

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2007

Minutes of Meeting of Feb. 20, 2007

- Conrad Welker presided over the meeting.
- Richard Topp gave the invocation.
- Conrad also led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Allen Anderson sat in for Kristi Gould and introduced our visitors:
 - ✓ Richard Topp and Dan Henley as his guest.
 - ✓ Tina Lowrimore had Valerie Sartin as her guest.
 - ✓ Jerry Buti brought Darian Pierce as his guest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Thanks to Rucker Howell and Skippy Haik for serving as our greeters.
- 2) Conrad announced that the regular, monthly board meeting will be held next week just prior to the membership meeting.
- 3) He also announced that Bradley Black has been proposed as a new member and information on Bradley will appear in a future SPOKES. He also noted that Jane Gwyn died on February 14 in Tennessee. A memorial service will be held for her in the Hattiesburg area however, details are not yet finalized.
- 4) Beverly Commodore, the Mayor's Chief Administrative Officer, was then introduced to present the employee of the quarter. She presented Ricky Watts, who has served in the Sanitation Department for the past twenty-seven years. His supervisor was also in attendance and said he wished that more of his employees exemplified the work ethic that Mr. Watts did. He was presented with a plaque from the City of Hattiesburg and a gift certificate for a local eatery.
- 5) Valerie Sartin is our newest candidate proposed for membership. She resides at 90 Nicholas Dr., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Her home phone is: 601-916-7549.
She works at Cellular south where she is market manager. Her business

address is: 5910 U.S. Hwy. 49, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Valerie assists with many public relations events in conjunction with Cellular South, such as USM's Jr. Eagle Funland, the Pine Belt Expo, the MS Wildlife Expo, and other private functions.

Valerie was proposed for membership by Tina H. Lowrimore.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Allen Anderson introduced Susan Hollingsworth with the Mississippi Nature Conservancy, who introduced the program and today's speaker.

Ms. Hollingsworth stated the mission of the Nature Conservancy, which is to protect land and water which is necessary to sustain the diversity of plants and animals. The Mississippi Chapter was established in 1989. The Conservancy has 35,000 members and is self-sustaining. It protects more than one million acres of land across the nation, including 133,000 in Mississippi.

The Mississippi Nature Conservancy recently began environmental classes for fifth graders throughout Mississippi. It is also managing bottom land in the Pascagoula River Basin, is involved in oyster restoration projects in damaged by Katrina and is also involved in a tree planting project in a nature preserve in Hancock County.

Ms. Hollingsworth then introduced Lisa Yeager, the Director of Conservation for the Mississippi Nature Conservancy. Lisa is a native of Columbia and is currently stationed at Camp Shelby where she runs a field office responsible for the environmental management of the 139,000 acres at Camp Shelby.

Lisa says environment management of the area is important for more reasons than just preserving the area. In order for the military to properly train, they must manage the environment to ensure that it remains natural. Her primary job is to identify, document and maintain the biological diversity of Camp Shelby property.

The Camp Shelby property represents the largest Longleaf Pine Forest in the nation. That forest used to run from North Carolina to Texas. Today, only three percent of it remains.

The Nature Conservancy has identified 1,200 species of plants at Shelby, some are on the endangered list. Eighty species at Shelby have been identified as rare. They are also studying a way to combat Congongrass. This invasive plant was introduced from Southeast America and is very difficult, if not impossible to contain. Unfortunately it has a very dense growth and becomes a fire hazard around military operations.

Other projects at the Camp Shelby Field Office include management of the Gopher Tortoise which is on the threatened list, the Black Pine Snake which is a candidate for the federal listing and the Camp Shelby Burrowing Crayfish. It's called the Camp Shelby Burrowing Crayfish because it doesn't exist anywhere else in the world.

Lisa ended her presentation by showing pictures of her two children and stating that she does what she does because she believes that her efforts to protect land and water that is necessary to sustain the diversity of plants and animals will make the world a better place for her children and their children to come.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

[There are four Classification Talks scheduled]

Rotary Milestones

- 1905 ♦ First Rotary club organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1908 ♦ Second club formed in San Francisco, California, USA
- 1910 ♦ First Rotary convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1912 ♦ The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered.
- (The club was formed in 1910.)
- 1917 ♦ Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established
- 1932 ♦ 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor
- 1945 ♦ Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco
- 1947 ♦ Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted
- 1962 ♦ First Interact club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA
- 1965 ♦ Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs
- 1985 ♦ Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio
- 1989 ♦ Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in almost 50 years
- 1990 ♦ Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union
- 1990-91 ♦ Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects

- 1994 ♦ Western Hemisphere declared polio-free
- 1999 ♦ Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established
- 2000 ♦ Western Pacific declared polio-free
- 2001 ♦ 30,000th Rotary club chartered
- 2002 ♦ Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study
- 2003 ♦ Rotarians raise more than US\$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication
- 2004 ♦ RI's largest convention with 45,381 attendees, held in Osaka, Japan
- 2005 ♦ Rotary Celebrates centennial in Chicago, Illinois, USA

THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB IS THAT OF LEARNING HOW TO NEGOTIATE WITH OTHERS WITHOUT FRICTION.

Experts in negotiation handle the process so smoothly that discussions hardly seem like negotiations at all. While the word negotiation itself conjures up visions of cigar- chomping adversaries pounding the table to emphasize their demands, the best results are achieved when all the parties involved are able to put themselves in the others' shoes and arrive at an agreement that is beneficial to everyone involved. Whether you are negotiating a higher salary, a new job, or the acquisition of a company, your chances of success are far greater when you approach the situation positively and with a clear objective in mind. It also helps to understand the motives of others involved and to have in-depth knowledge of the subject under discussion. Finally, approach every topic with an open mind-don't simply try to bully others into accepting your proposal or point of view.

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