



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Barbara Smith** 4/15
- Octavius Ivy** 4/21
- Frankie Blackmon** 4/23
- Dan Brasfield** 4/25



ON THE AGENDA

- TODAY:
Jim Johnson
Lee County Sheriff
 - NEXT WEEK:
Rotary Scholars Day
Top students in Tupelo
 - LAST MEETING:
Chuck Kellum
CSG Data Networks
- JERRY NAPIER** | PROGRAM CHAIR



NEWEST MEMBERS

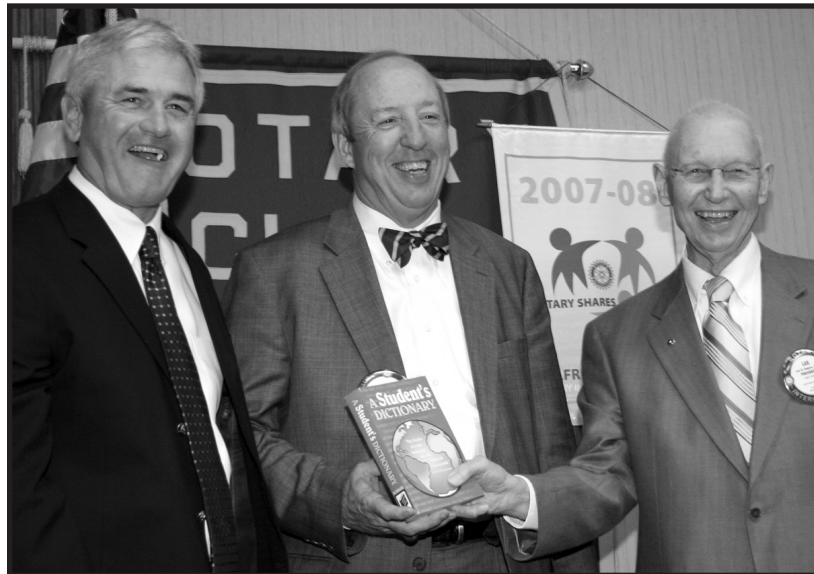
- Josh Grisham • Diane Wolf
- Scott Bebout • Debbie Hall
- Jud Jernigan • Gordon Lewis
- Inita McMullan
- Chuck Kellum
- Robert Pilgrim

TODAY'S SONG >>

Give My Regard to Broadway

Give my regard to Broadway; Remember me to Herald Square.
Tell all the gang at Forty-Second Street that I will soon be there.
Whisper of how I'm yearning to mingle with the old time throng.
Give my regards to old Broadway, and say that I'll be there e're long.

ROTARY RECENTLY >>



Sharing in education

Lee County Schools Superintendent Mike Scott, left, and Tupelo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Randy McCoy, center, pose for photos with Rotary Club of Tupelo President Lee Rogers following a ceremony marking the club's donation of dictionaries to each second grade student in Lee County.

WORTH REPEATING >>

"The law of sacrifice is uniform throughout the world. To be effective it demands the sacrifice of the bravest and the most spotless."
MOHANDAS GANDHI

TODAY'S PROGRAM >>

Jim Johnson

Sheriff of Lee County

Jim H. Johnson is the Sheriff of Lee County, serving in that position since being elected in 2003. He oversees a department of more than 130 employees. He was elected to his second term by a wide margin in 2007.



JOHNSON

Johnson began his law enforcement career at age 19. He states that throughout his career, he has learned the value of treating people with fairness, honesty and respect.

Sheriff Johnson was elected in 2003 to his first term in office. He was elected with more than 82 percent of the vote. Prior to being elected, he served in many law enforcement capacities, including serving in the Verona Police Department from 1982 to 1989; in the Lee County Sheriff's Department from 1989 to 2001; and as an investigator in the office of the Attorney General from 2002 to 2003.

In 2005, Johnson was

appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour to serve on the Law Enforcement Board of Minimum Standards.

Sheriff Johnson is married and he and his wife have one daughter. They are members of First Baptist Church, Verona, where he serves as a deacon. He and his family enjoy all types of sports, skiing, and camping.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department is one of the largest in the state. Divisions in the department include patrol, criminal investigation, narcotics, court security, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), communications, DUI enforcement, K-9, training, animal control, detention, and more. The sheriff's department is also in charge of the Lee County-Tupelo Adult Jail, the Lee County Work Center, and the Lee County Juvenile Detention Center. The department has also operated the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program in the county schools since 1994.

NOTES & EVENTS >>

Want RotaryView early by e-mail?: e-mail Jason to add your name to the e-mail list, and get your copy before the meeting.

March Attendance:

Average attendance for March was 50%. This compares to 50% for February 2008 and 53% for March 2007. Membership at the end of the month is 157.

New Board Members:

In a very close vote, Rotary Club of Tupelo members voted last week for Jim Diffee and B.B. Hosch to serve 3-year board terms, running July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

ROTARYVIEW INFO >>

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