



# Meridian Rotary Club



February 2012 – World Understanding Month

Meeting Location: [Northwood Country Club](#)

Time: 12:00 Noon

Rotary Club #3961 – District 6820

[www.meridianrotaryclub.org](http://www.meridianrotaryclub.org)

## MERIDIAN ROTARY DISSEMINATOR

### Chapter News & Announcements

Fellow Rotarians,

Our Club is experiencing a decline in membership due to economy, job loss or job transfer and countless other reasons. Membership recruiting is vital to an effective club and so is membership retention, so to those of you bringing new members and to those of you staying loyal to our club-Thank You. The Board is working hard to continue to fulfill the goals set at the beginning of July.

Our District Conference is April 20-22, 2012 at the beautiful Perdido Beach, Orange Beach, Alabama. This will be a fun filled gathering of Rotarians from our District and the two districts in Alabama. Please start making your plans to attend and help me by representing our club. Registration will begin soon-information to follow.

Thanks to all of you for your support as I represent you as Club President. Because of you, Rotary does good.

Serving Others/Having Fun,

Wanda Colvin

### February's Speakers and Topics

Teresa Hodges is February's Speaker Chair and she has the following programs prepared:

February 1, 2012:

Speaker: **Assistant Superintendent Robin Miles**

Topic: **Update on the activities of Meridian Public Schools**

February 8, 2012:

Speaker: **Ann Alexander**

Topic: **EMBDC Education Committee and Relay for Life**

February 15, 2012:

Speaker: **Darnell Montgomery – Plant Manager**

Topic: **Tower Automotive**

### Rotary Leadership

#### 2011-2012 Chapter Officers

President: [Wanda Colvin](#)

President Elect: [Chad Vaughn](#)

Sergeant at Arms: [Curt Goldacker](#)

Secretary/Treasurer: [Christy Buckalew](#)

Past President: [Crystal Dupré](#)

#### Chapter Board of Directors

[John Burton](#)

[Dr. Joel Drummond](#)

[Van Gavin](#)

[Will Simmons](#)

[Josh Thompson](#)

[Michael VanVeckhoven](#)

### ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST *"Of the things we Think, Say or Do"*

(1) Is it the TRUTH?

(2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?

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(4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Moto: **Service Above Self, He Profits Most Who Serves Best**



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February 22, 2012:

Speaker: **Ed Frey – Plant Manager**

Topic: **Handy Hardware**

February 29, 2012:

Speaker: **Alicia Crawford**

Topic: **American Red Cross**

[Ann Williams](#)

**District Governor**

[Bob Graves](#)

**Assistant District Governor**

[Paul Bucurel](#)



## Spot Light On A Rotarian – Lamar McDonald



Each and every Wednesday, whether the sun is shining or the snow is falling there is always a smiling face that works the ballroom of Northwood Country Club. The constantly upbeat person on the other end of that smile is Mr. Lamar McDonald. Mr. McDonald is a fixture in our community in every way possible, and his impact has and continues to be felt through his works and friendships. When asked about Lamar’s impact, Mr. Bruce Martin, President at Meyer and Rosenbaum said, “Lamar McDonald is a shining example of success in business and community. Lamar has achieved as a professional every single recognition there in is the insurance business in Mississippi. Lamar is so respected in the business not only by his customers, but by the carriers he has done business with for well over fifty years. Lamar displays professional integrity at the highest level. His service to his fellow man is just as significant as his professional career. Lamar has served his community in numerous ways including terms on the City Council, a commitment to the Military in Meridian and in Mississippi, his church, Chamber of Commerce and many other organizations. Lamar is an excellent example of giving to others both in his profession and his civic life.”

Mr. McDonald joined the Meridian Rotary Club in 1964 and through his actions appears to be a walking definition of a Rotarian. “Service Above Self” isn’t a statement Lamar McDonald recites every Wednesday, it’s statement he lives reach and every day.

**Lamar’s Most Notable Accolades Include: Served in U.S. Navy; graduated from Mississippi State University (1949); Joined the F.W. Williams State Agency in 1949 until 1956; joined Meyer and Rosenbaum Insurance Agency, Inc. in 1956 and continues with company still today; Governor William Winter appointee on the Mississippi Insurance Commission 1980-1984; Served as President of Greater Meridian Area Chamber of Commerce 1982; serves as Chairman of the Meridian Military Team since 1995 and continues that effort today; Served as Chairman at Meridian Industrial Foundation; Serving by appointment of Governor Haley Barbour as Chairman of Mississippi Military Communities Council from 2004 until present; Appointed by governor Haley Barbour to Board of “Momentum Mississippi” 2004 to present; Appointed by Governor Haley Barbour to “Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal” (Katrina) 2005**

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**Paul Harris Fellows** (To honor our founder and his ideals, Rotary developed a recognition program for individuals who donate \$1,000 or more to Rotary International. When this occurs, this person is recognized by Rotary as a "[Paul Harris Fellow](#)." This amount is typically donated by the person him/herself, but can be contributed in the person's name by others as a means of recognizing an individual.)

**Sustaining Members** (Rotarians who commit to donating at least \$100 on an annual basis until they reach the \$1,000 level are recognized as "**Paul Harris Sustaining Members**." Even after they qualify for Paul Harris Fellow status, they also continue to be Paul Harris Sustaining Members as long as they continue to donate on an annual basis to Rotary International. This ongoing support approach is known as the "[Every Rotarian Every Year](#)" campaign

Wanda Colvin	Paul Bucurel
Andrew Covington	Roger Burke
Dr. Joe Covington	Ray Chumley
Tommy Dulaney	Crystal Dupre'
Becky Farley	Hoot Gipson
Hardy Graham	Wink Glover, Jr.
Jerry Greene	Ronny Hampton
Bubba Hampton	Ray Humphreys
Paul Harris, Jr.	Arjen Legendijk
Tom Maynor	Jim Lawson
Bob McRae	Fred Porter
Robert Ward	Donnie Smith
Hunter George Weddington	Shane Blanton
Fred Wile	John Burton
Paul Bucurel	Dr. Joel Drummond
Roger Burke	Billy Estes
Ray Chumley	Alisha Frazier
Crystal Dupre'	Curt W. Goldacker
Hoot Gipson	Leon Harris
Wink Glover, Jr.	Thad Quarles
Ronny Hampton	Chuck Reece
Ray Humphreys	C.D. Smith
Arjen Legendijk	James S. Solomon, Jr.
Jim Lawson	Tom Tabereaux
Fred Porter	Hampton Thames
Donnie Smith	Michael VanVeckhoven
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	David White

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# February 2012

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19	20	21	15	16	17	18	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	22	23	24	25	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 29 - Feb 4	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Feb 1</b> Jerry Greene's Annivers Maurice Hall's Annivers Rick Justice's Anniversa Robert Ward's Annivers Tommy Dulaney's Anni 12:00pm 1:00pm Merid	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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Feb 5 - 11	<b>12</b> Andrew Covington's Bir Shane G. Harris's Birthd	<b>13</b> J. W. Chapman's Anniv Leon Harris's Birthday	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00pm 1:00pm Meridian Rotary Meeting (Northwood Country Club, 4300 Country Club Drive, Meridian,	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Maurice Hall's Birthday 11:30am 1:00pm Rotary Board Meeting (Weidmann's Restaurant, 210 22n	<b>18</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00pm 1:00pm Meridian Rotary Meeting (Northwood Country Club, 4300 Country Club Drive, Meridian,	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Feb 12 - 18	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Jim Briggs's Anniversar	<b>28</b> Steve Anderson's Anniv	<b>29</b> 12:00pm 1:00pm Meridian Rotary Meeting (Northwood Country Club, 4300 Country Club Drive, Meridian,	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Feb 26 - Mar 3</b>						