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Rotary Club of Hattiesburg 629 N. Main St. Hattiesburg, MS 39402



#### **MINUTES: MARCH 15, 2016**

President-Elect Jaclyn Adams presided over the meeting for Sean Priebe. Thanks to Conrad Welker who gave the invocation and to Bill MacLauchlan who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Lynn Walton who served as our greeters today.

Wes Brooks sat in for Jaclyn and welcomed Michelle Wilson who is visiting from the Ocean Springs Club. He also welcomed Jeff Mitchell who is a guest of Paula Brahan and Tony Johnson who is a guest of Johnny Stevens and has just submitted his membership application.

Today's Mystery Rotarian had Robert Plant buy him a beer and sat and visited for about half an hour. He also worked for Morgan Freeman and attended a Willie Nelson poker game. He plays multiple instruments including guitar, upright bass, mandolin, banjo and piano. He once got stuck in New York City riding the subways all night because he missed the last train out of Manhattan. He has run 2 half marathons and is now training to run more. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Phillip Carter.

Jaclyn noted that the club will not meet at Southern Oaks on March 29 but instead will take a field trip to the Children's Center for Communications and Development.

She also 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. We will be hosting a Southern Prohibition event. She also thanked Maura and Jennifer for co-hosting the Night in Italy event to be held on May  $3^{\rm rd}$ .

It was noted that the United Way of Southeast Mississippi is seeking contributions to help with flood response and recovery. One hundred percent of contributions made to the fund will go directly to those in need. You can donate online at <a href="https://www.unitedwayssems.org/disaster">www.unitedwayssems.org/disaster</a> or mail a check to United Way SEMS, P.O. Box 1648, Hattiesburg, MS 39403. Note Flood Response and Recovery Disaster Fund in the memo line.

Jaclyn then introduced today's guest speaker, our very own Johnny Stevens. Johnny has been a Rotarian for 40 years and has missed only one meeting that he was unable to make up. Johnny

sold his pest control business to Holifield Pest Management and has recruited Tony Johnson from the company to join Rotary.

Johnny noted that termites are swarming this time of the year. Swarms generally occur after a wet season when the temperatures get warm. Should you see swarming termites in your home, please make an appointment and have your home inspected as soon as possible.

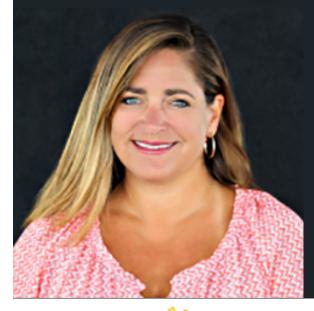
There are two types of termites commonly found in our area. The Eastern Subterranean termite is common throughout the United States. Their swarms generally occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Their nests generally have about 200,000 termites before they swarm. We also have the Formosan termite in this area. They generally swarm between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. Their swarms contain between 4 and 6 million termites. The Formosan can travel up to 300 feet from their nests. It takes a nest about 2 years to increase in a size before a swarm.

Winged termites have a straight waist and straight antennae. Their wings are equal in size and are shed soon after they emerge from the next. Flying ants have pinched waists and bent antennae and are often mistake for swarming termites. They have two sets of wings, one larger than the other and they often swarm at different times than termites. If there is a question, get it checked out.

Johnny encourages everyone not to gamble with their home which is probably the largest investment we have. Get it checked routinely and if you see a winged termite or tunnels that you suspect have been formed by the pests, call your pest control specialist. Chemicals used in the prevention and/or elimination of termites have improved greatly over the years. Johnny encourages the use of *Termidor*© which kills the queen and therefore kills the colony. Only licensed pest control specialists can apply *Termidor*©.

Minutes recorded by: Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary

# Our Speaker



## **Trisha Byrd**

**Community Outreach Coordinator Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency** 

Trisha Byrd is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA). She is responsible for the coordination and management of events and campaigns that educate the public on organ, eye and tissue donation. Trisha came to MORA from LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services which is an organ procurement organization (OPO) that services Northern Florida.



FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

### **NEXT WEEK**

## TOUR OF THE CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Since 1974, The Children's Center for Communication and Development has led Mississippi in early intervention services for infants, toddlers and preschoolers with significant disabilities.

A clinical division of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences in the College of Health at The University of Southern Mississippi, The Children's

Center is built on the knowledge and understanding that language, cognitive development, physical development and emotional growth are intertwined, and that early intervention is most successful when a comprehensive approach is taken towards a child's development.

The Children's Center had humble beginnings, a couple of tiny therapy rooms in the Speech and Hearing Science Department. Still, the staff was breaking ground, building models, and replicating successful programs from around the country.

Today, The Children's Center is a full service, intensive, transdisciplinary program that occupies more than 3,000 square feet and directly serves over 90 children and their families from as many as 22 South Mississippi counties. The children served represent a range of disabilities that include various communication and developmental disorders, such as Down syndrome, hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, autism, Rett syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, aphasia, apraxia, and conditions related to premature birth.



MARCH 29: TOUR OF THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

JULY 7-19: ROTARY TRIP TO DISTRICT 5360, CALGARY STAMPEDE

**APRIL 7-10: DISTRICT CONFERENCE** 

MAY 28—JUNE 1: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION (SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA)

