

MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2008

Minutes of Meeting of April 1, 2008

- President Freddy Walter presided over the meeting.
- Larry LeBlanc offered an invocation.
- Freddy Walter led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ✓ Valerie Sartin welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests:
- ✓ Dan Kibodeaux brought Andrew Murff.
- ✓ Valerie Sartin brought Chris Lane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) We thank Joshua Otaigbe and Susan Light as the greeters.
- 2) The Rotary Foundation Auction netted a \$50.00 in donations. Congratulations Gene Owens and Stanley Carpenter the winners of the Gift Certificate to "Avenues" and the calculator.
- 3) Bill McLeod gave an update from the Night in Italy committee. The ad fee is \$50.00 for a business card advertisement on the placemats. The Rotary Club will bill anyone interested in advertising. Bill thanked B-95 for donating time for advertising on the radio. A quart of sauce purchased for two tickets will feed approximately eight people. The April 22, 2008 luncheon is canceled due to everyone working at the Night in Italy dinner that evening.
- 4) Richard Topp asked everyone to go the Friday night Food Fest. Food Fest starts at 5pm, set up is at 4pm. The dish our club is serving is Cherries Jubilee.

Remember, it is free and a lot of fun. The talent show is canceled.

- 5) Richard Topp stated the Rotary Club would like to sponsor a table at the Steak-N-Steak dinner for the Boys and Girls Club. Anyone interested in helping with the eight \$100.00 donations, please speak with Richard.
- 6) Susan Steen announces the deadline to receive Ambassadorial Scholarship and University Teacher Grant applications is Tuesday, May 6th.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Perrin Lowrey introduced County Youth Court Judge Mike McPhail. Judge McPhail stated they are still holding court in the detention center due to the black mold problem in the courthouse after Katrina.

Request Senator Cochran gives funding/grants to help handle the 0-3 program for children born with problems. (Drugs, alcohol etc.)

January 8, 2008 the Task Force for Youth Court Rules of Procedure convened to mandate uniformed rules for the state's youth courts. There are more and more federal mandates on Youth Court.

Judge McPhail has been the County and Youth Court Judge, Forrest County, Mississippi, which is a court of general jurisdiction as well as youth court (juvenile) jurisdiction, since May 24, 1984.

From January 1, 1984 to May 23, 1984, he was Assistant District Attorney for the Twelfth Circuit Court District,

comprising of Forrest and Perry Counties, Mississippi.

From January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1983, Judge McPhail engaged in the general practice of law with the firm of Lambert and McPhail in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

From January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1982, he was City Judge, Lumberton, Mississippi.

From June 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979, he was Law Clerk to the Honorable John M. Roper, United States Magistrate for the Southern District of Mississippi.

From June 1, 1978 to May, 1979, he was Law Clerk to the Honorable Harry Walker, Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi.

Judge McPhail's honors are too numerous to list, but one notable was his being the 1991 Designated Non-Rotarian Recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow by our Club in appreciation for Fostering Tangible and Effective Charitable and Educational Projects in the community.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Jon Mark Weathers, District Attorney, 12th Judicial District of Mississippi, held said position from 1976 to 1980 and subsequently from July 1, 2003 to the present. He has been a practicing attorney for 32 years.

He holds membership in the following associations:

1. Fellow Mississippi Baar Foundation

2. Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers
3. Advocate American Board of Trial Advocates
4. Member National College of District Attorneys
5. Currently serving as Vice-President of the Mississippi Prosecutors Association
6. Member of Mississippi Law Enforcement Standards and Training board

He is a graduate of Pearl River community College, University of Southern Mississippi & the University of Mississippi Law School.

He is married to Peggy Conerly Weathers, is father of two sons: Jason and Brad Weathers, & grandfather to Mr. Bailey Weathers, Miss Anna Lea Weathers, and Mr. Jon Brent Weathers.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary magazines: Getting the word out

April is Magazine Month, a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians.

[The Rotary World Magazine Press](#) consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. In addition to [The Rotarian](#), Rotary's English-language flagship publication, it offers magazines such as *Vida Rotaria* (Argentina), *Rotary in Bulgaria*, and *The Rotary-no-Tomo* (Japan).

The RI Bylaws require all club members to subscribe to *The Rotarian* or a Rotary regional magazine. Rotary leaders, district governors, and club presidents are encouraged to support magazine editors in their country or region by submitting story ideas, promoting readership, encouraging timely subscription payments, and assisting with other communication efforts.

Look for a new international supplement edition in the pages of *The Rotarian* early in the 2008-09 Rotary year. The eight-page supplement, to be produced for all official Rotary magazines, will highlight Rotary's work on the global stage. Ahmet Tükel, editor of *Rotary Dergisi*, the Turkish magazine, says the special edition represents a step forward. "The supplement will help promote a unified and global image of the organization," he notes, "and show how collaboration of editors from different parts of the world can help put together a tool for communicating the strength and appeal of Rotary International."

Hospital on wheels

By Daphne Su
The Rotarian

Low-income children and seniors in Livermore, Calif., USA, are receiving medical attention in an unusual environment: a truck.

The Rotary clubs of Livermore and the Livermore Valley raised all of the money – \$350,000 – needed to purchase the 39-foot

truck, which is equipped to serve as a doctor's office, for ValleyCare Health System, a nonprofit organization that provides health care in and around Livermore. The area has a high number of uninsured or underinsured residents, and until the truck came along, many of them turned to ValleyCare's emergency room for health services.

ValleyCare staffs and maintains the vehicle and uses it to provide health care at schools, senior centers, churches, and other locations. Livermore Rotarian John Linn hopes that when parents bring their children in for checkups, they'll take advantage of the opportunity to get examined themselves.

Looking like an RV on the outside, the vehicle contains two exam rooms and is staffed by Spanish and English speakers. Patients can be screened for illnesses such as tuberculosis and diabetes or get medical services, including immunizations, cholesterol checks, and physical exams. The cost of services is based on a patient's income, and care is often provided free of charge.

In addition, the vehicle can serve as a clinic in case of earthquakes or other disasters.

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