



Oktribbeha County Chapter

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Providing:

Disaster Services
Armed Forces Emergency Services
Community Services
Health & Safety Education

Chapter Welcomes Six New Board Members

Six new board members were inducted into the Chapter on July 12 at the Annual Meeting. They are: Susan Brown, Candy Crecink, Brett Jeter, Lynn Phillips, Jim Tisdale, and Austin Vollar. They bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Chapter's leadership. Carol Moss Read takes over as chair for the coming two year term.

The meeting was held at the First Baptist Church Outreach Center, which provided a beautiful setting for the event. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible!



Upcoming Events

August 14

Board Meeting at Red Cross Office at 4:30 p.m.

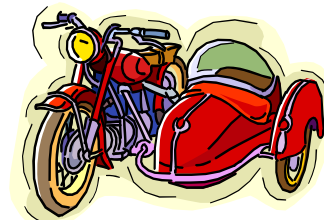
September. 18 and 20

CPR/First Aid at Chapter Office

September 21

Shelter Operations for Community Partners –
Louisville

Note: The Disaster Team will not meet the remainder of August; Thursday meetings will begin again in September.



Motorcycles, Kiwanis, Hot Dogs, and Chickens

What do motorcycles, Kiwanis, hot dogs, and chickens all have in common with our Red Cross Chapter?

They're all things you'll see together at this year's Sturgis South Motorcycle Rally, set for August 17, 18, and 19 in downtown Sturgis, Mississippi!

Red Cross and Kiwanis will operate the Clara Barton Café, selling hot dogs on Friday and barbecue chicken on Saturday. With around 30,000 bikers expected for the family-oriented rally, it should be a great event. We'll also be selling plates in Starkville - \$7 each. Plan now to attend – or to volunteer to help man the café.

Red Cross/MSU Partnership

Our Chapter will be a **Day One Leadership Community Partner** with MSU this fall. The program brings 200 freshmen to MSU where they will live in Cresswell Hall and experience service learning as part of their education.

The Day One credo is:

Do Right: live with character, honor and integrity at all times, in and out of the classroom;

Do Good: the first job of a leader is to serve others;

Do Well: excel in school; learn to lead; do well in life.

A group of 6 or 7 students will be assigned to our chapter for 20 hours of service learning each. Their orientation day is scheduled for September 5. We're looking forward to being part of this initiative.

Clara Barton Inductees

This year's inductees into the Clara Barton Society were recognized at the Annual Meeting. They are: George Barry, Nathan Palmer, Carol Moss Read, Anne Snell, David Palmer, AmSouth Sallie Mae customers, Starkville Kiwanis Club, Starkville Rotary Club, Sturgis South Bike Rally, City of Starkville, Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors, and the United Way of North Central Mississippi. There were also two anonymous donors. The dedication of these individuals and organizations to Red Cross is very much appreciated.



Masters of Disaster Curriculum Update

The Masters of Disaster curriculum has been updated to include a Family Kit. Each Family Kit contains printable activity sheets on CD; home safety checklists; English and Spanish safety videos on DVD for fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and more; background information on each topic; a disaster-trivia poster; stickers; and a family preparedness certificate.

There are dozens of activities to help families take simple steps to prepare for any disaster; learn the science and safety for earthquakes, home fires and wildland fires, hurricanes, lightning, and tornadoes; know about disasters that happen where we live; discuss tough questions about terrorism, war, and pandemic flu; prevent burns, falls, and other injuries; and recover from a disaster if one happens.

The Educator Kit has also been updated. Each is available from the Red Cross Office for a cost of \$25.

For more information about the Oktibbeha County Chapter of the American Red Cross, call 323-4621.

The Chapter Office will be closed on September 3 for Labor Day. Emergency calls should be directed to 769-4621.