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The USM "Pride of Southern" Men's A Capella Choir performing last at last Tuesday's Holiday Social.

MINUTES: November 25, 2014

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Rusty Edwards who gave the invocation and to Gene Owens who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Chris Price and Paula Brahan for serving as our greeters today.

Aaron Ladner welcomed our many guests today. Conrad Welker has Mary Virginia Welker as his guest. Joe Meador has Lynn Meador. Dan Davis has Martha Davis. Rusty Edwards has Kat Spangler as his guest. April Ladner is a guest of Aaron Ladner. Vicki Loflin Hughes is a guest of Todd Watson. Steve Moser is a guest of Bill McLeod and will be inducted as our club's newest member in the near future. Erik Graham has Ginny Graham as his guest. Freddy Walter has Barbara Walter and his guest. Elizabeth Gillentine has Mark Gillentine as her guest.

Wes reported that Blue Dog raffle tickets are now on sale. Each member is encouraged to buy two tickets each year. Tickets are \$5 each.

Wes also mentioned that the club received a very nice thank you card from Frank Cade who suffered a health scare recently. The club received a Christmas card from The Children's Center.

Wes then introduced our special holiday entertainment guests, the Sprit of Southern Men's A Capella Choir. Thanks to this group for a very entertaining holiday program.

To learn more about this group and the other programs through The University of Southern Mississippi visit <http://www.usm.edu/music/choirs/performance>.

Minutes provided by:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

The Rotary Foundation Moves Up on Expert List of Non-Profits

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary News
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The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Rotary Foundation received \$239,576,000 in 2013, a 32.4 percent increase from the previous year.

"This clearly shows our members recognize the unparalleled value of giving to their Foundation," says John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary. "They know that by giving to the Foundation their dollars have a much greater impact. And friends of Rotary respect that the Foundation puts their gift to great use."

The Foundation recently earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded \$23.5 million in district grants and \$47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

Together with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has led the effort to eradicate polio, contributing more than \$1.3 billion to the initiative since its outset. When an outbreak of polio threatened the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in 2013, Rotary provided emergency funds, including a \$500,000 rapid-response grant for Somalia and a \$500,000 grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover operational costs in the Middle East. As a result, the outbreak in the Horn of Africa slowed, and Syria reported only one case of polio in the first half of 2014.



Paige Kennedy

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Paige Kennedy has been with SMPDD for over 20 years. During her tenure, she has been responsible for the administration of programs that serve low income families, the elderly and the disabled. Currently, Paige's responsibilities have shifted to managing the Hattiesburg office and providing community outreach for all agency programs in the 15 county area.

Paige has her Bachelor's and Master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi but is a social worker at heart. She not only strives to serve others through her employment but she is actively involved with many community service programs and missions through her church.



Next Week

Clay Williams

Executive Director
Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport

UPCOMING

DEC 4	Paul Harris Society Foundation Gala
DEC 9	Clay Williams, Gulfport International Airport
DEC 15	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting (DuBard School)
DEC 23	NO MEETING
DEC 30	NO MEETING
JAN 10	District 6840 Mid-Year Checkup
JAN 31	Rotary Leadership Institute
FEB 7	District 6840 Team Training
MAR 6-7	Ole Man River P.E.T.S. (President-Elect Training Seminar)
APR 10-12	2015 Rotary District Conference - "Rotary Rivage"
JUN 6-9	Rotary International Convention - Sao Paulo, Brazil
JUN 20	District 6840 Awards & Installation Ceremony

Guest and visitors,

Thank you for coming to visit with us today! Are you interested in finding out more about the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg? Are you interested in how you might become a member? Would you like to be contacted by one of our members to discuss this? If so, please fill in the blanks below, leave the program on the table by the front door and we will be sure to contact you.

Again, thank you! We hope you enjoyed your time with us.

Your Name: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Questions/Comments _____



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