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## Our Guest: Roland Johnson



NEXT WEEK: 6840 DISTRICT GOVERNOR, BRIAN HALL





**MINUTES: AUGUST 5, 2014**

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Rusty Edwards who gave the invocation and to Erik Graham the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Dan Davis for serving as our greeter today.

Aaron Ladner welcomed guests. Rev. Todd Watson is a guest of Bill McLeod. Curtis Bishop is a guest of Erik Graham.

Wes reminded members of the sponsorships Bike-a-Thon forms. He also announced that Gene Owens had tickets for sale for the United Way home raffle. A reminder was given regarding the September deadline for GSE team members. He announced that the District meeting is to be held at P.R.C.C. on August 23. He stated that Conrad Welker and his family are doing better. He welcomed Dr. Faye Gilbert as an affirmed member of the Hattiesburg Rotary Club.

Amanda Lee announced that guest speakers are needed for slots in the months of January and February 2015. Please contact Amanda with any prospective guest speaker information.

Audra Cummings then introduced today's guest speaker, Mia Hall.

Mia is the current reigning Miss Hattiesburg. Ms. Hall's presentation was centered on her firsthand experience with the Miss America Pageant. She shared her platform issue "Inspiring Volunteerism" and her reasons for choosing this platform. Her inspiration and enthusiasm for her platform bubbled over joyfully as she spoke. Her presentation was refreshing and left thought regarding how important volunteerism is needed with people. She also produced many smiles with her presentation!

**Minutes submitted by:**  
**Jerome Siegel, on behalf of**  
**Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**

**OUR GUEST****Roland M. Johnson**

**Outreach Coordinator, REACH Program**  
**Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services**

Roland Johnson has worked for Pine Grove Behavioral Health and Addiction Services since 1993 and currently serves as Outreach Coordinator of the REACH program. REACH is an expressive therapy ropes course for residential patients where each participant accomplishes goals by pushing themselves past their personal comfort levels. The experience enhances the patients' self-confidence, communication skills, and self-esteem and increases their teamwork and trust building skills. After graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) with a B.S. in Coaching and Sports Administration, Johnson completed certification from both Adventures in Reality, (Lafayette, LA) and Project Adventure, (Covington, GA) qualifying him as a ropes course facilitator and trainer.



Johnson was running back and full back for USM, blocking for Brett Favre and scored the winning touchdown against Auburn in 1990. Johnson's success against Auburn continued the following year when he and his team beat them in 1991, as well.

Johnson has been married for 12 years to Michelle Johnson, (Rowan Elementary Principal) and they have three children, Gregory, 19, Rhianna, 11, and Raniah, 5 years old.

Pine Grove's REACH course is also offered to the community including Hattiesburg's Area Development Partnership's (ADP) Leadership Program.

## UPCOMING

August 19	District 6840 Governor, Brian Hall
August 23	District 6840 Foundation, Membership, & PR Seminars (PRCC)
August 26	Caroline Smith, Pine Grove Intensive Workshops
September 2	Steve McAlister, Versus Strength & Conditioning
September 4-7	Zone 30/31 Institute
September 9	Andy Impastato, VP Client Compliance, BancorpSouth Insurance Services
September 13	GSE Team Member Interviews
September 16	Sara Case-Price, Director, Children's Center for Communication & Development
September 23	Helena Lasseter, RN, MPH, Work Well-Wesley Medical Center
September 30	Lloyd Munn, Director of Loss Control, BancorpSouth Insurance Services
October 18	Friends Forever Northern Ireland Delegation
October 25	Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)



### -2<sup>nd</sup> Annual- Rotary Club Of Hattiesburg BIKE-A-THON November 1 Longleaf Trace Gateway

We are now officially partnered with the Greater Pinebelt Community Foundation. All sponsorships will be managed by them so that we may offer this as tax-deductible, charitable contribution to our prospective sponsors.

*Sponsorship forms and rider registration forms are on your tables and available for download on our website!*

Guest and Visitors,

Thank you for coming to visit with us today! Are you interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg? Would you like to find out how to become a member of the largest service organization in the world? Would you like for someone to contact you about membership or to chat about what it means to be a Rotarian? Please fill the blanks below and we'll gladly contact you.

Again, we hope you enjoyed your time with us and hope to hear from you soon.

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