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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

**MINUTES FROM 1/03/11**

President Robert Cummings, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Scott Hummel, who gave the invocation, and to Jerome Brown who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to today's greeters, Mike Ratliff and Aime Spears.

Sean Priebe introduced today's guests and visiting Rotarians. Paul Harris, a member of the Hattiesburg Sunrise Rotary Club, visited along with his daughter, Phelan Harris, and her friend, Morgan Woodard. Guests of Aaron Ladner were Congressman Steven Palazzo of Biloxi and T.J. Moran, and Cherry Amanatides of Hattiesburg.

Robert gave the group great news with a status update on the infant son of Brian Moore, who recently had surgery. Miller Moore is resting safely with his family and continues to improve. In addition, it was announced that Mike Ratliff is now engaged.

Two newly proposed members, Rusty Edwards and Catherine Nugent, have been approved by the Board and are awaiting induction into the club soon. Both were sponsored by Mike Ratliff. Maura McLaughlin will present a membership report at next week's meeting.

Robert reminded everyone about the Mid-Year meeting planned for Saturday, 1/14/12, at PRCC. He then announced the latest Football Grid winner, Gene Owens, who pocketed \$154. Congratulations to Gene!

Paul Harris, visiting today from the Hattiesburg Sunrise Rotary Club, introduced Phelan Harris and Morgan Woodard, who performed brief vocal/solo presentations. Both girls are among three PCS students who were selected to perform in the National High School Honors Choir at Carnegie Hall before an audience of 2,000.

Aaron Ladner then introduced today's guest speaker, George Bassi, Executive Director of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, as well as a past-president of the Laurel Rotary Club.

Bassi said the museum originally opened in 1923, two years after the untimely death of its namesake, a young man named Lauren Rogers. Lauren's family created the museum as a memorial to him. Bassi's program included a slide presentation that illustrated how the museum has prospered since its early days. Also serving as a public library until 1979, the building's interior still resembles a library.

The ever-increasing amount of art collections has prompted multiple expansions and additions resulting in the museum's current size of about 22,000 square feet. Bassi said in the early 1980's, significant upgrades were installed including an elevator, rest rooms, and shipping/receiving loading docks.

He said they currently have about 1,200 American works, 170 Japanese woodblock prints, 180 British Georgian Silver pieces, 550 Native American baskets, and a small volume of European works. Much of the artwork travels around the country as part of a loan-out program, which has led to the museum being well-known even outside of Mississippi.

Operating under a \$1 million annual budget, Bass said the Lauren Rogers Museum is a self-sustaining entity with only minimum county government support. He said Mr. Rogers (Lauren's father) included a caveat in the original contract stipulating that the museum would never charge admission, citing that no one should ever be prevented from enjoying the art because they could not afford it.

Bassi invited everyone to visit every chance they get. The museum is located at the corner of 5th Avenue & 7th Street in Laurel, and continues to serve the community free of charge.

**WEEKLY FOOTBALL BOARD GAME**

Our football board game has had a couple of rule changes.

If the winning square has not been purchased by a player the proceeds will carry over to the following week. Each week's winner will split the cash proceeds with the club which will benefit the Rotary Permanent Fund.

The winner will not be announced until the end of the meeting, and must be present to win. Gene Owens was the winner last week! Congratulations Gene!

**MEET TODAY'S SPEAKER**

Carroll Brown, PT, DPT, OCS is Owner/ Physical Therapist at 1st Place Physical Therapy in Columbia, MS. He is very active in the Community and Church. He has traveled to Haiti numerous times to assist in relief efforts after the 2010 earthquake. He will share some of his stories from those trips and how God is working through him to aid the people of Haiti.

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....**

We have 2 new individuals who have been proposed for membership. If you have any questions about these individuals, please talk with someone on the membership committee.

Proposed for membership is Paul Edwards. Paul is the Senior Pastor at University Baptist Church.

Also proposed for membership is Katherine Nugent. Katherine is the Director of the School of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Jan 10 **Carroll Brown - Haiti Mission Trips**
- Jan 17 **MS Public Broadcasting - Ellen Bourdeaux**
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- Jan 31 **Randy Price & Co - History of Hattiesburg Retail**
- April 17 **Night In Italy - Southern Oaks**

**READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM**

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



The Family Y -  
Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
601-268-0808  
Call Dan Kibodeaux or sign up at lunch meetings or email dan@Unitedwaysems.org call **601-545-7141**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

During a presentation at a recent club meeting, Val Johnson saw one Rotarian nudge his neighbor and whisper, "We've been outdone by a bunch of eighth graders." Johnson chuckles as she recounts the story because those students were talking about a nonprofit she'd cofounded in 2007.

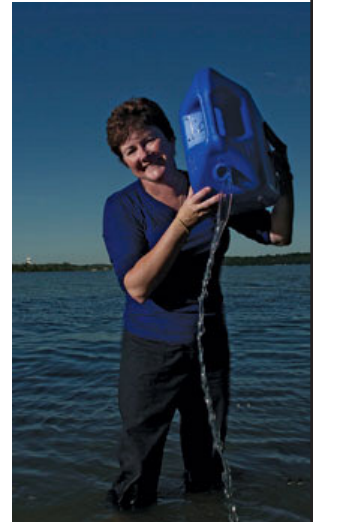


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[H2O for Life](#) matches schools in the United States with schools in developing nations without clean water and sanitation facilities; the students from Highview Middle School in New Brighton raised \$13,000 to build a dam in the Kwa Kasolo region of Kenya. The nonprofit helps students hold fundraisers such as water walks, which simulate the chore of fetching water, sometimes from miles away, that many children around the world perform every day.

So far, students have raised more than \$1 million for projects at schools in 26 countries. effort requires a dollar-for-dollar match from the nongovernmental organization responsible implementing it.

*Read more about this story at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)*

**January Reading Volunteers Needed!**

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 1/3 9:30am	Conrad Welker	
Friday, 1/6 9:30am		
Tuesday, 1/10 9:30am		
Friday, 1/13 9:30am		
Tuesday, 1/17 9:30am		
Friday, 1/20 9:30am		
Tuesday, 1/24 9:30am		
Friday, 1/27 9:30am		