MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2006

Minutes of Meeting of Dec. 12, 2006

- Presiding: Conrad Welker
- Invocation: Gene Owens
- Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Ramp
- Allen Anderson welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests:
 - 1) Margaret Thomas was the guest of John Ed Thomas
 - 2) John Youngman was the guest of Dr. Annie Wimbish
 - Visiting Rotarian Leonard Thomas was the guest of Jerry Buti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Thanks to Kris King and Hayden Mitchell for serving as greeters.
- 2. Rotarians were reminded that the Salvation Army Kettle project is next Saturday. Anyone not able to ring is encouraged to make a kettle contribution during the Rotarian day.
- 3. Todd Bradley announced that the golf proceeds to the Sunrise Club be presented today. Those proceeds totaled \$3,460.75. Todd is making the presentation.
- Many thanks to David Senne for organizing last week's Christmas party.
- Conrad reported that he attended the Poplarville club last week where a \$500,000 check was presented to the club in support of their Safe Harbor

project. The project offers after school programs and summer camps for children who've been displaced by Katrina or for other reasons in the Bay St. Louis area. The check came from the National Recreation Foundation.

6. Conrad also announced that Ben Norris, our Ambassador Scholar at Cambridge University is scheduled to be our guest speaker next week.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Judge Wallace Weakley introduced the program, the Hattiesburg High School Chamber Orchestra.

Thanks to the Administration: Dr. Annie Wimbish, Superintendent; Dr. Gloria Robinson, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Jimmy Hopkins, Associate Superintendent; Ms. Deborah Martin, Student Services; Dr. Yvonne Bryant, Principal, Hattiesburg High School.

A special thanks to the teachers at Hattiesburg High School: Ms. Debra Dean, NBCT, Coordinator; Dr. Eugenia Robbins, NBCT; Mr. Jorge Gonzalez; Mr. Raul Mungia; & Mr. Roberto Pineda.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Lee declared official nominee for 2008-09 RI president



Dong Kurn Lee

On 1 December 2006, RI President William B. Bovd declared Dong Kurn Lee to be the official nominee for president of Rotary Internation al for 2008-09. Lee is a Rotary Foundation trustee and a member of the **Rotary Club** of Seoul Hangang,

Seoul, Korea. His formal election will take place at the <u>2007 Salt Lake City Convention</u>.

Lee is chair of the Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd. manufacturing companies in Seoul and formerly served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul. In 2005, he was appointed an international goodwill ambassador by the president of Korea.

Lee has also served as honorary consul to the Italian consulate in Korea since 1994 and was awarded the Order of Industrial Merit by the Korean government. He and his wife, Young Ja, have two sons and two daughters. A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as a director, treasurer, district governor, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and membership task force coordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-04 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

RISKS

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out for another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self. To place your ideas & your dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying. To hope is to risk despair. To try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person, who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing. They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, or live Only a person who risks is free. -----Janet Rand

<u>MERRY CHRISTMAS!-</u>

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