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ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG



Rotary BIKE-A-THON Chair
and Bob Saget stunt double,
Jonathan Shemper.

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Conrad Welker who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Jennifer Payne and Ryan Kelly who served as our greeters today.

Jaclyn Adams then introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Phillip Carter is a guest of Wes Brooks and is a former Rotarian from the Cleveland, MS club. Jim Prout is a guest of Richard Topp. Ben Donald and Donavan Johnson are guests of Sean Priebe. It was also noted that our speaker has as his guests today Amy McQueen and Pam Pater.

Our Mystery Rotarian grew up in Grenada. He learned about Rotary as a little boy when his mother was a member of a group that served lunch to the local Rotary club. He was inducted into Rotary in 1960 at the age of 31. He has served as District Treasurer and President of our club. He attended a space shot during the Apollo program. He and his daughters were once granted a private showing of the United States archive documents at the Smithsonian. He and his wife recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. This week's Mystery Rotarian is Conrad Welker.

Sean then reminded members of the upcoming Bike-a-Thon. If you haven't signed up, please do so soon. Stacy Ahua then invited all club members to the BBA and white linen event on Friday, October 9th. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Extra Table, as will our Bike-a-Thon sponsorships. Riders will be allowed to pick up their race packets during the event which will be held at the Walthall Park in downtown Hattiesburg.

Sean then introduced today's guest speaker. Dr. Cameron Griffith is a cornea, Lasik and cataract surgeon with the Southern Eye Center. He attended medical school at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA. He completed his fellowship training in corneal and refractive surgery at Eye Consultants of Atlanta, Georgian. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery as well as the Society of Excellence in Eyecare.

Dr. Griffith reviewed the most common vision problems. Myopia is better known as

nearsightedness. Hyperopic is better known as farsightedness. There is also Astigmatism which causes sensitivity to light as well as vision problems. There is also Presbyopia which is when you can't see up close and finally there are Cataracts which are caused by the aging process.

Dr. Griffith says any loss of vision has as serious impact on life. Reading glasses can help in some situations but they don't stop the progression of whatever problem exists.

Recently scientists have invented the KAMRA™ Inlay device and procedure which restores everyday vision. It is a long-term solution to the problem and involves the implantation of a device smaller than a contact lens into one eye. The procedure can work even if you have had Lasik surgery before. Patients can generally resume everyday activities within one day. It may take up to a month for the vision improvement to be fully accomplished.

The procedure works best for the 40 to 50 year old age range. However, it can improve vision even after cataract surgery. The cost for the inlay is \$3,800. There may be other issues that have to be resolved prior to the KAMRA implant surgery. The surgery is not covered by regular health care insurance.

Another issue discussed by Dr. Griffith is Evaporative Dry Eye. In 86% of all dry eye cases, the problem is caused by the failure or the degeneration of the Meibomian Gland. This gland produces the oil that covers tears and keeps makes the tears more effective. Dr. Griffith has three tests he runs on patients suffering from dry eye. These tests give him the information he needs to make the proper treatment determination.

You can get more information by emailing visiting southerneyecenter.com or by calling Dr. Griffith's office at 601-264-3937.

**Minutes courtesy of:
Toni Lee on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**

OUR GUEST TODAY IS GISELLE RUSSELL



OCTOBER 20

CLUB ASSEMBLY
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
115 N. 25TH AVE.

OCTOBER 27

MARIE DARBY

NOVEMBER 3

NO MEETING

NOVEMBER 10

THERESA ERICKSON
GREATER PINEBELT COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

NOVEMBER 17

VAUGHN WILSON, AUTHOR



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