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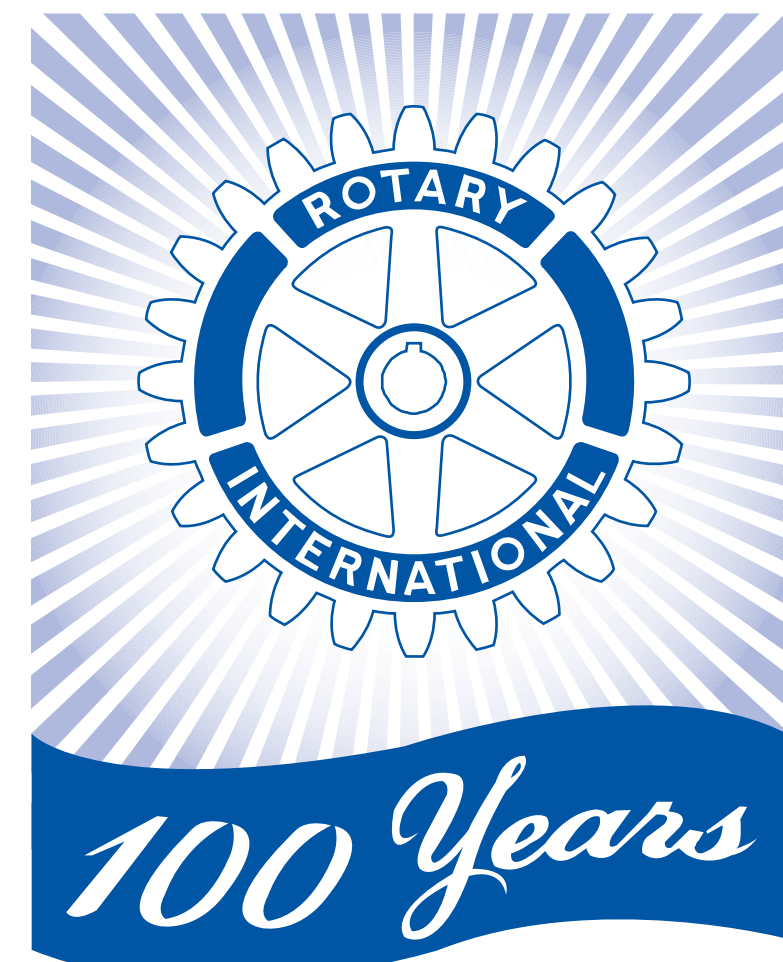
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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 07/26/11

President Robert Cummings presided over today's meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave the Invocation and to Kristy Gould, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters today, who were Aime Spears and Chris Strebeck.

Sean Priebe welcomed today's visiting guests. Jeff Stewart was a guest of Mike Ratliff and Michael Garrett was a guest of Aime Spears. Ken West visited today from the Petal Rotary Club.

Congratulations to Kristy Gould, the lucky winner of today's Rotary Foundation Raffle, which was presented by Brian Moore. Thanks to Bill McLeod for providing the prize, a \$25 gift card to Jimmy John's.

Robert reminded everyone that the one-half day District Seminar will be held on August 13th from 8am until noon at Pearl River Community College. Board and committee members and other club members interested in attending should mark the date on their calendars.

Robert reported that the United Way of Greater Monroe County sent its thanks for the local group's generation contribution of \$2,500, which was used to help victims of the recent storm damage in that area of the state.

Dan Kibodeaux encouraged interested Rotarians to sign-up for the Read Between the Lions reading program at the Hattiesburg Family Y. The program is looking for participants to hold reading sessions for children beginning at 9:30am on Aug 8th.

Janice Touchstone announced that anyone who would like to donate prizes for the weekly raffle should contact her or Brian. The raffle was started last year and has been a big success at the weekly meetings.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Richard Jones then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker, Matt Wypyski, the Chief Operating Officer for the MS State Port Authority at Gulfport.

Matt, who joined the MSPA in October 2010, brings over 20 years experience in ocean carrier and terminal operations. He previously served as Executive Vice-President of New Orleans Terminal, LLC, and Houston Terminal, LLC.

A graduate of the New York State Merchant Marine Academy, where he earned a BS degree in business management and marine transportation, he also holds a U.S. Coast Guard 3rd Officer's License. He and his family recently moved from New Orleans to Pass Christian.

Matt, accompanied by his colleague Enrique Hurtado, presented a brief video and power point presentation that outlined some interesting statistics about the Gulfport facility as well as proposed expansion and improvement plans on the horizon.

Gulfport is the 3rd busiest seaport on the Gulf of Mexico, boasting some 244-acres and 6,000-feet of berthing space. It currently ranks as the 2nd largest importer of green fruit (primarily imported via 3-day transit from Guatemala and Honduras).

Matt said Gulfport's success is largely due to its experienced labor force, turn-around efficiency, and the long working history with Dole. The lead export item being shipped back to the fruit suppliers is kraft liner board, which they in-turn use to make cartons for the next shipment of fruit coming this way---thus creating an efficient cycle.

Despite major damage from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, it continues to thrive as a major bulk, break-bulk, and container seaport. Of the \$5.4 billion the state received in CDBG funds, \$570 million has been dedicated for port restoration. Among its core objectives are:

- *Restore the remaining devastation resulting from Katrina
- *Increase protection for the Port & City of Gulfport
- *Create more lucrative jobs & economic engine
- *Implement changes in a socially & environmentally responsible manner
- *Protect the community and spend the public funding wisely & effectively

In 2010, the Gulfport facility handled 2.2 million tons of cargo (or 210,000 TEU's)---which is equivalent to about 210,000 20-foot containers. Future goals include increasing the capability to eventually handle 1 million TEU's annually.

By 2017, the Port Authority plans include upgrading roadway and railway transit onto the property from south of Hwy 90, channel deepening and widening, and raising the seaport from 10-feet to 25-feet above sea level (FEMA mandated in order to receive approx. \$20 million in funding).

To date, Matt said about \$48 million (8%) of the funding has been spent. He displayed an artist's rendering of port once all the expansions and improvements are completed.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Dr. Richard Conn

As one of the two founders of Southern Bone and Joint Specialists, P.A., Dr. Richard Conn had a vision for orthopedic care for Hattiesburg. Dr. Conn, a Hattiesburg native, is the son of the area's first orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Francis R. Conn. Schooled in the Hattiesburg public school system, Dr. Conn attended Mississippi State University and received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He completed his internship/residency in orthopedic surgery in Greenville, S.C. In 1984, Dr. Conn returned to Hattiesburg after completing a year fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in arthritic joint replacement surgery. He specializes in arthritic/traumatic conditions of the hip and knee. Today, he will tell us how orthopedic care in our city, state and region is about to be forever changed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 2 Dr. Richard Conn

Aug 13th District Training for Officers

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Brian Moore coordinates a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus.

Many thanks to those who have donated items and purchased the raffle tickets. If you have items to donate to the raffle contact Brian Moore or Janice Touchstone.

We Have a Facebook Page!

Thanks to Jared Eastlack for setting this up and Jaclyn Adams for getting some items posted. Please go to Rotary Club of Hattiesburg on Facebook and "like" our page. Post your pictures and comments.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.

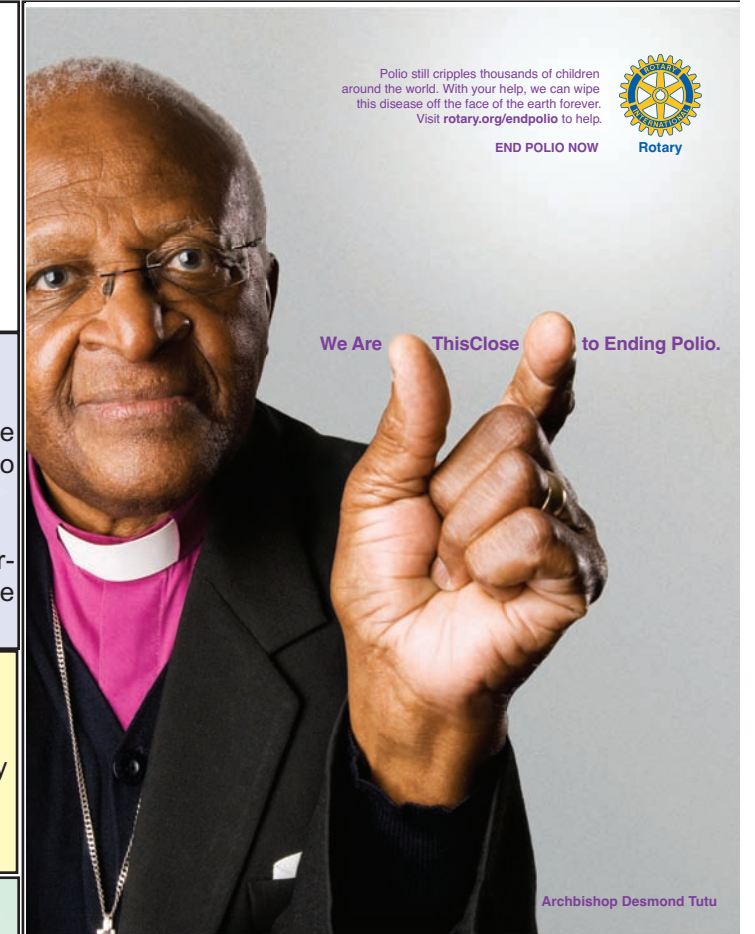


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601-268-0808
Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
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dan@unitedwaysems.org
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August Reading Volunteers Needed!

Reading schedule will go back to Tuesday & Friday starting August 8th.

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Monday, 8/1 9:30am		
Wednesday, 8/3 9:30am		
Tuesday, 8/9 9:30am		
Friday, 8/12 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Tuesday, 8/16 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Friday, 8/19 9:30am	Janice Touchstone	
Tuesday, 8/23 9:30am		
Friday, 8/26 9:30am		
Tuesday, 8/30 9:30am		



Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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