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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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Hattiesburg
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**L-R: Erin Granberry, PDG Brian Hall, and
President-Elect Jaclyn Adams.**

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 24, 2015

President-Elect Jaclyn Adams presided over the meeting in Sean's absence. Thanks to Faye Gilbert who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Steve Ramp and Freddie Walter who served as our greeters today.

Wes Brooks stood in for Jaclyn. We have no visiting Rotarians and no guests to report.

Today's Mystery Rotarian grew up in a small town but considers herself as always a country girl. She enjoyed high school especially the cheerleading. She failed math as a freshman so had to drop out. She did recover and was able to compete in cheerleading events. She was head cheerleader and the homecoming queen in her senior year. She played softball on a ladies team winning several championships. She played softball until she was in her forties on a co-ed team but decided that was enough. When she turned 30 she entered into her second marriage with two children. They will celebrate their 29 anniversary in December. She loves her job, her NASCAR and camping with the family. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Lynn Walton.

Jaclyn reported that our club will meet on December 15th in Scianna Hall at USM. There will be no club meetings on December 22 or December 29.

Tracie Fowler requested volunteers to work the Angel Tree booth at the mall on Wednesday, December 2. Members were also asked to bring new toys for Christian Services' Birthday Party for Jesus. Two volunteers are needed on the day of the event, December 19.

Erin Granberry then introduced today's guest speaker, Brian Hall. Brian has held a number of Rotary positions but will speak to us today about the Rotary Foundation. Erin also welcomed his wife Lynn and their two children Kelly and Patrick.

Brian reminded members that we are a part of 1.2 million Rotarians in 35,000 clubs in 200 countries. He also reminded us that Rotary provides community services globally and is the

only organization of its kind that promotes service above self.

While we are all a part of the Rotary team, the Rotary Foundation is what makes it all go, according to Brian. The Rotary Foundation evens the playing field for millions and as another Rotarian said to him, Rotary snatches life from death throughout the world.

The Rotary Foundation makes us all one team. We are members of our club and members of Rotary International but we are all on the same team. And while team members make small contributions to the Foundation, those small contributions add up to \$123 million worldwide annually. Contributions in that amount will make a difference in the world, differences that one Rotarian or one club or one district could not possibly make.

One club or one individual will not be able to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. But with the Foundation's finances and leadership and partners the day is going to come when we can report that polio no longer exists in this world. That according to Brian is how we get things done.

He encouraged everyone to give to the Foundation. The goal is for each member to contribute just \$100 annually and with that gift the world becomes a better place.

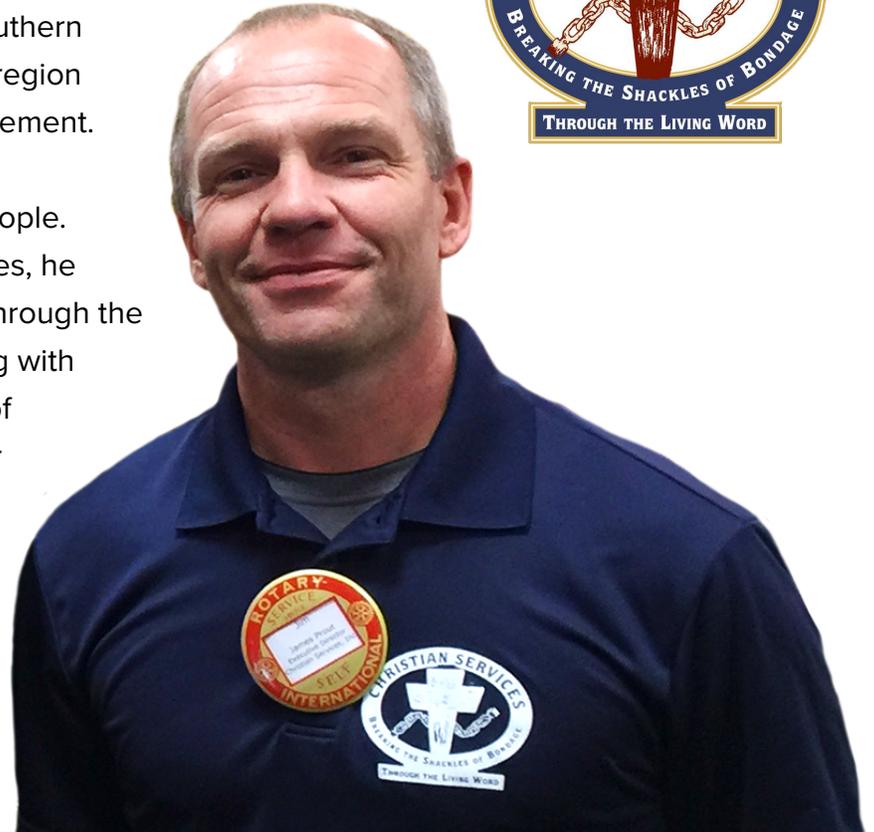
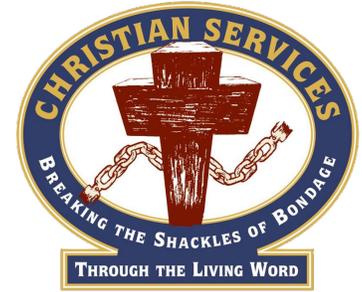
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**Minutes courtesy of:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**



OUR PROGRAM TODAY

Jim Prout is the Executive Director & COO of Christian Services, Inc. Born in Hattiesburg, MS and raised in neighboring Petal, he also attended University of Southern Mississippi. He traveled the South East region pursuing his career in restaurant management. Returning to Hattiesburg was due to the unavoidable burden for hurt and lost people. Staying to his food and hospitality desires, he began to grow numbers and outreach through the Soup Kitchen at Christian Services along with developing the a Teen Challenge type of ministry that houses up to 40 men. After more than 15 years in the ministry, Jim and his wife, Maggie, have continued to stand on God's promises, and are committed the vision of building up the body of Christ by breaking chains, bringing hope, and changing lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ.



JIM PROUT, CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Christian Services, Inc., is a multi- faceted ministry through which men and women can come together from individual churches and organizations to demonstrate love to a world of people who are in bondage to poverty, ignorance, anger, frustration, and loneliness. Our goal is to see a unified Body of Christ reaching souls and helping those in need.

For some, CSI offers a controlled environment in which to be separated from their old lifestyles while they learn new values and habits.

For others, it is a place where a high standard of values and conduct is continually being lifted up as an example to those who have been disillusioned and/or misled.

Christian Services, Inc., is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization supported by voluntary contributions.

UPCOMING

DECEMBER 8—THAMES ELEMENTARY PERFORMANCE

DECEMBER 15—LUNCH & TOUR OF SCIANNA HALL

DECEMBER 22 & 29—NO MEETING

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY GALA

January 8, 2016, Great Southern Club, Gulfport, MS. Registration for this event is \$45 per person. Use this link to register for this event: <http://bit.ly/1YC8UBg>

MID-YEAR CHECKUP

This year the Saturday, **January 9, 2016** Mid-Year Checkup will focus on two-minute presentations by district clubs highlighting their achievements over the past six months. Use this link to register for this event—<http://bit.ly/1Q6YRAV>

“FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE” CALGARY 2016

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

For Mardi Gras 2016, D6840 will be hosting a delegation of Canadians from the Calgary area, D5360. The 6 couples selected to participate were chosen from a group of 24 who expressed interest in coming to The Big Easy!!

The plan is for the group to arrive on Tuesday, February 2, with the actual program beginning on Wednesday, February 3, and until their departure on Monday, February 15. Since Mardi Gras is February 9, logistics and lodging are both challenging, especially for such a large group. I am very interested in lodging possibilities near the St. Charles Avenue Parade Route around “Mardi Gras Weekend,” as well as lodging with Rotarians along the Gulf Coast (especially between Bay St. Louis and Biloxi) from February 10-15. Please let me know!

THURSDAY, JULY 7 TO TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016

D6840 Rotarians are invited to D5360, a special part of Canada, to enjoy the Calgary Stampede, the beautiful Canadian Rockies, and other activities during the early part of our HOT July!

I already have a growing list of D6840 Rotarians who are interested in visiting the cool Canadian Rockies in July, 2016! Please let me know if you would like to get on the list. The maximum number of visitors is 12.

Both in Calgary and in New Orleans, the plans are basically home-stays with Rotarians, “Bed & Breakfast style.” Guests may not need to have their own rental cars/vans. Visitors will be responsible for their personal expenses and meals when they are on their own.

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