

## SERVICE PROJECTS

Committee Members: Bill McLeod, Perrin Lowrey, Todd Bradley, Mary Cromartie

Community Service Projects:

### Golf Tournament

Date: October 27, 2008, Shadow Ridge 11:30 AM  
Co-Chair: Todd Bradley Co-Chair: Robert Cummings  
Project Volunteers: A.D. Hunt, Erin Granberry, Jaclyn Adams, Allen Anderson, Kristy Gould, Wally Weakley, William MacLauchlan, Richard Jones  
Hole Sponsor \$200, Team \$400, Player \$100  
Hattiesburg Rotary - Food & Beverage  
Sunrise Rotary - Sponsorships

### Salvation Army - Ringing of the Bell

Date: Saturday, December \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 -possibly 2 days

Location Turtle Creek Mall Food Court & Sam's Club

Chair: Major Mark Satterlee Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Volunteers: Todd Mixon, Steve Ramp, Mike Ratliff, Dave Senne, Tom Potter, Holt McMullin, Dan Kibodeaux, John D. McDaniel, Jaclyn Adams, Annie Wimbish, Heath Hillman

### Rotary Water Booth at Arts and Heritage Festival

Date: March 28, 2009 Location: Downtown

Chair: Dan Kibodeaux Co-Chair: Erin Granberry

Project Volunteers: Susan Morgan, Conrad Welker

### A Night In Italy Fundraiser

for the benefit of USM Children's Center

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Location: Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center

Chair: Maura McLaughlin Co-Chair: Bill McLeod

Project Volunteers: Robert Cornett, Mike Ratliff, Erin Granberry, Freddy Walter, Dan Kibodeaux, Susan Morgan, Kristy Gould, Wally Weakley, Heath Hillman, Susan Light, Wilbur Bullock, Richard Jones, Gene Owens, Steve Ramp

### R3SM Housing Project

Chair: Patrick Ward Co-Chair: Travis Sisson

Project Volunteers: Steve Ramp, Mary Cromartie, Mike Ratliff, Erin Granberry, Kristy Gould, Dan Kibodeaux, Wally Weakley, Robert Cummings, Aime Spears, Bill McLeod, Susan Morgan

## SERVICE PROJECTS (Continued)

### International Service - Pennies for Polio

Chair: Aime Spears - Co-Chair: Susan Morgan

Project Volunteers: Felicia Warren

### Literacy Project- Bear and a Book In a Bag

Chair: Perrin Lowrey Vice Chair: Annie Wimbish

Project Volunteers: Robert Cornett, Kris King, Jaclyn Adams, Allen Anderson, Wally Weakley, Larry LeBlanc, Bill MacLauchlan, Heath Hillman, Susan Light, Conrad Welker

Books for classrooms - Lamar Cty & Hattiesburg School Districts

### Literacy Project, January 2009

William Carey University Young Authors Program

c/o June Hornsby at William Carey University

Chair: Travis Sisson Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Volunteers: Conrad Welker

Rotary to donate \$500 for the Young Authors

Conference

## MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Steve Ramp Vice Chair: Robert Cummings

Volunteers: Tom Potter, Kris King, Kristy Gould, Gene Owens, A.D. Hunt, Richard Jones

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Co-Chair: Aime Spears, Co-Chair: Kristy Gould

Project Volunteers: Erin Granberry

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

Committee Members: Maura McLaughlin, Erik Graham, A.D. Hunt, Suzy Steen, Larry LeBlanc  
Polio Plus

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Volunteers: John D. McDaniel, Gary N. Garner, William MacLauchlan

### ROTARY FOUNDATION: 2011 Convention - NOLA

Chair: Suzy Steen Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Volunteers: Mike Ratliff, Wally Weakley

### ROTARY FOUNDATION: Annual Giving

Chair: Maura McLaughlin

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September 30, 2008

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## ROTARY YEAR 2008-2009

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Term Expiring - June 30, 2010

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# ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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# “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

## MEETING OF September 30, 2008

Minutes from meeting of 9/23/08

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Rob Jackson gave the invocation and David Senne lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to our Greeter this week, Conrad Welker.

Heath Hillman welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests. Pierce and Jessie Stevens visited from the Petal Club. Jennifer Payne visited and will be inducted as a new member next week. Bill Pace had Debbie Adamson as his guest. Jennifer Miles and Alton Pierce were guests of Jaclyn Adams. Ted Harden was a guest of Robert Cummings. Charles Greer V was a guest of Charles Greer IV.

Richard announced that the board meeting, which is normally held on the 4th Monday of each month has been rescheduled for next Monday at 5:30 PM. He also announced that Shawn Lowery is moving to San Francisco and will be looking for a Rotary Club to join in that area.

Todd Bradley reminded Club members of the upcoming golf tournament to be held October 27 at the Shadow Ridge course. Players and sponsors are encouraged to sign up now. Additionally, a raffle is being held for a 20 gauge pump shotgun. Participants can have their contributions added to their January billing cycle if they desire.

Richard also announced that Dr. Charles Greer has dedicated a Paul Harris Fellowship for his granddaughter Abigail Grace Greer. Thanks to Dr. Greer for his many years of support of the Rotary Foundation.

The following individuals have applied for membership as Rotarians: Scott Humel, Katherine Smith: attorney, Keith McLaurin: physician and Jennifer Payne.

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Susan Light was then introduced and presented today's speaker, Heath Hall, Vice President for External Affairs and Marketing at the Mississippi Technology Alliance. Heath maintains that Mississippi is home to some of the best and brightest technology related companies. He used Peavy Electronics and SkyTel as two such examples. He also noted that Viking Range is now located in 80 countries throughout the world. He also reminded Club members that Mississippi was the location for the first heart and the first lung transplant. GE also tested their MRI technology in Mississippi.

Heath maintains that the University of Southern Mississippi is one of the finest technological related institutions of higher learning in the world. Hundreds of millions of dollars come to the universities for research however USM has been able to commercialize the products of their technology. He specifically cited the polymer science department at USM which he maintains is in the top two such programs in the United States and in the top five such programs in the world. He noted that it was paint developed in this department that was used to paint the rebuilt Pentagon after the 9/11 attack. That program is also responsible for the re-location of at least one international company to the Hattiesburg area.

Challenges facing technology in Mississippi include better ways to connect innovators with resources and better ways to prevent the brain drain when our graduates move to other states. We are also challenged with finding ways to move the "muscle" based economy to the "mind" based economy. Another challenge faced on a daily basis is the poor image that Americans have of Mississippi. The Alliance works constantly to improve that image through visits, presentations, advertisements, articles in national magazines and the Alliance's quarterly publication called Point Innovation.

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Our speaker today, Whitney Hartfield, is the Community Director for the March of Dimes Coast Division. A 3 year volunteer with March of Dimes, Whitney joined their staff in January of 2008 as their new Hattiesburg area director.

Whitney received her Bachelors in Psychology in 2004 from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS and received a Masters of Business Administration Degree in 2007 from William Carey University in Gulfport, MS.

Whitney is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Gulfport. She is currently a member of Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, The Mad Potter's Society Ohr-O'keefe Museum of Art, and Coast Young Professionals where she sits on the Networking and Social Committee. She recently became a member of PRAM in Hattiesburg. Whitney's hobbies include traveling, wedding planning, spending times with family and friends and her puppy, Sushi.

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## A BLACK BIB EVENT ..... SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 23, 2008  
THE BOTTLING COMPANY  
6:30PM - 9:30PM

march of dimes®  
signature chefs auction®

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Tues 10/07 Dr. Angie Godwin, President, The ADP  
Tues 10/17 Jim Compton, GM, South MS Electric Power Assn.  
Tues 10/21 John Cox, Dir. Sports Broadcasting, USM  
Tues 10/28 Jerry & Diane Shepherd, owners, Main Street Books

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### Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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	
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Friday
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Rankin County - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	Slidell, LA - 12:00
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			