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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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AUGUST 18

Christy Brady
TIDE School

AUGUST 29

District Foundation,
P.R. & Membership
Seminars

SEPTEMBER 1

Civil Air Patrol

SEPTEMBER 8

John Cornwell
District Governor

SEPTEMBER 15

James Wilcox, Director
Center for Economic
Entrepreneurship
Education

SEPTEMBER 22

Robert Hopkins
USM Chief of Police

SEPTEMBER 29

Cameron Griffith
Southern Eye Center

OCTOBER 6

Brady Raanes
C3 Wine Company

OCTOBER 10

3rd Annual
BIKE-A-THON



**ABOVE: BILL MACLAUHLAN, SEAN PRIEBE; MISS HOSPITALITY, ERIN MORGAN, JACLYN ADAMS, AMANDA LEE
BELOW: SEAN PRIEBE, BRIAN BLEDSOE, DIDI ELLIS, ROBIN BIXLER, JACLYN ADAMS**

MINUTES: AUGUST 4, 2015

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Conrad Welker who gave the invocation and to Johnny Stevens who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Faye Gilbert and Kemi Simmons who served as our greeters today.

Sean announced that Christina Ghents and Jeremy Boling have officially resigned from the Rotary Club. Sean then gave a big welcome back to Amanda Lee and Paula Brahan. Sean is working out the details to hopefully induct Amber Chancelor as our newest member next week. Sean asked that if you notice someone who usually sits at your table missing, give them a call and let them know you noticed they weren't there and make sure their okay.

Sean reminded everyone of the Bike-a-Thon on October 10th. Last year we had the party after the race, but this year we will have a "pre-race party" the night before. He also handed out a directory and asked that everyone make sure your name and contact information is current. Sean then let us all know that we will try to induct Amber Chancelor in the next few weeks when her schedule permits her to attend a meeting.

Jaclyn Adams thanked those who participated in today's meeting and welcomed our guests. Charles Brown is a guest of Jerome Brown. Rick Davis a former Rotarian and is a guest of Mary Cromartie. Chad Edmanson and Jerry Buti are guests of Robert Cummings. Amanda Lee's guest is Whitney Southwell. Jaclyn Adams' guests are a part of today's program and include Erin Morgan, Miss Hospitality 2015, Jay and Susan Slaughter, Robin Bixler and Brian Bledsoe from Kids Hub and Hollie Hession. Jaclyn asked that everyone please make sure to sign in when you attend a Rotary meeting.

This week's Mystery Rotarian was the best paper boy/girl in their neighborhood. They went from having 22 customers to over 222 in less than a year. He/She loves to fish and has a private pilot license with over 100 successful beach landings. This land, sea and sky lover is Gene Owens.

Jaclyn then introduced Robin Bixler to talk briefly about the Miss Hospitality pageant. The purpose of the Mississippi Miss Hospitality Pageant is to identify and present young and knowledgeable ladies to help promote the state in tourism and economic development. The Mississippi Miss Hospitality Pageant offers more than \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes to young women from across the state.

Robin then introduced Erin Morgan, Miss Hospitality 2015. Erin is a senior at Mississippi State University pursuing a degree in kinesiology with plans to attend physical therapy school. Erin thanked the Hattiesburg area residents for our general hospitality to her and the other 28 girls in the pageant.

Erin shared her speech with us and described Mississippi as "A decedent place that's one part heritage, two parts adventure with a pinch of heart and a dash of soul. A place that's as hot as a Delta Blues dive on a Friday night and that is still smooth and sweet as Tupelo honey".

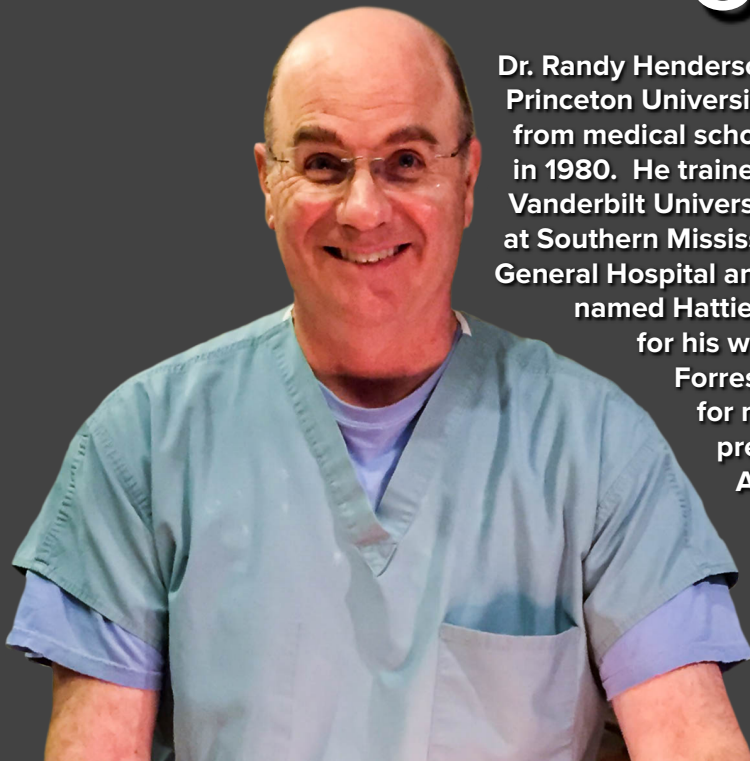
Jaclyn then introduced Didi Ellis, the Executive Director of Kids Hub. Didi explained The National Children's Advocacy Center was started in 1985, by former Congressman Robert E. "Bud" Cramer (AL), who was then a District Attorney in Madison County, Alabama. He saw the need to create a better system to help abused children.

Before: If the child decided to tell their teacher about any abuse, they would have to tell that same story over and over and relive it each time to their: Teacher, Nurse, Guidance counselor, Principle, Law enforcement—District Attorney, Department of Human Services, (DHS).

This was only adding to the children's emotional distress, and creating a segmented and often frightening experience for the child victims. So the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) approach was developed. Now the child can disclose the abuse to the teacher or counselor and they then report it to DHS and law enforcement. From there a file is created and the child is scheduled for a forensic

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OUR GUEST



DR. RANDY HENDERSON

Dr. Randy Henderson, originally from Nashville, TN, graduated from Princeton University with a degree in history and then graduated from medical school at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 1980. He trained in pediatrics and then neonatology at Vanderbilt University. For the last 19 years, he has been a partner at Southern Mississippi Neonatology and has worked at Forrest General Hospital and Memorial hospital in Gulfport. In 2007, he was named Hattiesburg American's "12 Who Made a Difference" for his work in newborn screening. In 2014, he won the Forrest General Philip Rogers award as humanitarian for mentoring staff in the NICU. He is currently president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Chairman of the state's newborn screening committee. He is a former chairman of the Hattiesburg Habitat for Humanity board, a board member of Presbyterian Christian School, and an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg. He is married to pediatrician Dr. Anita Henderson of Starkville has two children Rand and Sadie.

Justice O'Keefe Duhon, originally from Ocean Springs, MS, graduated in Accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi. Duhon was a member of the Honors College and received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 2004. During her undergraduate studies, she participated in the Southern Miss Study Abroad Program at King's College in London, England. After obtaining her undergraduate degree, she attended the University of Mississippi where she received a Masters in Accountancy in 2005. In September 2005, she began her career in public accounting with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Memphis, TN. In June 2007, she joined Horne LLP in Hattiesburg, MS as a Senior Associate in Health Care Services and also obtained her Certified Public Accountant license through the State of Mississippi later that year. In September 2008, she joined Stewart Sneed Hewes as an account executive in their Employee Benefit division. In 2010, Duhon left her professional career to stay at home with her children. Extracurricular activities include Treasurer of Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg, Board Member of Greater Pinebelt Community Foundation Board and Recommendation Chair for Kappa Delta Sorority.

She is married to Jonathan L. Duhon, and they have three children, Cecilia – 4 years, Les – 2 years, Joseph – 5 months. Justice and Jonathan Duhon are members of Venture Church where Jonathan serves as a Deacon where they serve on the guest services team.



JUSTICE O'KEEFE DUHON

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interview, which is recorded. DHS, law enforcement and others are in another room watching the interview without the child's knowledge. The child does not have to repeatedly relive the trauma. Without this local program, abused children in our area would have to travel to the coast, Waveland or Jackson to receive services. Kids Hub is a non-profit organization providing services to children who have been victims of physical and/or sexual abuse as well as children that have witnessed violent crimes. They serve Forrest, Lamar, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Pearl River, Lawrence and Covington counties.

In 2014, Forrest County had 844 reported abuse cases. Of these, 227 were sexual abuse. Lamar County had 533 abuse cases with 111 being sexual abuse.

Following are the services they provide.

- Forensic Interviews: A child's opportunity to share in detail their experiences
- Family & Victim Advocacy: to make sure they receive follow-up care and services
- Child Abuse Prevention Education:
 - To educate children in school on child abuse prevention and awareness
 - To educate individuals, families and communities on what child abuse is and how it is affecting our communities and ways we can help prevent and stop it

The National Children's Advocacy Center is Celebrating 30 Years of Service.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact

<http://www.kidshubms.com/> or <http://www.nationalcac.org/>.

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