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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG



*Hattiesburg High School Tigers Head Coach: Tony Vance*

Tony Vance is entering his fourth season as Head coach of the Hattiesburg Tigers. The Tigers finished last season 8-5, 4<sup>th</sup> in division play, and advanced to the first round of the MHSAA State Playoffs for the third straight year.

Prior to his arrival in Hattiesburg, Vance was the head coach at Charleston High School. While at Charleston he compiled an overall record of 60-10 in five seasons as the head coach. Over the course of those five seasons his team never lost a division game and won 5 straight division titles. In 2011 Vance led his team to the 3A State Championship defeating Hazlehurst 34-8. His team averaged 39 points per game while allowing 11. In 2012 his Charleston Tigers made a second con-

secutive trip to the state championship game. Offensively the Tigers averaged 42 points per game while yielding just 14, but fall short to Hazlehurst 21-20. Coach Vance also has stops on his resume at Olive Branch High School, where he served as head 9<sup>th</sup> grade head coach and assistant offensive coordinator for two seasons. Coffeeville High School was his first assignment as a coach where he was the Pirates defensive coordinator.

Coach Vance grew up in Tippo, MS where he was the 12<sup>th</sup> of 13 children. He is a proud 1993 graduate of Charleston High School. He received his Associate's Degree from Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS. He went on to receive both his BS and Masters Degree from MVSU in Itta Bena, MS.

Coach Vance is beginning his 19<sup>th</sup> year in the coaching profession and his message to his players has remained the same. "Do What's Right, and be where you are suppose to be when you are suppose to be there."

Tony is married to the former Vernida Harris of Charleston. They have four children, Cedric, Keasia, Ty'Keria, and Tony II (Deuce).

## Minutes of August 9, 2016 meeting of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

President Jaclyn Adams presided over the meeting. Thanks to Rusty Edwards who gave the invocation and to Ben Donald who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Phillip Carter and Ashley Reed were our greeters today. Tracie Fowler and introduced our guests. Samantha McCain is a guest of Wes Books. Allen Pollitz is a guest of James Mitchell and Kory Moore is a guest of Ben Donald.

Today's Three Minutes of Awesome was our next feature. Also, Jaclyn asked us to keep Sean Priebe and his family in our prayers. His father-in-law was found unresponsive this morning.

Jaclyn reminded members of the upcoming Bike-a-Thon that is benefitting DisentangleAD, on September 24th and thanked the following sponsors; Alan Anderson with Anderson Retail, Aaron Ladner with Edward Jones, BankcorpSouth and Citizen National Bank.

She then announced that the Christin Services Annual Banquet is Tuesday August 30th here at Southern Oaks and Garden. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10. The Rotary District Grant will be presented it to Kids Hub on August 30th. Also the District Governor, Randy Feldman will be in attendance.

Jaclyn commented that we still need a membership committee chair. That com-

mittee also has a couple of member positions open. Jaclyn then announced that we will be inducting Tom Overton, Samantha McCain, Kory Moore and Patrick Ward at next week's meeting.

Maura McLaughlin and Mike Ratliff will be holding a Kollege of Knowledge on September 13th at Southern Oaks and Gardens.

Tracie Fowler then introduced today's guest speaker, Sarah Holifield, executive director of the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter (DAFS). She is married to Greg Holifield of Holifield Pest Control and has two small children: Benton who is 3 1/2 years old, and Baylor Ann who is 15 months.

Sarah has been with the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter for a year and a half and currently serves as the Executive Director. Before becoming ED of DAFS, she was a healthcare consultant for almost 5 years at South Central Regional Medical Center

There are currently two shelters in Hattiesburg and one in Laurel. The three shelters can

house up to 20 clients each and all of them are operating at maximum capacity.

Some of the services they provide are:

24-Hour Toll-Free Domestic Abuse Crisis Line

Temporary Shelter for Domestic Abuse Victims

Information, Referral and Advocacy for Victims

Victim/Survivor Counseling

Batterer's Educational Groups

Aftercare Case Management

Public Education & Community Awareness of Domestic Abuse

The cycle of abuse has three phases. The tension building phase, the explosive phase/physical beating phase and the honeymoon/loving phase.

United Way funds are used to support the daily operation of the Hattiesburg shelter, counseling and support services, victim advocacy, public education, special services for children and case management. Donations are always needed. <http://www.unitedwaysems.org/DAFS>

If you or someone you know is being abused, just know that millions of American women from every ethnic, racial, and economic group suffer from abuse, and that many women find it difficult to leave. Please call the Crisis Line 1-800-649-1092 or visit

[www.domesticabusefamilyshelter.org](http://www.domesticabusefamilyshelter.org) for more information.

Jaclyn then adjourned today's meeting with our motto, "Service Above Self."



Today's *Three Minutes of Awesome* features Brandon Hodges. As a teenager Brandon was known for his Jerry Clower impressions. He attended local festivals and fairs performing his impressions. While his friends were going to ball practice and soccer practice he was going to "Clower Hour". He married Stacy White and works for Nationwide Insurance. He has been in Rotary for 5 years and served as the President of the Petal Club for 2 years.

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sept 24

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Randy Feldman*



Sarah Holifield, executive director of the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter (DAFS) speaks to Hattiesburg Rotary, August 2, 2016. The club made monetary donations and collected goods. Donations are always welcome at <http://www.unitedwaysems.org/DAFS>

## UPCOMING GUESTS



**Aug 23 - Angie Sides, Big Brother Big Sister**

**Aug 30 - Randy Feldman, District Governor**

**Sept 6 - Scarlett Moore, March of Dimes**



**Sept 13—Dr. Schwartz, DisentangleAD**

