

## Rotary Voices

Stories of service from around the world

### President Tanaka visits Zambia

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President Sakuji Tanaka in Zambia. Photo courtesy of Ravi Devalia

By Ravi Devalia, past district governor and a member of the Rotary Club of Maluba, Lusaka, Zambia

I had the honour of being the aide to RI President Sakuji Tanaka at the RI Zone Institute which took place in Livingstone, Zambia, the city of my birth. In preparing for his visit, I found out that he was 74 years old. But then I was warned by Rotary Foundation Trustee Sam Owori that the president was a very fast walker!

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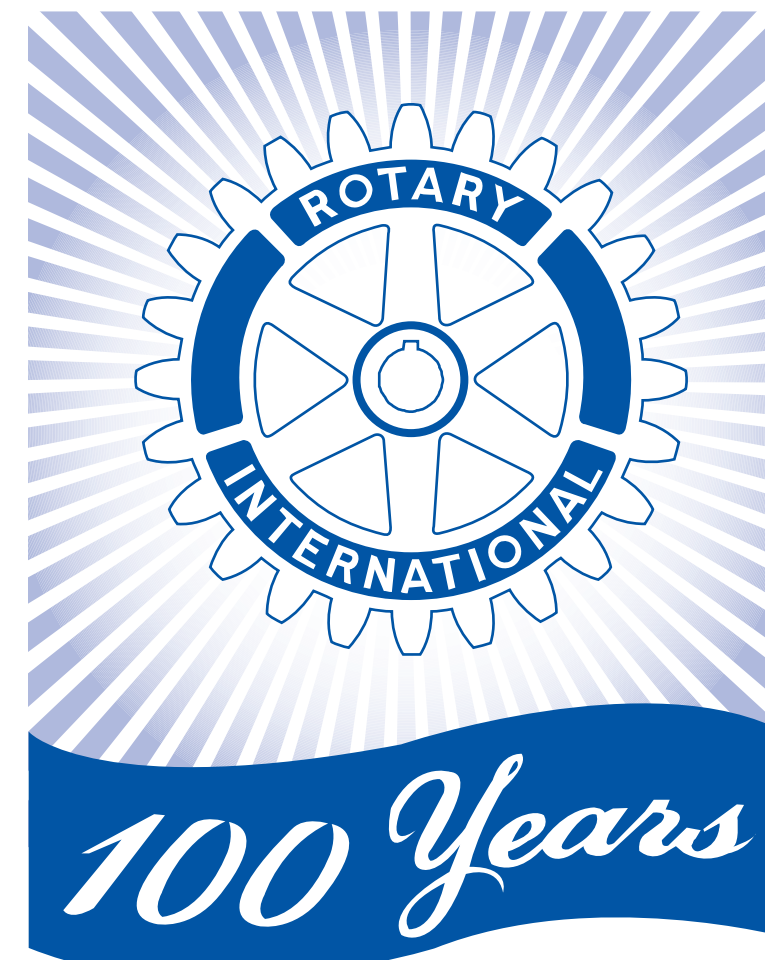
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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

President Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Brian Moore, who gave the invocation and to David Owens, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks, also, to Bill McLeod and Chris Pine for greeting attendees today.

McLaughlin led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Chris Price to introduce today's guests. Bill McLeod introduced his guests, Chris Smith, Brad Stinson and Gordon Broom.

McLaughlin recognized new member, Dan Davis. She also announced Rotary's donations to Polio Plus and the Rotary Fund. McLaughlin reminded members and guests about the Foundation Public Relations Seminar on August 18 at PRCC.

August is Membership Month and members are encouraged to bring guests to the next three meetings.

Chris Pine announced National Night Out Against Crime and how this year's agenda will focus on military appreciation. He encouraged members to get involved in this endeavor in their neighborhood. Lastly, Chris asked those who have served or are serving in our armed forces to stand and be recognized.

Christina Ghents introduced our speaker, Jon Mark Herrington of the American Legion.

Mark is a Chief Warrant Officer in the Mississippi National Guard, stationed at Camp Shelby. He is the Plant Manager at MS-RSMS, and has been there since 1993. He has been in our country's service for 25 years, and is a veteran of the war in Iraq, serving from December 2005 to December 2006. A Hattiesburg High School graduate, Mark is active throughout the community. He is a captain in the Central Lamar Volunteer Fire department, and works with the

Lamar County Search and Rescue k-9 dog team. He serves as a board member of the Oak Grove Athletic Association. As Post Commander of Allen B Carter Post 24 of the American Legion, Mark serves as the American Legion State Baseball Chairman, as well as coach of the Hub City Bombers, the American Legion Baseball team sponsored by Post 24, and the 2012 State Champions! Mark and his wife Faith have 2 children, Gabrielle and Jon Mark, and attend Calvary Baptist Church of Oak Grove.

Mark discussed the many ways that the American Legion gives back to the communities in which they are located. They provide scholarships to Boys State and Girls State, which are week-long programs that educate high school students about the processes of United States government. Boys State was recently held at USM and attendees heard from elected officials such as Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood and U.S. Congressman Stephen Palazzo.

American Legion-sponsored baseball team, Hub City Bombers have had a terrific season and are reigning state champions.

The Hattiesburg American Legion is the largest post in the state and is involved in many charitable activities and organizations. They recently helped sponsor "Honor Flight," which transported World War II veterans to Washington D.C. to visit, reflect and be honored at the Veteran Memorials.

Mark invited Rotarians to visit [americanlegion.org](http://americanlegion.org) to learn more about the number of programs and services in which American Legion posts are involved.

After the Club recited the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," McLaughlin adjourned the meeting.

**Andy Gilliam, Captain  
The Salvation Army**

Andy is a third generation Salvation Army Officer in his 15th year of service. He is a graduate of Asbury University and is currently doing graduate work at Gordon-Conwell. He has served the Army in the Washington D.C. area and as the Youth Programs Director for the states of Oklahoma and Florida. He and his wife Frances have two boys and have been in Hattiesburg for the past three years overseeing the Army's work in Southeast Mississippi. Andy is a past member of the Rotary Club and has enjoyed working with the club in various locations around the country.

**Providing sanitation, artificial limbs  
in Lagos**

Posted on [July 20, 2012](#)



Children wait to use toilets at a primary school in Lagos, Nigeria.

By Suman Ramesh, president of the Rotary Club of Lagos-Palm Grove Estate, Lagos State, Nigeria

At the Shyllon primary school in Lagos, students lacked proper toilet facilities, using the grounds of the school for their sanitation needs. The smell was often unbearable, and the girls found it embarrassing to use an open toilet. Water is scarce, making the environment very unhealthy and disease-prone.

[Read this entire article at Rotary.org](#)

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FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP, & PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMINAR**

Aug 18, 2012 at 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Pearl River Community College

All officers and any interested members are encouraged to attend this informative event. Register online at [rotary6840.org](http://rotary6840.org). Also, please let Maura know if you plan to attend.