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Winter Social & Buffet Dinner



Please mark your calendars for this special event next Tuesday! Please also note that the regularly scheduled lunch meeting will not be held.

This event will begin at 6:00pm, will include time to socialize, enjoy a buffet dinner, and will conclude with the raffle of a \$250 gift certificate to Anderson Design Center for a new rug!

Tuesday, February 25
The Camellia House
3885 Veterans Memorial Drive
Hattiesburg, Ms. 39402

Send your RSVP to:
hattiesburgrotary@gmail.com

Minutes - February 11, 2014

Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Brian Moore who gave the invocation and Chris Price who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Dave Owens and Sean Priebe for serving as our greeters today.

Bryan Moore, introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Chaquita Roberts is the guest of Brett Phillips.

Lucy Parkman reminded members about the winter social. It will be held on the evening of February 25 at the Camellia House. A buffet dinner and entertainment will be provided beginning at 6:00 pm. Members are invited to bring your spouse or a guest but you are asked to RSVP in advance. You can let Lucy know you're attending or you can visit the Rotary website and RSVP.

Jennifer Payne reported that Allen Anderson has donated a \$250 gift certificate to be auctioned off. Ticket prices are \$3 each or you can buy 4 for \$10. The drawing will take place during the winter social. Other prizes are anticipated for the auction.

Chris Buckhalter, once a promising young athlete, found that his life dramatically changed after his involvement in the slaying of two individuals. He and three others were accused in the April 24, 1997, killing of Jason "Puddin" Langley, 22, and the shooting of Leonard McInnis at a Jackson apartment complex. Buckhalter, a four-year letterman at Southern Miss from 1992-95, surrendered in January 1998 after eluding authorities for nine months.



Pictured L-R: Scott Hummel, Brett Phillips, and Chris Buckhalter

Chris shared his testimony of his conversion to the Christian faith while being incarcerated. He stated that it is through this intimate conversion that his life was set on the right path. He is currently using his experience and his faith to help other young men and youth who may be set on a path of destruction.

Anyone who is interested in speaking with Chris can do so by contacting him at 601.329.9914 or via email cboutreach@gmail.com.

**Minutes courtesy of:
Jerome Siegel on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**



Pictured L-R: Chaquita Roberts, Scott Hummel, and Brett Phillips

Brett Phillips presented Chaquita Roberts as the Teacher of the Month. She is a teacher at Rowan Elementary School.

Brett Phillips then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker, Chris Buckhalter.



-Our Guest-

Martha Dearman

Forrest General Foundation

Martha Dearman, a Hattiesburg native, is the Executive Director of the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation. She has worked at Forrest General Hospital for 20 years, the last 7 years being with the Foundation.

Martha's activities include serving on the Board of Directors of the University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation and R3SM Unmet Needs Committee. 4 years ago, along with her daughter she started "Beyond the Lunch Table". This is a partnership between Woodley Elementary School and Parkway Heights United Methodist Church that provides food for 100 children in need every weekend throughout the school year. She has also volunteered with the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and The United Way of Southeast Mississippi.

She is an active member of Parkway Heights United Methodist Church and has one daughter, Kate.



Forrest General Healthcare Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Forrest General Hospital. The establishment of the Foundation helps ensure that the hospital's vision of C.A.R.E. becomes a reality for the 17 county region that this hospital serves. The Forrest General Healthcare Foundation is here to help Forrest General Hospital keep its commitment to define the healthcare experience by providing world class care. Their mission is our mission also.

For over 60 years, Forrest General Hospital has been a vital part of our community. Forrest General has led the area in providing cutting edge and state of the art medicine since opening its doors in 1952. As a Foundation the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation exists to help take this excellent care to the extraordinary level and enhance the health and wellness of our service area through a charitable gift foundation that will support the mission of Forrest General Hospital.

With a commitment to raising funds responsibly and respectfully for the enrichment of health care, and maintaining open, honest and personal communication with our donors and volunteers. The FGH Foundation's role is to:

- Enhance the quality of health care in our community by influencing both the quality and the timing of projects.
- Identify those funding opportunities/priorities that have the greatest impact on improving patients' quality of care.
- Manage the investment and distribution of these funds and ensure full accountability back to the donor through the best stewardship practices.

OLE MAN RIVER P.E.T.S. 2014



Register now for Ole Man River Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to be held at the Jackson Convention Complex, Jackson, MS, March 7-8, 2014. The seminar is required for all incoming presidents taking office on July 1. A special room rate is available at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (formerly King Edward Hotel) located two blocks from the convention center. Registration must be made online from the Ole Man River PETS website. The district website has links to the PETS website and to the hotel reservation site. The program will be a combination of inspirational keynote speakers, plenary session, and a Thursday night welcoming party with District Governor-elect Brian Hall at the Garden Inn. Presidents-elect can certify their clubs for 2014-2015 grant eligibility with a grant session at PETS, and a signed MOU.

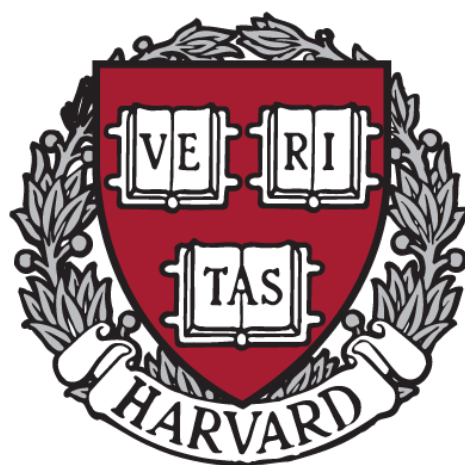
UPCOMING



Wes Brooks - ClubRunner
March 4



Dr. Faye Gilbert
March 11



Dr. Robert Kent
March 18