



January 2012

Meeting Location: [Northwood Country Club](#)

Time: 12:00 Noon

Rotary Club #3961 – District 6820

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Chapter News & Announcements

6th Annual Rotary Auction was held on Thursday, December 15th at Northwood Country Club from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Thank you to everyone who worked on our annual fundraiser and to all those who came and made it a SUCCESS!! Together we were able to raise **\$14,650** which, after expenses, will be allocated to many deserving charities in our community. If you have any questions about items you won at the auction, please send me an e-mail and we will get you what you need.

Ann Williams won the raffle for the **FREE** 1yr Rotary Membership (includes dues and meals...up to an \$823 value).

January's Speakers and Topics

Will Simmons is January's Speaker Chair and he has the following programs prepared:

January 4, 2012:

Speaker: **Tina Aycock**

Topic: **Hope Village update and funding problems with mental health**

January 11, 2012:

Speaker: **Richelle Putnam**

Topic: **She will discuss her new book on Meridian**

January 18, 2012:

Speaker: **TBA**

Topic: **TBA**

January 25, 2012:

Speaker: **Anne Sullivan**

Topic: **MS Deaf School potential satellite location in East MS**

Rotary Leadership

2011-2012 Chapter Officers

President: [Wanda Colvin](#)

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Sergeant at Arms: [Curt Goldacker](#)

Secretary/Treasurer: [Christy Buckalew](#)

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

(1) Is it the TRUTH?

(2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?

(3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

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Spot Light On A Rotarian – Hunter George Weddington



“Most people are lucky in their lives if they can distinguish themselves in just one area,” Dr. Scott Elliott said. “H.G. has distinguished himself in at least three — in his service to his country, in his stellar career as an amateur golfer, and as a longtime business leader. In all that he has done, H.G. has brought honor not only to himself, but also to Mississippi and Meridian.”

Weddington rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Army Air Corp during WWII. His last duty before his discharge was to supervise the transport of all Mississippians in the Air Corp back to their homes in the Magnolia State. “I didn’t lose a one,” Weddington remembered, “and that was something in which I have always taken pride.”

A lifelong friend of the late Congressman Sonny Montgomery, Weddington earned his place in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame by winning the Men’s State Amateur Championship three times in addition to other prestigious tournaments. As a collegiate golfer at Ole Miss, Weddington never lost a single match, earning him a place in the University of Mississippi’s athletic Hall of Fame. In his heyday, Weddington was one of the Deep South’s top amateur linksmen, once even beating the legendary Billy Joe Patton in match play. Patton was once a couple of holes away from winning the Masters tournament before hitting a ball in the water late in the final round.

In fact, Weddington’s display in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in Jackson is the first one upon entering the sports shrine to one’s left. When his daughter, nine-time state amateur champion Lou Weddington Hart, was voted into the Hall last year, H.G. and Lou became the first father-daughter tandem in the shrine’s history.

As a businessman, Weddington has stood the test of time. He has been associated with General Supply for some 75 years, first working in the family business for his father, Albert Benjamin “Ben” Weddington. There came a time when the business, founded in 1913, was passed on to H.G. and his late brother, Benjamin. At that time, General Supply manufactured and distributed portable saw mills throughout Mississippi and West Alabama.

As more years passed, General Supply began to diversify its business, becoming a wholesale distributor for HVAC, mill supplies, plumbing, pumps, valves and pipe fittings. H.G. has credited his son, Alex, with expertly managing the continued evolution of the company to ensure its viability in a global marketplace. –The Meridian Star, February 12, 2008

HG’s proudest Accolades Include: Father of Twins (Alex Weddington and Lou Hart); Member & Deacon at First Presbyterian Church Meridian; Meridian High Golf Team (1934); Ole Miss Golf Team (1935-1937); Yale Graduate as 2nd Lt (1943); Captain World War II, served 3 years overseas and retired as a Lt. Colonel; MS State Amateur Golf Champion (1939, 1947, 1948); Northwood Country Club Golf Champion (15 times from 1943-1980); Northwood Invitational Golf Champion (6 time from 1941-1952); IXAF Service Command Europe Champion (1945); Assembly Area Command Champion (1945); MS Seniors AHH Invitational Champion (1990, 1994, 1997, 1998); MS State Sports Golf Hall of Fame; MS Sports Hall of Fame; Winner of over 100 golf championships; has made 26 hole-in-ones; Past President of: MISS Golf Association, Northwood Country Club, Meridian Chamber of Commerce, and Meridian Rotary Club; Current President of General Supply and Machine Company.

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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	Ray Chumley
Dr. Joe Covington	Crystal Dupre'
Tommy Dulaney	Hoot Gipson
Becky Farley	Wink Glover, Jr.
Hardy Graham	Ronny Hampton
Jerry Greene	Ray Humphreys
Bubba Hampton	Arjen Legendijk
Paul Harris, Jr.	Fred Porter
Tom Maynor	Donnie Smith
Bob McRae	Shane Blanton
Robert Ward	John Burton
Hunter George Weddington	Dr. Joel Drummond
Fred Wile	Billy Estes
Paul Bucurel	Alisha Frazier
Roger Burke	Curt W. Goldacker
Ray Chumley	Leon Harris
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