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**The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg was well represented at this year's District Conference!
Pictured L-R: Carl Michel, Jaclyn Adams, Sean "Dream On" Priebe, Rob Young, and Kyle Wallace.**

MINUTES: APRIL 5, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Ashley Reed who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Wes Brooks and Jonathan Shemper who served as our greeters today.

Today's Mystery Rotarian was born in Biloxi MS and raised in Ocean Springs; graduating from high school a year early so that an extra 10 years could be taken to complete the bachelors and master's degrees at USM. In between times, this Rotarian attended Millsaps College and City Colleges of Chicago and lived in Germany for 4 years serving as the Emergency Medical Technician Coordinator for 100 military bases in Europe and driving an Audi 95 mpg on the Audubon. This Rotarian has 6 brothers and sisters, and has hiked in Virginia, Arizona and Georgia. This Rotarian joined Rotary in Georgia and received the one and only award as "Rookie of the Year" from the elder statesmen of the club. This Rotarian traveled to Germany, England, France, Holland, Russia and the Czech Republic. Her signature dish is jambalaya and she loves Hattiesburg and Southern Mississippi University. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Faye Gilbert.

Sean reminded members that the District Conference is coming up April 7 – 10 at the Island View on the coast. Volunteers will be needed for the food fest event being co-sponsored by our club and the Sunrise Club. If you are interested, please let Sean know.

The Night-in-Italy event is scheduled for May 3. Volunteer sign-ups will begin next month. Tracy Fowler passed out flyers and encouraged members to purchase tickets for the United Way of Southeast Mississippi's \$100,000.00 cash drawing.

Dan then introduced today's guest Larry Blakeney who is the Community Outreach Coordinator for The Southern Pine Electric Power Association. Larry has been the Safety and Compliance Director for 22 years. He offers live demonstrations about the hazards of contact with power lines and practical safety tips for avoiding dangerous situations to schools, adults and children's groups.

Southern Pine Electric Power Association uses coal and nuclear power to produce their energy. Southern Pine EPA owns 10% of the nuclear plant in Port Gibson. The company is the largest co-op in the USA per miles of land. That is about 10,000 miles of land.

Coal, water, wind, natural gas and even nuclear gas is what electricity is made of. With coal being the biggest source of creating electricity, using coal boosts the American economy. If we lose it, your electric bill becomes extremely high. 40% of all electricity generated in the USA is from coal. *Volts* is how the electricity is measured. A *substation* is where they can increase or decrease the voltage.

Transformers decrease the voltage that comes into your house. Electrical lines run overhead from pole to pole and in some areas the electrical lines are underground. If your lines are underground, always call the power company to find out where your lines are before you start to dig.

Conductor is something that electric or energy can travel through. This is wood and most metals. **YOU can be a conductor.**

Insulator is something that electric or energy cannot travel through. It can be rubber, plastic or glass. Most non-metallic solids are said to be good insulators, having extremely high resistance to the flow of charge through them.

Tips to remember about power lines and safety:

- Always assume the lines are live/energized
- All electrical lines, regardless of type are subject to be live/energized
- Do not try and cut down trees or limbs from any power lines, let the professional do it
- If you're in a car with power lines over the car, stay in the car. You're safer in the car
- Watch for lines when you're carrying ladders around your yard
- Stay AWAY from heavy equipment that has come in contact with power lines
- YOUR Body will always act like an conductor

For more information, or if you would like to schedule a live demonstration for a group or an event, please contact Southern Pine's Safety Coordinator, Larry Blakeney at (601) 785-6511, extension 371 or lblakeney@spepa.com.

Minutes recorded by:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary

Our Speaker

Lloyd Lunceford, Director Baptist Student Union—U.S.M.

W. Lloyd Lunceford is director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a native of Clarksdale, Miss., and received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Education degrees from Delta State University. He received the Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978.

Before becoming the director of the Southern Miss BSU, Lloyd served as Assistant BSU director at Delta State; BSU director at Pearl River Community College; State Associate BSU director; and IMB Foreign Missionary to Taiwan.

He has also served as the State BSU director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board since 2006.

He is currently the chaplain for the Southern Miss baseball team.



**NEXT
WEEK
BRETT HARRIS
OSHER LIFELONG
LEARNING INSTITUTE**

UPCOMING

APRIL 19

BRETT HARRIS
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APRIL 26

THE HONORABLE EUGENE "GENE" L. FAIR,
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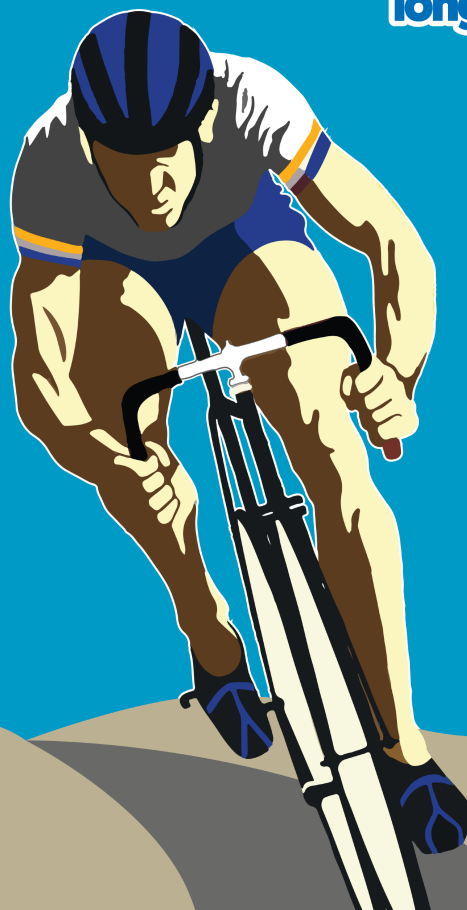
APRIL 7-10

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MAY 28—JUNE 1

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
(SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA)

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG
BIKE-A-THON
SEPT 24
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a Night in Italy

The Children's Center
FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

May 3, 2016



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