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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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Rotary Club of Hattiesburg
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Hattiesburg, MS 39401



MINUTES: JUNE 7, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Jamie Mitchell who gave the invocation and to Lynn Walton who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Wes Brooks and Steve Ramp who served as greeters.

Jaclyn Adams introduced our guests today: Tom Overton guest of Tracie Fowler, Michael King guest of Chrissy Yelverton and Olivia Pickering guest of Kristy Gould. Jaclyn also called our attention to those who have volunteered to serve in various positions during the next Rotary year. Tracie Fowler will serve as Sergeant at Arms, Ryan Kelly as Program Chair, Erin Granberry as Chair of the Foundation Committee, Jim Prout and Maura McLaughlin as Co-Chairs of the Service Projects Committee, Wes Brooks as Chair of the Public relations Committee and Angela Herzog as Chair of the Scholarship and Leadership Committee. Jaclyn appealed for volunteers to chair the Social and Membership committees for Rotary Year 2016-2017. She closed her comments by announcing the Rotary Foundation will initiate a program of 100 Days of Service in Honor of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. This will be an important program in the new year. More details will follow.

President Priebe regained the gavel and made the following announcements. He informed the club that the board had met the previous day in a four-hour retreat dedicated to resolving long standing problems regarding the future of the club. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the board for the progress they made during the meeting. He also expressed the board's sincere appreciation for the hospitality offered by Dean Faye Gilbert who hosted the retreat in Scianna Hall. Sean stated that great things are in store for the coming year including board recommended updates to the club's by-laws and a special program to encourage new members. He reminded the club that the by-laws changes would require a 2/3 majority of the members so he encouraged all members to look for a special communication in this regard in their e-mails. He encouraged all members to attend the June 21st meeting when we will hold the election for our slate of officers for the 2016/2017 Rotary Year and also make a presentation to the Children's Center of our check representing the net proceeds of our Night in Italy event. Sean closed the announcements by giving a shout out to Wes Brooks and Aaron Ladner who both received Best of the Pine Belt awards and informing the club that Kevin Zemetis has resigned because he has accepted a permanent position in Oklahoma.

Chrissy Yelverton introduced our guest speaker Mr. Mike Pascarella, Executive Director and Construction Manager for Hattiesburg area Habitat for Humanity. Pascarella gave us a very informative talk on the background and accomplishments of the Hattiesburg chapter of Habitat, which was incorporated in 1990 as a non-profit organization with a vision and mission statement to eliminate substandard housing. They housed their first family in 1992. In 2004 they built 22 homes, in 2005, with the assistance of donations generated by Katrina, they were able to build 28 homes. In 2009 they began construction of their first subdivision and by 2011 they had completed their 65th home, all of this with only two paid full time employees. The board members and construction workers have all been volunteers. In 26 years they have helped 101 families some with new homes and some with critical repairs to existing homes and/or weatherization programs to save on energy costs.

Pascarella provided a lot of statistics and details that we are unable to cover here but he suggested that interested parties could obtain more details on their Face Book Page and on Twitter. He did dispel several myths about Habitat. First Jimmy Carter did not start Habitat. He is their most famous volunteer. Second, they do not give houses away. Recipients get an interest free mortgage after having been thoroughly vetted as to need, and undergone mandatory training classes on home maintenance, how to be a good neighbor, and disaster planning among others. Third Habitat gets no federal funding. All of their funding is from donations. Fourth, of the ten homes funded by the NBA, seven are in Hattiesburg.

Pascarella stated that the average cost for each home is between 60 to 70 thousand dollars, with the finished home appraising for about \$105,000.00. Recipients are required to enter into a partnership agreement, which precludes their ability to flip the homes on the open market.

President Priebe closed the meeting with our motto and with an additional announcement that Freddy Walter's mother had passed away and that internment would take place in Morton MS on Saturday June 4 2016.

**Minutes provided by:
Bill MacLauchlan, Benevolence Chair**

OUR GUEST **ANDREW IMPASTATO**

**VICE PRESIDENT, LEGAL & COMPLIANCE
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Andrew "Andy" Impastato serves as Vice President of Legal & Compliance where he is responsible for providing guidance and direction on all laws impacting the insurance industry. He also frequently handles general corporate work on behalf of his organization.

Mr. Impastato concentrates on employee benefits matters, including compliance with federal and state employment laws as well as ERISA, COBRA, HIPAA and the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining the BancorpSouth Insurance Services team, he served as Manager of Legal Operations for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi.

Mr. Impastato has been practicing law for over thirteen years and has a history of providing legal and compliance advice on employee benefits matters, including all aspects of health and welfare plan administration. He has also has experience with a broad range of general employment law issues.

Mr. Impastato is a member of the American Bar Association, its Section on Labor and Employment Law and its Joint Committee on Employee Benefits. He is also a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, Mississippi Corporate Counsel Association and the Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers' Legal Counsel Working Group.

Impastato holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi State University and a Juris Doctor degree from Mississippi College School of Law.

A native of Metairie, Louisiana, Impastato, his wife and their children live in Jackson, Mississippi.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY *of* HATTIESBURG



JUNE 21



SUMMER EADES



JENNIFER PAYNE

Upcoming

JUNE 21	JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF HATTIESBURG
JUNE 28	AWARDS PRESENTATION, OFFICER INDUCTIONS
JULY 5	TBD
JULY 12	Katie Dixon—MasterChef Season 7
JULY 19	Sarah Case-Price—Leadership Pinebelt, Person First Expo
JULY 26	Lisa Salcedo—Leadership Pinebelt, Lighting Longleaf
AUGUST 2	Kristen Reimert—Leadership Pinebelt, Smart Space
AUGUST 9	Sarah Holifield—Domestic Abuse Family Shelter

Leadership

P I N E B E L T

JULY 19
JULY 26
AUGUST 2

