

## MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2007

### Minutes of Meeting of Oct. 2, 2007

- President Freddy Walter presided over the meeting.
- Conrad Welker offered the invocation.
- Bill McLeod led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Thanks to Valerie Sartin and Mike McMillan for serving as our Greeters today.
- Kris King welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests including:
  - ✓ Steven Dickey, Jack Gay, Pierce Stevens, and Patty Furr from the Petal Club.
  - ✓ Harold Nicholson was a guest of Johnny Stevens.
  - ✓ Chris Bowen was a guest of James Duncan.
  - ✓ Ken Barlow was a guest of Bill McLeod

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Freddy reminded the club of the upcoming Golf Tournament to be held at Shadowridge on Monday, October 22. He also announced that the Club will also meet during the regular scheduled meeting on October 23.
2. It was announced that Kristina Gould and her husband have welcomed a new addition to their family. Both mother and daughter are doing well and are home from the hospital.
3. In other announcements Freddy asked Club members to mark their calendar on **December 11 for the Christmas Party, April 17 for the District Conference and April 22 for the Night in Italy event.**

4. He also announced that the Club will have a cake sale on the first meeting date in November. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Rotary Foundation.
5. The board has approved former club member, Todd Mixon, for membership. Todd had moved out of state but has returned to Hattiesburg to head-up the Heritage Banking Group.
6. Francis Farmer was then introduced to conduct the monthly auction. Patty Furr, Mary Cromartie, Bill McLeod, Joe Riley, and Steve Ramp all were high bidders on items provided by Rotary members. Proceeds from the auction will be contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Joe Riley introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Raymond Thomas (tom) King, President of William Carey University.

Dr. King began his presentation by sharing the University's mission which is to provide a quality liberal education within a caring, Christian academic community. He says William Carey University is South Mississippi's largest private university. The school currently has just over 2,750 students enrolled. Prior to Katrina enrollment was as high as 3,200 and continues to steadily increase.

William Carey opened the New Orleans campus nursing program in 1968. Although the building was not damaged or destroyed during Katrina, the students have not all yet returned, however, enrollment does continue to rise. The Gulfport campus was opened in 1976.

William Carey University is the name sake of William Carey. He is known as the father of modern missions. The school was founded in 1892 in Poplarville as a female boarding school. It was relocated to Hattiesburg in 1906, named William Carey College in 1954 and renamed as William Carey University in 2006. As a women's college, William Carey produced a national math winner, an unusual accomplishment at the time.

There is a great deal of construction underway on the campus. New dormitories were opened recently, the first new dormitories in the last forty-one years. An expansion of the library is also underway.

Dr. King concluded his presentation by noting that the University has a number of challenges that could take it to the next level and bring more recognition to the Hattiesburg area. However, each of these challenges requires funds that the University does not currently have available. Beach front property owned by the university on the Gulf Coast has recently been placed on the market. Dr. King asked that anyone interested in acquiring the property to contact his office in the near future.

### **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

The speaker for today is *Co-Owner & Co-Founder & President* of Provision Living, LLC, *Todd Spittal*.

Todd has more than fifteen years of hands-on and executive level leadership within the senior housing industry. He began his career in 1992 as a long term care administrator. He successfully ran skilled nursing properties ranging in size from 120 beds to 200 beds. In 1998, Todd joined Church of God Retirement Communities,

an Indiana non-profit organization. Initially, as Director of Operations and eventually as President of the organization's management entity, Todd participated in the development, acquisition, operations and fill-up of fifteen skilled and assisted living properties located in six states. In 2002, Todd joined American Lifestyles, Inc (Life Care Centers of America), in Cleveland, Tennessee. As Chief Operating Officer, Todd was responsible for the oversight of 30 assisted and independent living properties (4,000 units) in 19 states. Under his leadership, American Lifestyles, Inc. experienced significant growth in performance and reaching key service benchmarks.

In 2004, Todd became a President & Principal in St. Louis based One On One Services, LLC. Todd utilized his unique expertise in property operations and sales/marketing management to provide property owners with strategies to maximize performance and service potential.

In September of 2005, Todd founded Provision Living, LLC, a St. Louis based company specializing in the operations and investment of senior living properties. Provision Living now operates 8 assisted living properties located in Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois. The company now oversees the daily operations of 550 units and 300 employees with a regional office located in Greenfield, Indiana.

During the past fifteen years, Todd has provided leadership or consulting services to 70 assisted living, retirement living and skilled nursing properties in 24 states. Todd is a graduate of Olivet

Nazarene University with a degree in Business Administration and Indiana Wesleyan University with an MBA. Todd has been married for 14 years to his wife Angela. They have two children and reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

### **Provision Living at Hattiesburg**

#### *A Premier Senior Living Community*

In the fall of 2007, construction will commence at Provision Living at Hattiesburg. This premier senior living community will include 90 beautiful apartment residences, chauffeured transportation, 3 restaurant style meals daily, hotel-style maid and linen service, comfortable lounges and studies, private dining, fitness and wellness center and much more. The community is scheduled to be open for residency in the fall of 2008.

The services at Provision Living will be as gracious as the building and grounds. The community will employ approximately 40 full- and part-time associates. Employment opportunities are available for recreation and activity professionals, resident assistants, dining staff, housekeeping, administrative staff, professional nurses and many others. Associates will be available 24 hours a day to assist residents with any need that may arise.

Provision Living is conveniently located at 217 Methodist Blvd, on the campus of Wesley Medical Center.

Residents will have convenient access to physician's office, hospital services, home care, rehab services and Wesley's outstanding wellness center. The chauffeured transportation program at Provision Living will make accessing these health and wellness services convenient for all.

In addition to beautiful surroundings, residents at Provision Living will be able to access the community's personal care services as they are needed. Knowing that there is always a helpful hand around to provide residents with assistance with medications, bath, and dressing support or assistance during an illness can bring an added level of comfort and security.

In September, Katy Testin became the inaugural associate at Provision Living at Hattiesburg. As Community Relations Coordinator, Katy will be personally working with each resident considering into Provision Living. She has a Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology and a Masters Degree in Gerontology. Katy and her husband live in Petal, Mississippi.

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