

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

Rotary Seeking Area Professionals for Goodwill Exchange to Argentina

Rotary club members of Southeast Louisiana and South and Central Mississippi are seeking outstanding professionals to visit the Argentina (Rotary District 4825) in April-May 2010 as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.

Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. For four to six weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their home country.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

Rotary pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession. Applicants must live or be employed within the boundaries of Rotary District 6840 (southeast Louisiana and south and central Mississippi).

If you or someone you know might be interested they can get more general information and a copy of the application, visit the GSE page at www.rotary6840.org or visit www.rotary.org. Also contact Sharron Newton at snewton0959@earthlink.net for more information. Applications are due by August 22, 2009 and should be mailed to 35140 Garden Dr., Slidell, LA 70460 or faxed c/o Ace Necaize at 228.497.4800.

Foundation, Membership and Public Relations Seminar

August 08, 2009

This seminar is a must for club presidents, club presidents-elect, current and future club committee chairman for The Foundation, membership and public relations and interested Rotarians.

Tuition: None

Location: Pearl River Community College/Crosby Hall

Address: 101 Highway 11 North, Poplarville, MS

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2009

Register online at www.rotary6840.org

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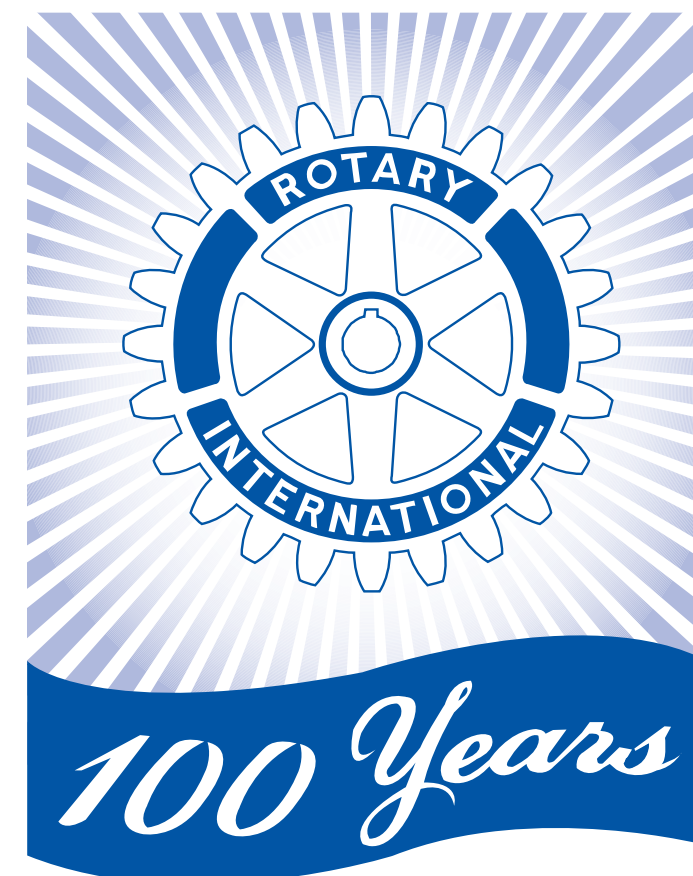
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MINUTES FROM 7/28/2009

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Heath Hillman gave the invocation. Tom Montgomery led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Gene Owens recognized visiting Rotarians and visitors. Jack Gay and Milton Wheeler visited from the Petal Club. Chad Shook, Adam Hays and Curtis Smith were guests of Heath Hillman. Kyle Napier was a guest of Allen Anderson and Charles Greer's son was his guest.

Thanks also for today's Greeters, Greg Garaway and Joe Meadors.

Mary informed members of the August 8th District Seminar at PRCC. She again urged club members to attend and reported that a number of board members will be in attendance. She also invited club members to participate in a Strategic Planning meeting to be held at her residence on Saturday August 22 beginning at 9 a.m. She invited everyone but asked that members let her know in advance if they plan to attend so she will know how much food to prepare.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Lance Nail gave today's classification talk. He is a Dean at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has two young sons. His family located from Alabama where he was a Rotarian. He received his terminal degree from the University of Georgia. Lance recently returned from a European trip with a group of university students.

Robert Cummins then introduced today's guest speaker, Charles Gruby, a retired NASA systems engineer.

Robert began his presentation with excerpts from President John F. Kennedy's speech on May 25, 1961 in which the president set a goal of putting a man on the moon and safely returning him to earth within the next ten years. In July 1969 the lunar landing and safe return of our astronauts occurred. The crew lifted off on this mission some eight years and eight weeks after the President issues the challenge. Robert had the privilege of sitting at the navigation desk on the day of the flight and the lunar landing. His shift began that day as the crew was being awakened and ended after the landing and the go-for-stay order was issued about 4 p.m.

Robert shared many of the difficulties and challenges of the lunar landing project. At the time of the mission the on-board space craft computer had 2,048 words of RAM memory or about 4 kb. It contained about 36 kb of fixed memory or the equivalent of 36,864 words. It contained 107 machine instructions. Everything else had to be manually calculated.

Those involved in the project had to develop an engine that would create a lift of five million pounds. The craft had to achieve a speed of 15,500 miles-per-hour to achieve earth's orbit and then had to achieve a 21,000 miles-per-hour post orbit speed to reach the moon's orbit. The Saturn rocket was the rocket of choice for the mission.

From his backyard after the landing Robert looked up into the night sky from his Houston home at the half-moon. At that time he says the success of the mission really hit him. He realized that the goal of putting a man safely on the moon had finally be achieved. He says the success of the program was due to the hard work of those involved in the project but also was due to the very excellent skills of the managers involved in the project. He says the managers were willing to take the heat from up-above, to defend their positions and to provide them with the tools they needed to accomplish the goals.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Synarus Derron Green is a native of Jackson, MS. He is the son of the Honorable Judge Tomie Green and the late Cornelius Green, Jr. He received his Masters of Science in Early Childhood Education from Jackson State University. In February of 2002, Synarus joined the family of blue with the Hattiesburg Police Department. Synarus has served as a Field Training Officer, a member of the HPD Honor Guard a member of S.T.O.R.M. (Sobriety Trained Officers Representing Mississippi), a negotiator on the HPD Special Tactics and Rescue Team, a detective in the investigations and as a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance and Training) officer. Synarus was recently promoted to Sergeant and currently serves as the department's public information officer and spokesman.

Synarus works with the Forrest County Election Commission and is an applied member of the Forrest County Department of Human Services' Foster Parent Program. He is a member of the West Point Baptist Church, where he is the coordinator of the Men of Impact (male choir). He mentors with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Petal, Ms, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) at Rowan Elementary, P.A.C.E. Headstart and the South Mississippi Children's Shelter. He has volunteered with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Christian Services and is advisor over the Sigma Beta Club.

Synarus received the Brother of the Year Award in 2008 from his fraternity and was recently selected to be a member of the 2009 ADP Leadership Hattiesburg Team.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 04	Synarus Green - Hattiesburg Police Department
Aug 08	District Seminar - PRCC 8:00 am-2:00 pm Register at www.rotary6840.org
Aug 11	Sharon Person and Nikki McCelleis - Between the Lions Program
Aug 22	Strategic Planning meeting at Mary's house 9:00 am- all interested members welcome Please RSVP with Mary if you plan to attend this meeting

Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bay Springs - 12:00	Columbia - 12:00	Clinton - 12:00	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00
City Hall	The Backdoor Restaurant	Baptist Health Plex	Steam Room Grill 155 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorville - 12:00
Collins - 12:00	Laurel - 12:00	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00	MS Power Co. Building
Cedars Restaurant	Laurel Country Club	Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Wiggins - 12:00
Ellisville - 12:00	North Jackson - 12:00	Heidelberg - 12:00	Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
J.C.J.C. Cafeteria	St. James	Library	
Jackson - 12:00	Episcopal Church	Poplarville - 12:00	<i>Friday</i>
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Rankin County - 12:00
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			