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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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L-R: Chrissy Yelverton; our guest, Andy Impastato, and Sean Priebe.



MINUTES: JUNE 14, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Ryan Kelly who gave the invocation and to Ashley Reed who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Jennifer Payne and Ben Donald who served as our greeters today.

Jaclyn Adams then introduced our guests. Ryan Kelly brought his wife, Jennifer Kelly and Tom Overton is a guest of Tracie Fowler. Jacquelyn then announced that Chrissy Yelverton is our new social committee chair and she is still looking for volunteer for the membership committee.

Today's Mystery Rotarian is an April Fools baby. Graduated in 1994 from Oak Grove High School- back when chickens were in the courtyard. This Rotarian was mentored by the late and great Rotarian Dr. Milton Wheeler, who nominated him for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship in 1998. This Rotarian studied at the prestigious University of Glasgow in Glasgow, Scotland UK from 99-2000.

This Rotarian has given a total of 47 speeches at different Rotary Clubs across Scotland and has made many friends across the globe. While in Scotland they tried haggis and scotch and loved both. Applying "Service Above Self" is definitely this Rotarians motto, and has lead him to a successful career path. This Rotarian is happily married for ten years and has two boys Alex (7) and Jack (5). This Rotarian has 6 tattoos (all which are easily covered) and plans on getting more in the future. Lastly, This Rotarian plans on retiring from his current position in the next 8 to 10 years to focus on transitioning into the political scene. Who is this Rotarian?

James Mitchell: began with Toyota of Hattiesburg in 2000, hired as a Sales Manager for one of the East Coast's largest and most successful dealerships and currently manages sales at the new Toyota of Hattiesburg on Highway 98 West.

Sean then announced that members will need to attend the meeting next week for the Officers election for 2016-2017. We will also present the Children's Center a check for the Night in Italy proceeds.

Chrissy Yelverton then introduced today's guest speaker, Andy Impastato. A few times a year he meets with Agency heads of the IRS, Department of Labor and Congress to discuss how the Federal government is impacting brokers, customers and employers. In February he was in Washington for the "Cadillac Tax".

The Cadillac tax is the planned levy on high-cost health-benefit plans provided by employers to their employees. A central piece of the Affordable Care Act, it imposes an

excise tax of on health plans whose value is more than \$10,200 for individual coverage and \$27,500 for a family (the tax only applies to the amounts that exceed the threshold). The excise tax would have the effect of discouraging companies from offering high-cost health plans to employees as they trim their spending on plans to get under the excise-tax cap. For instance, an employer offering an employee \$10,200 in health benefits in 2018 would pay \$10,200 to the insurer, while an employer offering a plan valued at \$11,000 would not only be paying \$800 more to provide the plan, but would also have to pay an excise tax of 40% of \$800, or \$320.

The "ACA" Affordable Care Act, is not something that either presidential candidate can "get rid of". It is something that has to get passed by Congress. According to Impastato, they will never be able to repeal the entire act. He says things will NEVER go back to the way insurance was before the Act came into play. What the Republicans are trying to do is take out all the bad stuff and insert what they want.

Hilary Clinton's position on the ACA:

- Defend the Affordable Care Act and build on it to slow the growth of out-of-pocket costs.
- Expand access to affordable health care to families regardless of immigration status.
- Invest in navigators, advertising and other outreach activities to make enrollment easier.
- Support new incentives to encourage all states to expand Medicaid.

Donald Trump's position on the ACA:

- Block-grant Medicaid to the states. States will have the incentives to seek out and eliminate fraud, waste and abuse to preserve resources.
- Allow individuals to fully deduct health insurance premium payments from their tax returns under the current tax system. Businesses are allowed to take these deductions so why wouldn't Congress allow individuals the same exemptions?
- Modify existing law that inhibits the sale of health insurance across state lines.
- Remove barriers to entry into free markets for drug providers that offer safe, reliable and cheaper products, allowing consumers access to imported, safe and dependable drugs from overseas bringing more options to consumers.

Sean then ended the meeting with our motto: Service Above Self!

Suggestions to help make our club better in the future are always welcome. If you have one or a few, please email them to Sean Priebe Sean.Priebe@RaymondJames.com and/or Jaclyn Adams Jaclyn.adams@bxs.com in the near future.

Minutes provided by:
Toni Lee on behalf of Lamar Evans



OUR GUESTS



SUMMER EADES

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Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg, Inc. was built on the foundation of improving the community, especially where children are concerned. In 1941, the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg was born with 23 ladies ready to volunteer their time for the betterment of the community and its children. In 1943, the Hattiesburg chapter of 37 members was granted a charter by the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, the twelfth volunteer group to be given such a charter in the nation.

Celebrating their 75th anniversary this year, the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg continues the tradition of volunteer community service in meeting the needs of the underprivileged. With a volunteer base of 100 women, JA plans, funds and staffs 21 service projects each year. From ensuring that children have backpacks and uniforms to educating teenagers about the dangers of driving while distracted, JA of Hattiesburg works with nearly 4,000 children each year in a variety of ways.

JA of Hattiesburg President, Jennifer Payne and Finance Chair, Summer Eades are joining us today to talk about many needs of the children and families of the Pine Belt, how JA of Hattiesburg is working to meet them and what we can do to becoming involved.

NEXT WEEK • OFFICER INSTALLATION & AWARDS DAY

The “Milam S. ‘Sonny 34’ Cotton New Rotarian of the Year”

Awarded to a dedicated Rotarian who has been a member of the club for less than three years. This award is named for Dr. Milam “Sonny 34” Cotton, a dedicated Rotarian who lived to serve. Dr. Cotton was the last member of this club to rise to the level of District Governor. 2015 Recipient: Todd Watson

The Bill Gwyn “Non-Rotarian Service” Award

Our club’s best attempt to look beyond our membership. It is our opportunity to recognize someone from our region who exemplifies our club’s values, our commitment to service, and the empowerment of those less fortunate. 2015 Recipient: Mike Dixon

The Joe Spell “Spirit of Rotary” Award

The Joe Spell "Spirit of Rotary" Award — Presented to a club member for their service not only to the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, but to the community as well. This honor is named for Hattiesburg Rotarian, Joe Spell, who displayed a consistent, enthusiastic passion for the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg and Rotary International. 2015 Recipient: Sean Priebe

The T. C. Hannah “Rotarian of the Year”

Given in recognition of their outstanding service and unwavering dedication to the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. T. C. Hannah, charter member and first president of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. 2015 Recipient: Bill MacLauchlan

Upcoming

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