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MINUTES FROM 8/3/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thank you to Steve Ramp, who gave the invocation and to Audra Cummings, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Wes Brooks read the "thought for the day", then introduced today's visitors and guests. Tom Light visited from the Sunrise Club. Aime Spears brought Alton Pierce, Charlie Pinto, Jeff Gallagher, and Justin Onez. Erik Graham brought Brantley Nichols, while Maura McLaughlin introduced her daughter, Delaney Gore. John McDaniel brought R.Y.L.A. Scholarship Award Winner, William Stevens and his father, Joe Stevens, who is president of the Sunrise Club.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were John Weeks and Jeri Buti.

Bill reminded everyone about the Rotary Foundation & PR Seminar to be held on Saturday, August 7th in Long Beach, MS. He said anyone interested should contact himself or Wally Weakley. The seminar begins at 8:30am, with official registration starting at 8am.

Erik Graham told club members that the Golf Tournament at Timberton this past Saturday, July 31st was a great success! The weather was very hot, but there were many players having a great time. The silent auction and the BBQ plates were successes as well. Altogether, over \$7500 was raised, with proceeds benefiting the ARC. He plans to host next year's tournament in early June so that the weather will not be quite as hot. Robert Cummings stood up to say this annual golf tournament has really improved over the last couple of years due to the hard work and dedication of Erik.

Bill mentioned that anyone who volunteered at the tournament should make sure they give their name to Lana or Lamar of AMS to receive attendance credit. Bill also reminded members that the Reading Between the Lions program is in great need of volunteers to fill slots in the month of August. Please email or contact Dan Kibodeaux to sign up. This only takes about thirty minutes of your time on a Tuesday or a Friday morning, and the children enjoy it very much. He then asked Board members to stay after the luncheon for a very short meeting.

Scott Hummel said it is his hope that each Rotarian will continue with their commitment in the new fiscal year to contribute \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. He then announced that to increase the funds awarded to the Foundation, he will begin a weekly raffle drawing. Starting next week, please bring a few extra dollars every week to purchase a raffle ticket. You will have a chance to win a nice prize each week.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

John McDaniel introduced William Stevens, who was the other R.Y.L.A. Scholarship Award winner this year. (Rhea Anna

Donald spoke at last weeks' meeting). William is a senior at PCS High School, holding an "A" Honor Roll status. He is also a volunteer with the Salvation Army, a teacher/helper at vacation bible school at his church, and was elected to Boys State. He hopes to obtain a score of 30 on his A.C.T. and is interested in attending college at the University of Southern MS, Ole Miss, or Alabama. William attended the R.Y.L.A. Awards conference held in July, so he was invited to speak to our club.

William said he never knew anything about Rotary or what its functions were prior to receiving this award. Through the presentations given by guest speakers and the different activities he participated in over the course of a week, he said he learned a lot about it. He was impressed with how many people and organizations Rotary helps; such as the Polio Plus project. There was a particular service project the group had to raise money for – The Wheelchair Foundation. He proudly announced that the group had raised over \$10k, which, in turn, purchased 140 wheelchairs for people in need. The group was quite proud of that accomplishment!

Will said that he really learned a lot about himself as well, by engaging in courses such as Personal Motivation, Stress Relief, and Planning for the Future. He truly values this opportunity to attend the conference, as it has taught him about being a leader, working in groups, stepping up and voicing his opinions. Will said it was an honor to be selected as the recipient of the award and greatly appreciates this opportunity given to him, as he will carry it with him the rest of his life.

Milam Cotten introduced today's guest speaker, Ms. Diane Ross. Diane is the Curator of Archives and Manuscripts and the Director of the MS Digital Library at USM. Milan wanted the club to learn how USM helps to archive Rotary's records, as well as those of the southern Mississippi area. Diane is the "guardian" of any archives from south Mississippi and our Rotary Club.

Diane was always fascinated by the library as a child. When the opportunity of working in a digital library at USM opened up, she admits she didn't know very much at the time. But now she and others at the McCain Library are making it their mission to document the entire southern area of Mississippi, including information about the Rotary Club, because they are the only digital library south of Jackson. The mission of Historical Manuscripts is to document history by acquiring, preserving, and providing access to materials so as to be viewed by any student, scholar, or interested person.

Diane said they collect anything like photos, minute books, newspaper clippings, memorabilia, maps, audio, video, scrapbooks, etc. She encouraged everyone to bring her any items that are associated with Rotary or with south MS. Email Diane at: diane.ross@usm.edu or visit their website at: www.lib.usm.edu/spcol. You may also visit: www.msdl.org for more information. She said they do not compete with any other state archives; in fact, they help each other. You may also arrange a tour of their building anytime to see what they have. She said they follow the standards of the Society of American Archivists and that the staff is dedicated to preserving cultural heritage.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Mayor Johnny L. DuPree, Ph.D.

Th Honorable Johnny DuPree was born in Fort Benning, GA, and moved to Hattiesburg during his early childhood. His civic involvement began in 1987 when he was appointed to the Hattiesburg Public School Board. In 1988, he was elected Secretary of the School Board and in 1989 e was elected President and held that position until 1992. He was elected to serve three terms on the Forrest County Board of Supervisors, District Four, serving from 1991 to 2001. In July 2001, Mayor DuPree was elected the first African American Mayor of Hattiesburg MS. He is currently serving in his third term as Mayor. In 2005, he was elected to serve as Second Vice President of the Mississippi Municipal League. He served as First Vice President in 2006 and 2007 and was elected to a one-year term as President of the MS Municipal League. He was recently elected as Secretary of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

Mayor DuPree holds a bachelor and master's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi in Political Science. He received his doctorate degree in Urban Studies from Jackson State University. He is a life member of the alumni associations of Jones County Junior College and Jackson State University, and an alumni member of the University of Southern MS. Mayor DuPree is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Society and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Mayor DuPree is a life member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, where he serves on the Deacon Board and a life member of the NAACP.

He and his wife, Johniece, have been married for 37 years and have two daughters, April and Monica. They have one grandson, Chandler DuPree Taylor, and a son-in-law, Coustaur Taylor.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

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

The Gandy Child Development Center
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Usually takes 30 minutes or less
to read a book or two.

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

This program supports our campaign for Literacy.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Times to read are Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30am.

PLEASE SEE DAN KIBODEAUX!

This program is depends on Rotarians to volunteer
to read to the students.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Aug 10 | Mayor Johnny DuPree |
| Aug 17 | Ken Smith & Eve Elias, American Heart Association |
| Aug 24 | David Butler, USM |
| Aug 30 | Board Meeting & Strategic Planning Update |
| Aug 31 | Betsy Rowell, HHDA |
| Sept 14 | District Gov. Dick McCarthy Visit |
| Oct 1 | Rotary 2nd Annual Wine Tasting |
| Oct 15th-16th | District Conference, New Orleans |

