

## MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2008

### Minutes of Meeting of April 22, 2008

- President Freddy Walter presided over the meeting.
- Robert Cornett offered the invocation.
- Robert Cummings led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Valerie Sartin introduced visiting Rotarians and guests;
  
- ❖ Caroline Devereaux was a guest of Matt Devereaux.
- ❖ Margaret Brinegar was a guest of Freddy Walter.
- ❖ Butch Simpson was a guest of Allen Anderson

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Thanks to Greg Buie and Jeff Bowman for serving as greeters.
- 2) Freddy talked about Night in Italy being canceled. Asked everyone to remember that Night in Italy is a fundraiser and to consider donating the cost of the tickets. Freddy asked volunteers to go to the community center and greet anyone that had not heard about the cancellation. Margaret Brinegar stated that the Children's Center for Communications and Development was sad and disappointed over the cancellation and theft. Freddy and Margaret were to be on WDAM Tuesday night to talk about what happened. Not everything was stolen from the storage building. There is still a need for storage space. Anyone with free storage area available please let a board member know.
- 3) Freddy gave a brief over view of the District Conference. Everyone that went worked hard and had a great

time. The cherries jubilee went over very well. They even ran out but not before Richard Topp got blisters on his hands. **A thanks** goes to Brown Bottling Company for donating water and sodas to be given out at our booth.

- 4) Gary Garner won an award for the best Spokes.
- 5) There is a board meeting next week.
- 6) The Rotary Foundation needs auction items. Everyone is asked to donate what he or she can.
- 7) Normally the luncheon meeting is canceled the day of the Night in Italy event. Because of the cancellation of the event, the meeting was scheduled.

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Perrin Lowrey said he had to scramble to get someone on such a short notice. Much to our luck, Mike Garner from Heritage Lawn and Garden volunteered.

Heritage Lawn and Garden is located at 4404 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Hattiesburg. Mike stated that nine out of every ten phone calls from women are questions about flowers. Nine out of every ten calls from men are about grass. The best time to fertilize grass is now. If you have brown patches in your lawn, chances are you have a fungus. When treating the brown patches, make sure to rake to the center and remove from there. If you rake it across your lawn, you spread the fungus across the lawn as well. Pruning should be done late winter early spring. You should stop pruning in June. Azaleas can be pruned 1/3 after they bloom. It is best to water in the morning to keep from burning the grass and the water to absorb into the ground. Centipede grass variety does the best for our area. Bermuda grass is beautiful but very high maintenance. St.

Augustine grass does best when kept fertilized. Mike recommends an 8-10-8 plus fertilizer. The best time to transplant is December and January. Roses do best in raised beds and direct sunlight. Roses should be sprayed every two weeks. Mike gave a basket to give away with a plant, seeds and gloves. Congratulations go to Aimee Spears for having the (near) closest wedding anniversary to December 25 and winning the basket.

Thank you Mike for answering all the questions and helping us stay green and flowery.

### **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Attorney Moran McLelland Pope, Jr. son of the late Moran M. Pope and Florence Burrow Pope, was born in Columbia, Mississippi, on October 7, 1922. His family moved to Hattiesburg in 1927. He entered Demonstration School on the University of Southern Mississippi campus and went from the first grade to graduation in 1940. While in High School, he was a three-letter man in football, basketball, and tennis. Pope entered what was then Mississippi Southern College and received his B.A. Degree in 1944.

While at Southern, Pope was an honor student and president of the Sophomore Class, a member of Kappa Alpha Tau social fraternity, vice-chairman of the Student Christian Federation, Associate Editor of the *Student Printz*, and manager of Wimpy's, the campus social center. He was selected Best Citizen in 1943 and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1942 and 1943. He is a charter member of Omicron Delta Kappa and of Phi Kappa Phi.

He entered the Navy in 1943, attending Mississippi College under the Navy V-12 Program, and received his Ensign commission in January, 1944 from Columbia University. He drew attack boat duty in the South Pacific until discharged in February, 1946.

Moran entered the University of Mississippi school of Law in July, 1946, and graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in May, 1948. He opened his law office in Hattiesburg in June, 1948. In 1953 Pope was elected Mayor of Hattiesburg and served until 1957. While serving as Mayor, Pope was selected as Mississippi's Outstanding Young Man by the Mississippi Jaycees for his innovative accomplishments in the field of municipal finance and administration, law enforcement, parks and recreation and industrial development. On September 1, 1957, Moran joined the law firm of Simrall, Aultman and Pope, predecessor to Pope & Pope, P.A. and has continued in the practice of law since then, practicing with his son, Moran M. (Randy) Pope, III.

Moran has served on many boards, held membership in many professional organizations in the state. He has served as Hattiesburg City Attorney, City Judge, and Attorney for Hattiesburg School District, as well as the Pat Harrison Waterway District and Hattiesburg Redevelopment Authority.

Among the more lasting contributions of Moran Pope in the Hattiesburg Community are his serving on committees for the restoration and renovation of Downtown

Hattiesburg, the Forrest County chancery Court Building, and the Forrest County Courthouse. He was co-chairman with Dr. Fred Tatum of the Library Bond Issue Committee, and served as Honorary Chairman of the very successful USM \$7,500,000 ARTS 2000 CAMPAIGN.

Moran and his wife, Yvonne, are the parents of two children, son, Randy, his partner in the law firm Pope & Pope, P.A, and Melinda Pope DeRocker of New York City, a singer and music director. They are the grandparents of Lucy Pope Schultz and Valerie Pope Nicholson. While active members of First Baptist church in Hattiesburg, he served as chairman of Deacons and chairman of two pastor-search committees, as well as serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and many other areas of responsibilities. He is presently an active member of University Baptist Church.

### **10,000 health workers stop polio in one of most dangerous places on earth: Somalia**

*25 March 2008, Geneva, Switzerland* – Somalia is again polio-free, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) announced today, calling it a 'historic achievement' in public health. Somalia has not reported a

case since 25 March 2007, a major landmark in the intensified eradication effort launched last year to wipe out the disease in the remaining few strongholds.

Against a backdrop of widespread conflict, large population movements and a dearth of functioning government infrastructure, transmission of poliovirus in the country has been successfully stopped. This landmark victory is a result of the efforts of more than 10,000 Somali volunteers and health workers who repeatedly vaccinated more than 1.8 million children under the age of five by visiting every household in every settlement multiple times, across a country which is one of the most dangerous places on earth.

The use of innovative approaches tailored to conflict areas was pivotal in stopping polio in the country. These included increased community involvement and the effective use of monovalent vaccines to immunize children in insecure areas with several doses, within a short period of time.

"This truly historic achievement shows that polio can be eradicated everywhere, even in the most challenging and difficult settings," said Dr Hussein A Gezairy, Regional Director for the World Health Organization's Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.

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