a free lunch for everyone on Friday. Luther Kent, formerly with Blood Sweat and Tears will be featured during the Friday Night Food Fest. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landry will be a featured luncheon speaker on Saturday and the event will end with a semi-casual buffet dance.

Aime Spears received a gold pin from the District Governor for having registered to attend the International Conference. Dick left a number of additional pins for those who sign up to attend in the near conference.

Bill the adjourned the meeting with our motto Service above Self.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

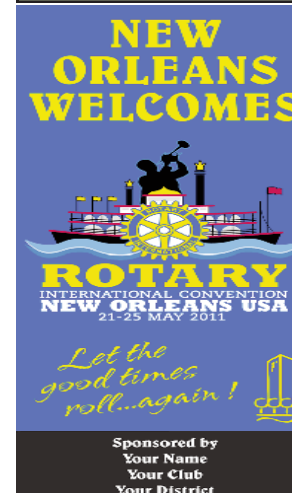


Pictured above (left to right), Robert Cummings, Milton Wheeler, Dick McCarthy, Bill McLeod, Wally Weakley, Mike Ratliff

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio of Billy Scruggs

Billy started his professional career in 1966 with NASA in the Apollo program, with W.E. Walker stores, Inc, The University of Southern Mississippi retiring on June 30, 1997 as Director Computing Center, Information Systems Consultant for seven years, and Coordinator Community Service for the District Attorney Twelfth Circuit Court District since May 2004.



Convention 2011 Banner

If you would like to order a personalized banner for the International Convention, go to: www.rotarycon2011.com to order. There will be a limited number available. Cost is \$250

Each banner will be displayed on the route from the New Orleans Airport to the New Orleans Convention Center, site of the 2011 Rotary International Convention. After the Convention each banner will be taken down and shipped to the sponsoring Rotarian, club, or district. You'll have your very own personalized reminder of the 2011 Rotary International Convention to display at club meetings, district functions or in your office.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

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

KOLLEGE OF KNOWLEDGE 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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