

# SPOOKES

## Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

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## MINUTES: MARCH 31, 2015

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Janet Williams who gave the invocation and to Kristy Gould who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Tracie Fowler and Katherine Nugent for serving as our greeters today.

Aaron Ladner introduced today's guest and thanked those who participated in today's meeting. Jeremy Vancouver is a guest of Chase Munro. There were no visiting Rotarians today.

Wes reminded members of the need to register for the District Conference. Registration is available through either the club's website or the District's website.

Wes announced that one of his biggest goals as president was to increase membership and retain membership. This is also a big goal of Rotary International, and with keeping with that, they developed a member and sponsor recognition program. It is not on the international website yet, but will be soon. Wes handed out blue rings that go behind your rotary badge and announced that Dr. Scott Hummel has moved from the standard blue level to the bronze level. Wes congratulated Scott for bringing three brand new members to the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg.

Wes reported that Jonathan Shemper sent out an email last week to the members of last year's Bike-A-Thon committee to see if they were interested in serving this year as well. If you are interested in being on the 2015 committee, please be at Southern Oaks on April 7 at 11:15 before the Tuesday lunch meeting.

Wes then reminded everyone The Night in Italy event is scheduled for April 21. Kristy Gould and Ryan Kelly are looking for volunteers to help that evening. Ryan says if you

want to work with someone that is already scheduled, just let him know and he can work it out with you. They really need people for the 6-7:30 hour.

Alan Anderson then introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Cynthia Scott. Having been a therapist for 35 years, she has seen an increase in the interest of Physical Therapy.

**What is physical therapist?** A PT remediates impairments and promotes mobility, function, and quality of life through examination, diagnosis, and physical intervention. In addition to clinical practice, other activities encompassed in the physical therapy profession include research, education, consultation, and administration. In many settings, physical therapy services may be provided alongside, or in conjunction with, other medical or rehabilitation services, including occupational therapy.

**Where do physical therapists work?** Hospitals, private physical therapy offices, rehabilitation centers, community health centers, nursing homes, home health agencies, corporate or industrial health centers, sports facilities, research institutions and even schools.

**Some reasons physical therapy may be needed:** Fractures and other orthopedic conditions, problems with balance or mobility, common sprains and muscle strains, neuro-rehabilitation, such as post-stroke and spinal cord or head injury.

Before they are allowed to practice, physical therapists must have earned graduate degrees from accredited academic programs in physical therapy. These programs culminate in either master's or doctoral degrees and take 2-3 years to complete. To gain admission to physical therapy programs, students typically need to earn bachelor's degrees and

complete certain science prerequisite courses.

Students in physical therapy programs may study topics like human anatomy, biomechanics, musculoskeletal system pathology and neurological dysfunction management. They must also participate in clinical internships and take hands-on clinical courses, which provide training in patient care, screening, assessment, treatment and intervention.

It has been said that being a physical therapist has a high job satisfaction rating. Forbes magazine said it was one of the ten happiest jobs in 2014. According to the Labor Statistics in 2013, there were 198,600 licensed Physical therapists and the projected number is expected to reach 276,600 by 2020.

The benefits of being a PT are job security, becoming a movement expert, choosing a location you like to work in, being an entrepreneur and the biggest benefit is being able to make a difference in someone's life. Helping someone feel whole again to best of their ability.

If you or someone you know would like more information on becoming a physical therapist or the physical Therapy Program at William Carey University, please visit [www.wmcarey.edu/schools/physical-therapy.com](http://www.wmcarey.edu/schools/physical-therapy.com) or contact Dr. Cynthia Scott at [cscott@wmcarey.edu](mailto:cscott@wmcarey.edu)

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



# OUR GUEST

## KEN THOMPSON

*Rotary Club of Slidell (Louisiana, USA)*

I spent most of my working career as a Petroleum Engineer, working along the Gulf Coast in Texas and Louisiana, and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. I have also worked as a financial representative and stock broker.

I have been a Rotarian since 2000, having served as Club President in 2008-2009. I was chairman of the Slidell Heritage Festival for three years, a joint venture between the Rotary Clubs of Slidell and Slidell Northshore. I have participated in about ten Matching Grants and Global Grants, and traveled twice to Mexico to immunize children against polio. My current Rotary duties are District 6840 International Service Director, District Newsletter Editor, and District Website Manager ([www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org)). I am also a ShelterBox Ambassador for the Louisiana and Mississippi areas. ShelterBox is a Rotary Project Partner.

I enjoy photography, travel, theater, choral singing, and writing.



# NEXT WEEK

Katie Sims, Miss W.C.U.



**UPCOMING**

APRIL 14	Katie Sims - Miss W.C.U.
APR 10-12	2015 Rotary District Conference - "Rotary Rivage"
APRIL 21	"NIGHT IN ITALY"
APRIL 28	Karen Sims - Pregnancy Choices of Hattiesburg
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

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*A Night in Italy*

**APRIL 21**

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