

# SPOKES



## Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

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**Rotary Club of Hattiesburg**  
 629 North Main Street  
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## Our Guest: Karen Sims

### Executive Director Pregnancy Choices of Hattiesburg Clinic

Karen Sims holds a Master of Marriage and Family Counseling degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. She has been married to Allen Sims, Music Minister at FBC, Purvis, for 23 years. They have two children, Katie-20 (recently crowned MS WCU) and Cody-16.

Karen has been serving in pregnancy center ministries for over 20 years. She began her ministry in Fort Worth, TX, relocated to Jackson, MS, and was honored to help start and direct the Center for Pregnancy Choices in Meridian, MS.

Karen considers it a privilege to serve the Lord in this special area of ministry. She also looks forward to serving alongside the staff and volunteers of PCH to offer a place of value, truth and hope.



**MINUTES: APRIL 7, 2015**

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Holt McMullan who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Kemi Simmons and Lynn Walton for serving as our greeters today. Aaron Ladner thanked those who participated in today's meeting. There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

Wes announced that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next district assembly. If you are presently an officer or an incoming officer for 2015-2016, Wes asked that you please attend. This will also be the event where any club recognition will be handled.

Wes also asked members to put the Bike-a-Thon date on their calendar. October 10<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's Bike-a-Thon.

Lynn Walton announced the Hattiesburg Area Association of Realtors is now selling crawfish boil tickets. The crawfish boil is a fundraiser for "Make A Wish." The boil starts at 12:00 noon and ends at 4:00 pm, at Patio 44, on April 25. Please see Lynn Walton for tickets.

Kristy Gould handed out a rough draft of the volunteer schedule for Night in Italy. She moved the assembly line for the car-outs up to 4:00 p.m. All were asked to contact Kristy if there were conflicts with the work schedule. Ryan Kelly reported that he has scheduled live entertainment for those who choose to dine.

Bill McLaughlin still has not found the Night in Italy aprons so Maura is going to order replacements.

Bill McLeod then introduced the Club's program, Rotary Liaison to ShelterBox, Ken Thompson. Ken is a member of the Rotary Club in Slidell, LA, and has spoken to the club previously.

In April 2000, The ShelterBox was adopted by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, England, as its millennium project. They did not realize that it would

become the largest Rotary club project in the world with affiliates in countries across the globe. In 2002, ShelterBox's American affiliate was adopted as a project of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota, FL.

ShelterBox started because they realized that many of the aid organizations that were already established provided food, water and medical care, but not much assistance was given for proper shelter. So ShelterBox began. They deliver shelter, equipment and materials to people who are made homeless by disasters.

Each ShelterBox costs \$1000. Its contents include:

- a disaster relief tent that can hold up to ten people and sustain winds of up to 70 mph. It is designed to withstand extreme temperatures, high winds and heavy rainfall
- thermal blankets and insulated ground sheets (these are essential in areas where temperatures plummet at nightfall)
- mosquito nets and water purification equipment is given where malaria is prevalent
- a basic tool kit (hammer, axe, saw, trenching shovel, hoe head, pliers and wire cutters)
- a wood burning or multi-fuel stove (the multi-fuel stove can burn anything from diesel to old paint)
- pans, utensils, bowls, mugs and water storage containers.
- the actual box is durable, lightweight, and waterproof
- a children's pack containing coloring books, crayons and other supplies.

Rotary has been instrumental in our growth and Rotarians are the cement that binds us together. Since we were founded, we grew from one club's adopted project to the largest global Rotary club project in the 100-year history of the organization.

The fundraising efforts by Rotarians make up a momentous proportion of donations received by ShelterBox, but they also rely on donations from individuals, organizations, schools, businesses, foundations as well as community and faith based groups.

The volunteers will teach a village leader or boy scouts how to set up the tents and they in turn show the families how to set everything up. The volunteers will also check the sanitary conditions there and give out water filtration systems to prevent cholera and other water-borne diseases. These water filtration systems will sustain a family for roughly three years.

Here are few numbers of boxes and locations delivered:

- Gaza 2015: 750 boxes delivered due to conflict within their country
- Madagascar 2015: 40 boxes and 100 tents delivered due to flooding
- Mexico 2014: 270 shelter repair kits delivered due to hurricane.
- Haiti 2012: 28,000 boxes delivered due to a hurricane

If you are interested in donating, please visit [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org) donate or call (941) 907-6036. Donations to ShelterBox USA are tax-deductible. If you are interested in volunteering, becoming a club liaison or would like more information, please visit <http://shelterboxusa.org/involved>.

**Minutes courtesy of:  
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary  
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg**





# ROTARY RIVAGE 2015

This weekend Bill McLeod, Wes Brooks, and Sean Priebe (and family) attended the District 6820/6820 Conference, "Rotary Rivage 2015." Over the course of many breakout and plenary sessions, Sean Priebe and his family took part in the District 6840 work project benefitting End Hunger Now. Sean, his family, and a bevy of Rotarians across both Districts prepared and packaged over 20,000 meals.







*A Night in Italy*

**APRIL 21**

**The Children's Center**  
FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

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### UPCOMING

APRIL 21	"NIGHT IN ITALY"
APRIL 28	Katie Sims, Ms. W.C.U.
MAY 2	Rotary 6840 District Assembly
MAY 5	Dr. Hayhurst - Dog Showing
MAY 12	Andrew Gilliam - Salvation Army
MAY 19	Africa University Choir
MAY 26	Dwayne Higgason - Krav Maga
JUN 6-9	Rotary International Convention - Sao Paulo, Brazil
JUN 20	District 6840 Awards & Installation Ceremony