

HATTIESBURG ROTARY UPCOMING EVENTS

HATTIESBURG ROTARY WINE TASTING
SILENT AUCTION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009 7:00 PM
15 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.

Hattiesburg Rotary
Annual Golf Tournament
with BBQ Social

Shadow Ridge Golf Club

October 30, 2009

12 noon

Fun for all even those who don't golf.

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

Space walk, food and fun!

Music by Remants



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

SPONSORS AND PLAYERS NEEDED!

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September 8, 2009

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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

ROTARY YEAR
2009-2010

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 9/01/2009

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Todd Mixon gave the invocation. James Winstead 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. Jack Gay, Milton Wheeler and Ken West were visitors from Petal. Doris and Vicky Ward were guests of Joe Spell. Kim and Betty Bradley were guests of Todd Bradley. Audra Saunders was a guest of Robert Cummings. Charles Brown was a guest of Jerome Brown. Chris Ryals was a guest of David Thoms. Joy Yates was a guest of Kristina Gould. Vicki Shaw was a guest of Maura McLaughlin. Tommy Peterson was a guest of Patrick Ward. Sean Priebe was a guest of Mike Ratliff. Mechelle Duckworth was a guest of Susan Morgan. Charles Greer was a guest of Charles Greer V. Lucy Parkman and Dwayne Higgason were guests of Mary Cromartie.

Thanks also for today's Greeter, James Duncan.

Mary announced that Bill McCleod has been elected to replace Tom Potter as President-Elect. Robert Cummings has been elected to fill McCleod's term as Vice-President. Maura McLaughlin has been elected to fill Robert's position as Secretary/Treasurer. Patrick Ward has been elected to complete Maura McLaughlin's unexpired term.

Jennifer Payne reminded members of the October 16th wine tasting event. Tickets will go on sale next week.

An invitation was extended to club members to attend the Ogletree House ribbon cutting on September 11, 2009 at 9:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend in honor or Powell.

Robert Cummings announced plans for the October 30th golf tournament. Sponsors are needed.

Robert also reported that the board of directors will enforce the bylaws requiring club members to participate in the Club's primary fund raising event, the Night in Italy. All members will be asked to purchase or sell \$150 of tickets for the event. The tickets will be invoiced in three equal portions beginning with the next billing cycle.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Todd Bradley then introduced today's guest speaker, Congressman Gene Taylor.

Congressman Taylor began his talk with information relative to the health care debate. As has been reported, he confirmed that he is opposed to the reform. His objection to the reform is due to the \$11 trillion debt the country is now facing. Taylor noted that the debt went from 4.5 trillion dollars to 10 trillion under the Bush administration. Since the election of President Barack Obama the debt has increased another ½ trillion dollars. Additionally, Taylor says that of every dollar currently spent on health care \$.46 is already taxpayer money. Taylor did vote for an increase in health care benefits for National Guard service personnel. That legislation increased the federal budget by approximately one billion dollars according to Taylor.

Congressman Taylor supports greater use of generic drugs and the use of federal purchasing power to decrease drug costs. He also supports the removal of the insurance industry from the anti-trust laws. Taylor notes that only the insurance industry and major league baseball are exempt from the federal anti-trust laws. The insurance industry has been exempt since 1946.

Taylor also reported that he is opposed to the so-called Cap and Trade legislation. He maintains that the legislation will penalize poorer states and will allow the commodity traders too much control over the costs of the program.

Taylor also says he will continue his support of Camp Shelby, now training more than 100,000 troops to fight overseas.

Another legislative effort Taylor is supporting is a federal wind pool program. With approximately 52% of Americans living in coastal property, Taylor says it makes sense to him to spread the cost of wind coverage insurance out to every American. According to Taylor, Mississippi's exposure in the state's wind pool insurance program is 6 billion dollars an amount equal to the state's annual budget.

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio of Dr. Allen O. Smithers, Headmaster of Presbyterian Christian School

Dr. Smithers came to PCS from Kirk Academy in Grenada where he had been for sixteen years, of which fourteen he has served as headmaster. Prior to Kirk Academy, Dr. Smithers was the first Director of Instruction of the Mississippi Private School Association (MPSA) for six years. Before the MPSA, he was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Mississippi College.

Allen is a 1972 graduate of Kirk Academy and earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education from Delta State University in 1976. He attended the University of Mississippi as a graduate assistant and received a Master of Science degree in Mathematics in 1977. He then completed four years of advanced studies in Mathematics and Applied Computer Science at The University of Memphis, and in 1991 he completed his Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Smithers has been an Elder and Sunday School teacher at Grenada Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Grenada and Mt. Salus Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Clinton. He has served on numerous committees at the local church and presbytery levels including the Christian Education Committee of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Dr. Smithers and his wife Rene' have been married for 32 years and they have three children. Chas is a engineer with Neel Shaffer in Jackson. Chas and his wife Amanda have one child. Their daughter Amber is a Doctor of Pharmacy, in residency at UMC in Jackson, where her husband Samuel Holdiness is also attending medical school. Their youngest son Austin is attending Delta State University on a golf scholarship.

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 8	Dr. Allen Smithers - Headmaster Presbyterian Christian School
Sept 10	Private Reception for Olgtree House 5-6:30pm Pointer Room
Sept 11	9:30 am Olgtree House Ribbon Cutting
Sept 15	10:30am Kollege of Knowledge for all Red Badge Members and Board Members
Sept 15	Frazier Bolton - Hattiesburg Police Department
Sept 22	Ace Necaie, 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

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	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			