

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 28 Dave Ware, Hattiesburg City Council
- Oct 5 TBA
- Oct 12 No Meeting - Due to District Conference
- Oct 15th-16th District Conference, New Orleans
- Oct 19 GSE Team Visit - Joint Meeting
Petal and Sunrise Club
- Oct 26 Christian Womens Job Corps
- Nov 2 10:30 am Kollege of Knowledge
For all New Red Badge Members



Fall District Conference and Musical Food fest
Downtown New Orleans at the fabulous Piazza d'Italia

In conjunction with leaders from the Multi-District 2011 Convention, Host Organization Committee meeting at the Loews Hotel New Orleans, October 15th and 16th, featuring...

FREE Friday, Gourmet Buffet Luncheon surrounded by Rotary Service and 2011 Convention events tables to give you 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. You can sign up to volunteer

FREE, Friday night Food Festival and party to a world class New Orleans performer we are trying to book.
NOW with more space, larger Serving tables and large tents in case it rains on our parade. Tables will be arranged in a semi-circle around the water fountain (to left of photo). Electricity and water available, with plenty of parking for easy off-load the food, and plenty of space designated for food preparation.

Saturday Continental breakfast kicks off a day of Town Hall Plenary sessions of Education and Rotary International subjects created by a group of younger professional Rotarians.

Saturday Paul Harris Lunch, with a surprise speaker who will motivate us all to greater heights

We are changing the format Saturday night to a dressy casual Buffet Dinner Dance featuring another popular band. We will recognize the club Presidents from the newest club to the oldest club.

Come help us demonstrate to those other District Leaders we know how to throw a party!

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!

This week \$40 Gift Certificate for Crescent City Grill

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	StedMcCollough	ChrisPrice
Friday 9/10 9:30am	JaclynAdams AngelaHerzog	BillMcLeod
Tuesday, 9/14 9:30am	AndreaHood LucyParkman	KrisKing
Friday, 9/17 9:30am	ChristinaGhents DavidJohnson	BrianMoore
Tuesday, 9/21 9:30am	JaclynAdams JaniceTouchstone	Mike Ratliff
Friday, 9/24 9:30am	Dr. AnnieWimbish	WallyWeakley
Tuesday, 9/28 9:30am		
Friday, 10/1 9:30am	AudraCummings Sean Priebe	Aime Spears
Tuesday, 10/5 9:30am	BrianMoore	
Friday, 10/8 9:30am	RobertCummings	MauraMcLaughlin

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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September 21, 2010
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District 6840

Club Number 04003

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**ROTARY YEAR
2010-2011**

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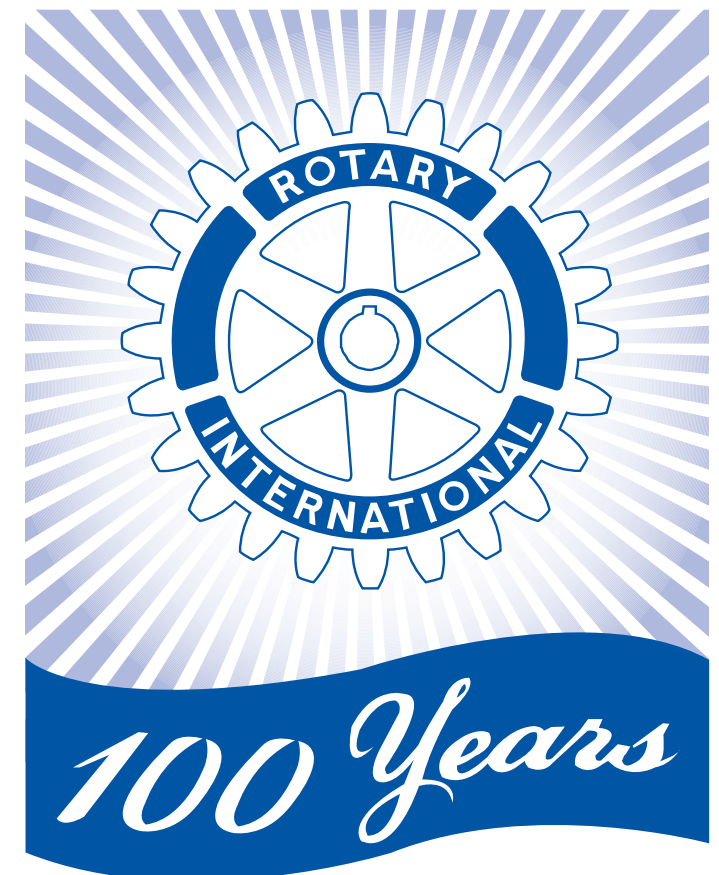
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 9/21/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Mike Ratliff, who gave the invocation and to Brian Moore, 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. Wade Wicht was a guest of Robert Cummings. Donna Runnels was a guest of Bill McLeod.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Mickey Allen and Tracie Fowler.

Scott Hummel came forward for today's Rotary Foundation raffle drawing. Jerry Buti was the winner of today's prize provided by Hancock Bank. Members are encouraged to supply products and services to be used in the weekly raffle. All proceeds are donated to the Rotary Foundation. Scott encouraged every Club member to participate in the Sustaining Member project. You will be invoiced separately for the annual \$100 contribution. At least 50% of the contributions come back to the area to be used to support of grant projects.

Janice Touchstone gave members information about the Foundation's Polio Plus project. There are still four countries where the disease exists. Every Rotarian is encouraged to make a \$33 annual contribution to the project.

Mike Ratliff then came forward and presented Wallace Weakley with his Paul Harris Fellowship material from Rotary International. The presentation represents a \$1,000 gift made by Weakley to the Rotary Foundation.

Robert Cummings reminded members of the District Conference that will be held in New Orleans on October 15 -16. Approximately 20 Club members and spouses have signed up thus far. See Robert if you're interested in attending but haven't signed up.

Robert then presented Tina Lowrimore to the Club. Tina, a previous Club member, relocated to Atlanta for a couple of years. She has returned to the Hattiesburg area and wishes to resume her Rotary involvement.

Suzy Steen gave today's Classification Talk. Suzie administers the Center of International Education at the University of Southern Mississippi. She has worked in international education at the University for the past seventeen years. She attended schools in Whales and Australia. She and her husband will celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary in the next few days.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Todd Bradley then introduced today's guest speaker,

Billy Scruggs, the Coordinator of Community Service for the Twelfth Circuit Court District and District Attorney Jon Mark Weathers. Billy, a former Rotarian, reported that the DA has resigned. The Governor will make an appointment to fill his unexpired term.

The Community Service Program was established by Weathers in 2003. The DA's goal was to put habitual criminals in jail but offer alternatives to other felons who perhaps have just made a wrong choice or a poor judgment. There are currently 1,100 felons in Forrest and Perry counties waiting for their day in court. As of today, there are 268 inmates in the Forrest County jail. At approximately \$32 per day, Scruggs says it just makes good sense to try and rehabilitate the non-violent, non-habitual felons in hopes that they will become productive citizens.

An individual must plead to their offense before the Circuit judge. If they do so and meet the other requirements they can be placed into the Community Service Program. The program contains an educational element. Participants have the opportunity to complete their high-school education and receive credit for community service as they do. The GED program is offered through Pearl River Community College and the Hattiesburg Public School system.

Another element of the program is a field service component. Participants work in assigned positions throughout the two county area as they pay their debt to society. They are monitored and given credit for their service. They also must undergo drug screening.

Counseling is also offered to those who choose to take advantage of it. The counseling services are provided through the Clinical Psychology Department at the University of Southern Mississippi

The newest wrinkle in the program is one through the Justice Court system. Persons who have fines and are unable to pay those fines have the option of working in community service and earning enough credit to pay their fines, rather than spending time in jail and still being unable to pay them. Participants earn \$41 a day toward their fines.

Billy reported that 75% of Parchman prisoners who do not participate in a GED or a Vo-Tech educational program return to prison. Of those who do participate in the programs only 25% return.

The largest problem that our society has to face according to Scruggs is that of drug abuse. He says "drugs are killing us," especially the use of marijuana.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio of Dave Ware

Dave Ware is a two term member and current Vice President of the City Council of Hattiesburg. Dave is co-owner of Southern Anesthesia, Inc and a practicing CRNA. He is a graduate of Jones County Community College, The University of Southern Mississippi, and holds a Master of Science Degree from Xavier University. He is a three term President of the Mississippi Association of Nurse Anesthetists (Anes-the-tists) and is a member of numerous health care professional associations.

Dave is married to Amy Jo Ware; they have four children and are active members of Sacred Heart Parish.

DISTRICT FUNDRAISER



**Blue Dog Silkscreen Print
Get Your Raffle Tickets
Only \$5**

**Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation
To Be Given Away at the 2011
District Conference**

You don't need to be present to win!

See Robert Cummings for your tickets.

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 I55 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorville - 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			

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome new members: Brantley Nichols, Tom Light, Tina Lowrimore and Allen Smithers. If you have a person who you would like to propose for membership, please speak to Robert Cummings. The prospective member should submit an application to the membership committee for consideration.

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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