

THE CONFERENCE CHRONICLE

Governor Visits 2008

District 6840

Snooze, You Lose

That's right. If you miss District Conference, you'll miss out on a wonderful experience. There's something for everyone, whether it be fellowship or Rotary education.

Just the Facts

Conference will be held May 7-9, 2009 at the Hollywood Hotel and Casino in Bay St. Louis.

Fellowship

Our fellowship begins Thursday, May 7 with a golf tournament at the Bridges Golf Course, followed by a social that evening. Bring your spouse, special friend, children - you get the point. Everyone's invited.

Food, Food and More Food

The Friday Night Food Fest is a display of Rotarian culinary talents. Past selections from the 25 participating clubs included boiled shrimp, beef tenderloin, gumbo, etouffee, fried catfish, jambalaya, baked chicken, and extravagant desserts. This year promises to be just as scrumptious. It will be held at the train depot in Bay St. Louis. So, get your club involved by serving a dish or beverage. Plus, we'll have a return of the Talent Show. Watch for details from Food Fest and Talent Show Chairperson,

Vicky Gutierrez or contact her at vickyg@cableone.net if you would like to participate in the Food Fest and/or Talent Show.

Governor's Victory Banquet

We turn to formal fellowship Saturday evening with the Governor's Victory Banquet at the Hollywood Hotel. Come share with DG Greg as he celebrates his year. There will be special musical entertainment. The DGE, DGN and DGD will also be installed.



Rotary Education

"WOW! I didn't know Rotary did all that!" That's often the reaction of attendees, especially newcomers to the Conference. During the plenary sessions, you'll experience firsthand Rotary's international impact through the GSE Teams, University Teacher grant recipients and Ambassadorial Scholars. They truly are the faces of goodwill, peace and understanding.

"I'm so dizzy!"

Conference is a must for incoming club officers and directors and new members. Your head will be spinning by the end of Conference with all the Rotary information presented. The plenary sessions are also an opportunity for club members to support the club presidents and other Rotarians as awards are presented.

Speaker Suggestions

The District Conference is a time for learning and fellowship. Rotary International requires at least nine hours of Rotary information programs. Organizers would appreciate input. Please send your suggestions for topics and speakers for the plenary sessions to Conference Chairman Barbara Mauldin at doctbarbara@yahoo.com.

Promote Your Business

District Conference offers several opportunities to promote your business. Networking opportunities abound during the Conference, but you've got to attend to reap the benefits. So, when the time comes, make sure you register and attend.

Sponsorships are also available for the registration brochure, conference program, session sponsor, registration area and Food Fest. See the Conference Sponsorship brochure for details.

Then there's the opportunity to brag about your business. The Conference Committee will be seeking ditty bag items and door prizes in the spring. So, when planning your promotional purchases for next year, add plenty to contribute to the Conference.

Slumber in Luxury

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hollywood Hotel. \$89 per night for Wednesday and Thursday nights and \$159 per night for Friday and Saturday nights, plus tax.



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MEETING OF September 9, 2008

Minutes from meeting of 9/2/08

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Greg Buie gave the invocation and John McDaniel lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard welcomed our guest today:

Caroline Bradley was Todd Bradley's guest.

Richard reminded Committee Chairs that they have a planning meeting scheduled immediately after the September 9th club meeting. All committee chairs and those who wish to work on a committee this year are encouraged to remain about twenty minutes after next week's meeting.

Club members were encouraged to mark Monday, October 27, 2008 on their calendar. That's the day this year's golf tournament has been scheduled. The event will be held at the Shadow Ridge Golf Course. This year's event will be a joint effort between our club, the Sunrise and the Petal clubs. Sponsorships and players are needed as well as volunteers to assist co-chairs Todd Bradley and Robert Cummings, Jr.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Susan Light was then recognized and introduced today's guest speaker Michelle Garner. Michelle is the co-founder of The Pink Ribbon Fund. Michelle encouraged club members to participate in the organization's annual gala coming up on September 27 at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Tickets are \$50 each and include a meal and entertainment. A silent auction will be held during the gala with all

proceeds going to assist those in our area that are undergoing or have recently undergone breast cancer treatment. Dress for the gala is "your best pink" this year. The event has been a formal event in the past.

Michelle reports that the Pink Ribbon Fund has distributed more than \$160,000 in grants since it was formed a few years ago. The grants are issued to medical providers and are used to pay for services cancer patients might not otherwise be able to secure. The Pink Ribbon Fund serves breast cancer patients in a 17 county area surrounding Hattiesburg. If you know someone in need of the services offered by The Pink Ribbon Fund or if you're interested in attending the gala, contact Michelle Garner at (601) 268-3882.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Our guest this week is Denise Weeks. Junior Achievement, Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast Area Representative

Denise is a retired school teacher. Her last 17 years spent at Oak Grove, and the early years spent in Hattiesburg. During her first 5 years of retirement, she has spent time at PCS, Lamar Christian, Educational Consultant for JBHM, and AMSouth.

When the great opportunity to work with Junior Achievement was presented she was eager to work with them. As a teacher Denise knew what a wonderful program JA offered.

Visit the JA web site for more information about the programs available through JA.

www.ja.org

Or contact Denise - 601-264-3646

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Our Mission: Junior Achievement of Mississippi, Inc. is to ensure that every child in Mississippi has a fundamental understanding of the free enterprise system.

Our Purpose: Our purpose is to impact the quality of young people's lives by educating and inspiring them to value free enterprise, to understand business and economics, and to be better prepared for the workforce.

The Need is great...especially in Mississippi...Our State continues to experience the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, not only because of the impact of the storm on our economy, but also because of the inability of Mississippians in all walks of life to move beyond the storm and focus on a bright future

for the children and youth in our State. Educating and inspiring the business leaders of tomorrow must be a top priority as we move forward. Junior Achievement believes that the best way to educate young people is by offering them a practical application of knowledge in the classroom. The greatest intellectual learning occurs in a context that illustrates its practical value. Junior Achievement's programs give students the opportunity to combine practical applications with the general principles they learn in the classroom. Last year, Junior Achievement of Mississippi presented its premier educational material to 5,838 students throughout our State. To read more about the mission of Junior Achievement of Mississippi please visit their web site at www.ja.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tues 9/16 George Stevens - Lamar Cty Fire Coordinator
Tues 9/23 Heath Hall - Mississippi Technical Alliance

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