

SARAH NEWTON

Sarah Newton was born and raised in Covington, Louisiana. She attended the University of Texas at Austin where she studied architecture, was a member of the rowing team, and became an avid long-distance runner completing 4 marathons in 3 years. While in the architecture program Sarah traveled abroad to Japan and completed a year-long residency at a large architecture firm in New York. She received her Bachelor of Architecture in 2002.

Upon moving to Hattiesburg, Sarah became involved with the Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association where she served as design committee chair for several years before joining the executive board of directors. She began Live @ Five in 2008 as HHDA president and after stepping down, established Live @ Five Productions, LLC to continue the Live @ Five concert series.

Sarah has been with Albert & Associates Architects since the fall of 2002 and obtained her architectural license in 2005 upon completing her internship. Working with Larry Albert has made her an enthusiastic historic preservationist. Samples of her restoration projects include the Hattiesburg Train Depot, the E. 6th Street USO, the Ogletree House at USM, and Beauvoir. She had also served as project manager for the expansion of First Presbyterian Church and Parkway Heights UMC.

Sarah and her husband Brad have two boys, Henry, 5, and John Mosby, 2 and are members of Main Street United Methodist Church where she serves as a trustee. Recently, Sarah has joined her husband Brad, in the relocation efforts of The Thirsty Hippo which her husband established in 2000.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Valencia Williamson is being proposed for membership by Mike Ratliff. She was a Rotarian in the DeFiniak Springs Club.

Chase Munro and Curtis Smith were inducted recently. Please take a moment to welcome them.. Curtis is a lawyer and Chase works for the Red Cross. They were both sponsored by Bill McLeod.



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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 04/03/12

President Robert Cummings, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Jerome Brown, who gave today's invocation. Also, thanks to Stan Causey who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to Wes Brooks and Mike Ratliff for serving as today's greeters.

Sean Priebe welcomed today's guests and visiting Rotarians. Andreas Moffett is a guest of Bill McLeod. Caroline Nurkin is a guest of Lucy Parkman. There are no visiting Rotarians.

Chris Price then gave members an update on the Night in Italy event. Volunteers are still needed. The salad crew should expect to report to Southern Oaks about 2 on the day of the event. All the other shifts will begin at 4:30. The Children's Center parents and volunteers have already sold 250 tickets and are asking for more.

Lucy Parkman reminded members of the ARC respite service event coming up in late April. A flyer with all the information is being mailed with the April statements.

Wes Brooks is accepting applications for the Grover Anderson Scholarship. The deadline for this scholarship application is within the next two weeks. He is also asking for Rotarian of the Year, Non-Rotarian of the Year and Young Rotarian of the Year nominees. These awards will be announced June 26th.

Robert asked members to check their SPOKES for details and other information relevant to Rotary activities.

Lucy Parkman then introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Mark Yeager, Director of TEAAM Autism (together Enhancing Autism Awareness in Mississippi).

With one in every eighty-eight children in America being diagnosed with some form of Autism, Dr. Yeager says it is very likely that every Hattiesburg Rotary club member has a family member or knows someone who has an autism diagnosis. Back in the mid-1970's and early 1980's one in every ten-thousand children in American was diagnosed with the disease. The first autism case diagnosed in the

United States was discovered in Forest, MS in 1943. That person is still alive and according to Dr. Yeager plays golf every day.

There are many things that are not known about autism. There are many theories about its causes but the fact is we simply don't know. According to Dr. Yeager we do know that we can now identify autism and we do know how to development treatments for the symptoms.

Approximately twelve years ago a group got together and formed TEAAM, a non-profit organization, to offer help to Mississippi autistic families. One of the major focuses of TEAAM was to offer recreational opportunities. TEAAM worked with the state park system and held camps throughout the state. About three years ago TEAAM members developed a goal to establish their own campground. They created Center Ridge Outpost and moved Camp Kaleidoscope. They accept campers from the age of seven years old and older. Camps range from three days to a full week. Last year Camp Kaleidoscope provided services to 190 campers through the volunteer efforts of 130 people. Center Ridge Outpost is the only camp of its kind in the United States. They have received applications from Connecticut, Missouri and Montana. The camp is also a learning center providing valuable research opportunities for those who study autism.

Dr. Yeager says we encounter someone with autism almost daily and in almost every aspect of our lives. He encouraged us to not sell autism victims short but realize how valuable they can be to society. Bill Gates has autism and has made a very valuable contribution to today's society. Other well known individuals who may have had autism include Thomas Jefferson and Dan Akroyd

TEAAM Autism teams up with many other organizations and groups including the Boy Scouts and ARC. If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who could use the services, call 1-866-993-2437 or visit AutismCamps.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMALL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

MAY 2, 2012

HONORING THE LATE RICHARD JONES

The late Rotarian Richard "Pepper" Jones is being recognized at the Small Business Leadership Award Luncheon on May 2. Annie Jones will receive the recognition in his honor. The luncheon is co-hosted each year by William Carey University and the ADP.

If you would like to contribute the scholarship that is being established in his name, you may write a check to William Carey University with "Richard Jones Scholarship" in the memo line.

You may also give to the scholarship online at www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey. If you would like to attend the luncheon call 601-318-6231. Tickets are \$25.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| April 10 | Sarah Newton Albert and Associates' Renovation of Beauvoir after Katrina |
| Apr 17 | Night In Italy -No Lunch Meeting |
| Apr 19-21 | District Conference - Metairie |
| April 24 | Dr. Steve Stogner
FGH Intensivist Program |
| Apr 27 | ARC Respite Night - Member Social to follow at the Parkman's |
| Apr 30-May 2 | Group Study Exchange Team visits |

REMINDERS

5th Annual Rotary Club of Hattiesburg-Sunrise 5K Run/Walk Longleaf Trace, April 21, 2012, 8:00 am. Contact Nadine Archuleta 601-268-5035.

Night in Italy tickets are being distributed. Sign up for as a volunteer. Now pre-ordering for T-Shirts \$15. See Chris Price or David Owens for details.

Maura McLaughlin is leading our club's sign up for District Conference April 19-21. See Maura to purchase district raffle tickets.

Our club will sponsor an ARC Respite Night April 27 and have a member social at the Parkman's following. Activities will include serving the kids dinner and play time following.

We are accepting RYLA applications. See Wes Brooks.



READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers at The Family Y - Veterans Memorial Blvd. See Bill MacLauchlan to volunteer.