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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 4/13/2010

President-Elect Bill McLeod presided over the meeting. He noted that Mary Cromartie was present at today's meeting but because of her recent travel schedule she had asked him to preside over today's meeting.

Thanks to A.D. Hunt who gave the invocation and Lamar Evans for leading the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced today's visitors and guests. Aaron Ladner was a guest of Jeri Buti. Liz Fromkin was a guest of Aimee Spears. Sarah Case-ricce was a guest of Heath Hillman. Shawn Jones was a guest of Brian Moore. Kashmir Moses was a guest of Steve Ramp. Elwood Hausler was a guest of Richard Topp. Johnny Stevens introduced Christina Ghents who has applied for membership and will be inducted on April 27th.

Bill reminded members that the April board meeting will be held on April 19th. It was also announced that volunteers are needed for the Night in Italy event which will be held next Thursday. There will be no Tuesday luncheon meeting next week. Erik Graham reported progress on the golf tournament. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be contributed to the Association for Retarded Children. Maura McLaughlan reminded members that they will be receiving a call in the near future if they have not yet participated in the Rotary Foundation Sustaining Membership campaign.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Tom Potter then introduced today's speaker Lieutenant John Harless, with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

Lt. Harless noted that most of the crimes committed today are in some way related to drug use or abuse. He also noted that drug related issues are almost always a factor in today's political and economic decisions. As an example, American troops are protecting the poppy field farmers in Afghanistan as a part of our efforts to fight the Taliban. International banking laws are influenced heavily by drug interests and many of those laws are designed to protect drug money, according to Lt. Harless. He cited the recent American debate over health-care reform and noted the influence the pharmaceutical companies had in that debate.

Lt. Harless discussed the new law recently passed in Mississippi that will go into effect in July requiring the drug Sudofedren be obtained only through a prescription. According to Lt. Harless, the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics was supportive of this legislation because of the horrible effects meth-labs are having on the lives of Mississippians, especially our children. The new law is

fashioned after one from the State of Oregon. That law has reduced the number of meth-labs discovered in that state by 90%. Previous efforts to control access to the drug have failed in our state.

During the first three months of this year Mississippi leads the nation in meth-lab seizures. The labs are dangerous and can cause chemical burns to anyone coming in contact with the actual substances used in the process or with the residue left behind. That's why the Bureau requires that hotel rooms used by portable labs be cleaned out completely. Furniture, carpet, drywall and everything else is removed from the room in order to prevent potential injuries. Three labs were discovered and removed from Lamar County during one week in April.

However, Lt. Hartless notes that the number one drug killer in the United States is the abuse of prescription drugs. All too often a person will mix a narcotic prescription with a muscle relaxant, an anxiety drug and alcohol. This is a deadly combination and often the individual simply falls asleep and never awakens.

If anyone has questions or would like more information about these and other narcotic issues in Mississippi, John's office number is (601) 261-6111.

"A NIGHT IN ITALY"

We had a tremendous turnout last Tuesday night. We are in the process of tallying the income and expenses and will have a final report soon.

Thanks to all of the volunteers from our club as well as The Children's Center who served with a smile!

Southern Oaks provided the delicious food with record timing. Many people commented on the delicious spaghetti. We thank all those who helped to pull off the most successful Night In Italy yet!

Special thanks to our committee chairs, Greg Buie, Terry Miller and Robert Cummings who pulled together and organized this event.

We will present the check to the Children's Center within the next few weeks.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

John Cox- Director of Broadcast Operations

John Cox began his broadcasting career at Southern Miss in 1978. Among his many duties at Southern Miss, Cox handles the play-by-play broadcasts of Golden Eagle football and basketball. He also hosts the Southern Miss Sports Today television shows and the Gold Eagle Hotline weekly call-in show. Prior to moving to the radio booth, Cox called the play-by-play on delayed telecasts of Southern Miss basketball from 1978-1981. He also worked on the Fox Sports Net South and Comcast Sports Southeast telecasts of Southern Miss baseball. Cox is four-time Mississippi Sportscaster of the Year, a graduate of Southern Miss, and a member of the Eagle Club.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Christina Lou Ghents has been inducted as our newest member. Please take time to introduce yourself to her. She is with the Center Director for United Blood Services in Hattiesburg. Recently submitted for membership is Shawn Jones who works for Southeast Concrete. Shawn is being proposed for membership by Brian Moore. Please see any board member if you have questions or concerns about Shawn.

We presently have 118 Members. Our Membership Goal for the 2009-10 FY is 123. Please continue to invite others to visit. Don't forget that our membership challenge is still in place!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 27	John Cox, Director of Sports Broadcasting, USM
May 1	Voting begins for the Pepsi Refresh grant challenge
May 4	Dr. Steven Farrell - Director Hospital Care Service FGH
May 8	District Training for all current and future Board Members
May 11	Nick Ortego - WDAM TV
May 18	David Thompson - AAA Homes of MS
May 25	Brian Montague - Colonel and Sr. Army National Guard



READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

We are looking for reading volunteers every week on Tuesday or Friday mornings.



The Gandy Child Development Center
2201 South 28th Avenue Extension
601-268-0808

See Erik Graham if you have questions.

Sign-up sheet located at sign-in table. Takes 30 minutes or less to read a book or two.

The kids really enjoy being read to! Don't miss out.

POLIO PLUS 50/50

50/50 Raffle for Polio Plus Challenge

Our club has committed to raise \$33 per member to meet the Gates Foundation Matching Grant Challenge.

Raffle will end June 30th or when we reach our goal.

Each week we will have numbered tickets for sale and then at the end of the meeting draw one winner who will receive half of the proceeds from that day's ticket sales.

One ticket is \$5 or
buy 4 get one free
\$20 get 5 tickets



CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING SEMINAR (formerly District Assembly)

Saturday, May 8th

Bender Cafeteria 101 Highway 11 North, Pearl River Community College Poplarville, Mississippi

New Interactive All Inclusive Town Hall Format, DGE Dick McCarthy, Presiding.

8:00 am: Registration and light breakfast, begins 8:30 am – 11:30 Working Breakout Hot Lunch, final Plenary ends NLT 2:00 pm. Followed by DAC Meeting.

It is Mandatory for 2010-11 Presidents to attend, per RI rules. Contact DGE Dick McCarthy at dick@richardgrayspowercompany.com, or (504) 895-0686 if you will not be able to attend. It should assist your year greatly if you have Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and new Club secretaries/ treasurers to attend.

We will utilize the Presidential Citation as a road map to exceptional Club performance, to include Team Building, Public Relations, attracting younger Membership, Rotary Foundation, End-Polio Now, with clubs working together on fund raising projects.