

'Peace Through Service' is 2012-13 RI theme

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RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka will ask Rotarians to build *Peace Through Service* in 2012-13.



Tanaka unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary district governors.

"Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary," he said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka unveiled the 2012-13 RI theme, *Peace Through Service*, during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary district governors. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

Peace has different meanings for different people, Tanaka said.

"No definition is right, and no definition is wrong," he said. "However we use the word, this is what peace means for us."

"No matter how we use, or understand the word, Rotary can help us to achieve it," he added.

Tanaka, a businessman from the greater Tokyo metropolitan area, shared how becoming a Rotarian broadened his understanding of the world. After joining the Rotary Club of Yashio, in 1975, he said, he began to realize that his life's purpose was not to make more money, but to be useful to other people.



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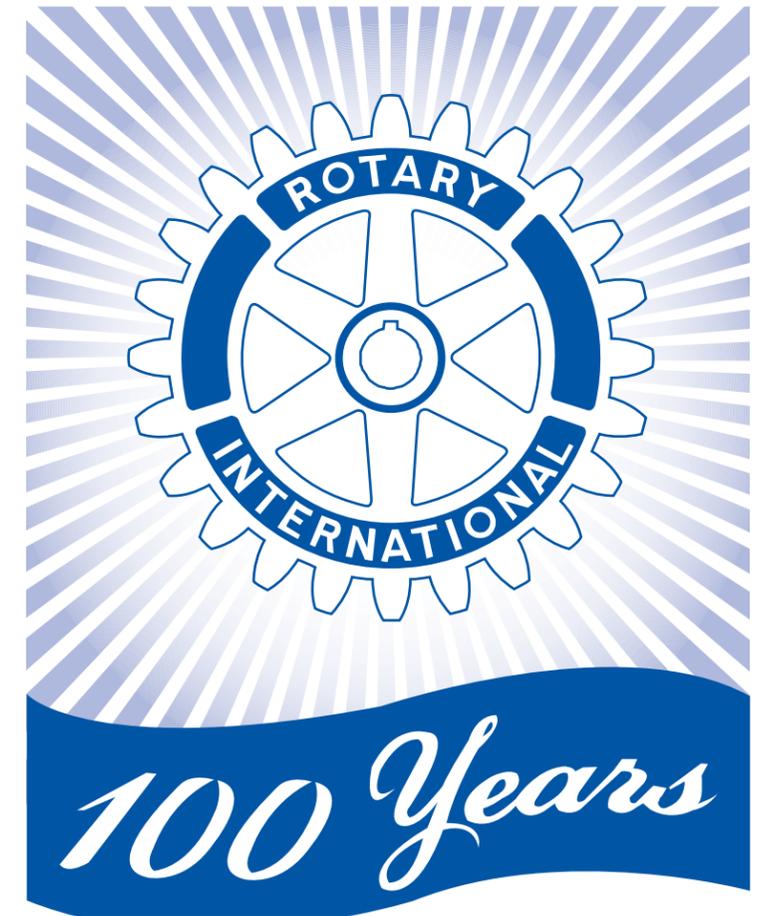
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MINUTES FROM 1/24/12

President Robert Cummings, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Jaclyn Adams, who gave the invocation, and to Wes Brooks who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to today's greeters, Chris Price and Tracy Fowler.

Sean Priebe introduced today's guests and visiting Rotarians. Janet Williams was a guest of Scott Hummel. Valencia Williamson was a guest of Mike Ratliff. Chase Munro was a guest of Bill McLeod.

Robert provided board members with a brief overview of last evening's board meeting. He reported that a presentation from R3SM was heard by the board and their request for assistance with The Volunteer House project is being taken under advisement. He also reported that the Wine Tasting event is being postponed for this year and instead will be replaced with a social activity. More details on this event will be forthcoming after the next board meeting.

Mike Ratliff then provided an update on Milam Cotton. Milam is now in hospice but continues to demonstrate a bright outlook on life. Milam and Betty purchased a street sign for the New Orleans Rotary International Convention. Mike Ratliff presented that sign as a gift to the club from Milam and Betty. Members should check the Rotary FaceBook page for updates and contact information.

Maura McLaughlin provided a membership update. She reported that December attendance was at 51%. She also noted that the club lost four members during the first few days of January. Several new membership applications are in the pipeline and should be approved within the next few weeks. It is thought that the club will recover from the January decline.

Robert reported that the District's Group Study Exchange dates have been set. The Brazilian team will be in District 6840 from April 15 through May 13. Hosts are needed for the team throughout this event and Robert encouraged club members to enlist to be sponsors.

Robert also reported that Rotary International has met the 200-million dollar Polio-Plus match challenge with the Gates Foundation. The challenge was met earlier and the Gates Foundation decided to add another \$50 million contribution to the campaign in an effort to eradicate Polio throughout the world.

Aaron Ladner then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker, Bill Pace. Bill came to Hattiesburg from Millsaps College. He served as the Executive Director of the USM Foundation. Bill became a Rotarian in 1990 and remained a club member until his resignation two years ago. Pace operates a private fundraising consulting business.

Bill thanked the members for a warm welcome and reported that he was today's speaker as a fill-in for the scheduled speaker who had a death in the family. Today's subject is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Bill is an Olli Sponsor and has worked with the organization in a recent capital campaign.

The Learning Institute was originally founded in 1991 with 93 charter members. Former USM President Dr. William McCain was one of the original charter members. It was known in the beginning as the Institute of Learning in Retirement and obtained space at the Peck House, which is property owned by the University. The organization quickly grew and today has 420 members. A capital campaign was instituted to raise enough money to add an annex to the existing Peck house. That project has now been completed and is in use.

In 1995 the group received a one-million dollar grant from the Osher Foundation. Mr. Osher was one of the founders of American Express. At the time the name was changed to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. The organization is governed completely by an independent board consisting of members with no University oversight.

Members pay annual dues to belong to the group. They can then sign up for a variety of classes that are offered throughout the year. Classes include computer learning, cooking, exercises, photography, jewelry making, sketching, outdoor art and a variety of other topics. Members also take field trips throughout the year and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of social activities. Every few years a member cruise is organized.

You must be at least fifty years of age to belong to the Institute. Dues are \$65 annually for a single and \$115 for a couple. One free class is offered to members however, you can sign up for others classes for additional fees. There are also other ways that business and individuals can become involved in the center. Sponsorships and Partnerships are also available.

MEET TODAY'S SPEAKER

Dr. Janet Williams - Dean of Nursing, William Carey University

Janet Williams grew up on the gulf coast and received her BSN from USM, While working as a critical care nurse and nurse manager she continued in graduate school to earn her MSN from UAB and her MBA from USA.

After being employed at WCU she returned to school at USM to receive her PhD in Higher Education and Leadership.

Dr. Williams has been with WCU for twenty one years and became the Dean of Nursing last year. She was recently named Woman of Excellence in Education for 2011 and has been nominated as Nursing School Administrator of the year with the Mississippi Nurses Association.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 7** **Dr. Ronald S. "Ronnie" Kent, Connections Clinic**
- Feb 14** **Terrell Knight, CSpire Wireless**
- Feb 21** **Mardi Gras - Speaker TBA**
- Feb 28** **Bob Pierce, Vice Pres. for Advancement & Exec. Dir. USM Foundation**
- Mar 31** **HubFest - Clean Water Project**



Yokira Padilla Bierd, 9, drinks a cold glass of clean water.

Her family has a bio-sand water filter at home, and her mother, Yoselin, is proud to be able to provide clean water to her children.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

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Tuesday, 2/7 9:30am		
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Friday, 2/24 9:30am		
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