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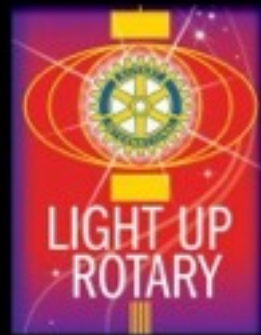
Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

Rotarians of District 6840, you are being called to present a two minute update on your club at our annual midyear check-up, titled "A day in the life.....Rotary 6840" Each club will have 2 minutes to present their own club update. The choice of presentation is up to you, whether it is a song, a dance, a commentator----you choose. Please be creative.

Take two minutes to brag on your club to the districts. We know we have lots of talent in our district, so now is the time to let it shine. Register on our website today for the upcoming midyear check-up to be held in Bay St. Louis, MS



Mid-Year Checkup January 10, 2015 Bay-Waveland Yacht Club



MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2014

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Chris Price who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Jennifer Payne for serving as our greeter today.

Aaron Ladner welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests today. Scott Hummel has Dr. Gregg Silberg as his guest. Dr. Silberg will be inducted as the club's newest member in early January. Todd Watson has Cynthia Ross as his guest.

Wes noted that the Districts Mid-Year Check-up is scheduled for January 10th on the Gulf Coast. Officers are encouraged to attend.

Bill McLeod noted that he, Jennifer Payne and Jonathan Shemper are heading up an effort to collect sponsorships to help defray District Conference expenses. If you or your company are interested, please see one of these individuals in the near future. The District Conference is scheduled in Biloxi on April 10-12.

Mike Ratliff then introduced today's musical guests The Treble Makers from Thames Elementary. Lauren Mizel introduced the 6th Grade Treble Makers noting that Thames also has a 5th Grade group. They Treble Makers are selected through competition and practice for thirty minutes, three times each week.

Group Study Exchange



District 6840 will do a Group Study Exchange in 2015 with District 9800 - Australia. The outgoing team will travel from February 19 to March 22, 2015. Carl Michel, Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend, has been selected as the GSE Team Leader. Carl is Assistant District Attorney, Jefferson Parish. Four team members were selected to accompany Carl:

Chris Vignes, 33, Gulfport, MS, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gulfport - Orange Grove. Chris is Public Information Officer City of Gulfport.

Alex Michael, 25, New Orleans, LA, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend. He is Account Executive for LeSEA Broadcasting Corp.

Kait Sukiennik, 29, Ocean Springs, MS, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs. She is Office Manager for Home Instead Senior Care.

Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 — The Club will elect its Officers and Directors as follows: By October 1 of each year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three Past Presidents and such other persons as the President may select. The Nominating Committee shall solicit the names of persons to serve in the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, four Directors, and any additional open positions on the Board of Directors. Ordinarily, to provide for continuity of leadership, persons serving as officers will be nominated to move one step closer to the office of President. In November, at a regular meeting of the Club, the Nominating Committee shall bring to the Members a written ballot listing the names of the nominees. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted provided the person(s) shall have agreed to serve if elected. Voting shall be by written ballot.

The nominees for President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. If the President-Elect then in office is willing and able, he or she shall automatically become the President starting July 1 of the next year. If the President-Elect is not moving up, the membership shall also elect a President.

The nominees for Director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as Directors.

In the event of a tie vote, the Board is authorized to break the tie by exercising its discretion by, for example, ascertaining the wishes of the candidates, flipping a coin, submitting the matter to the Members for a second vote, or such other procedure as the Board may deem appropriate in the circumstances.

Section 2 — Officers shall be elected to a one-year term with the expectation that they will be nominated and elected to move up the following year. However, the President-Elect shall be elected to serve a two-year term: the first year serving on the Board and the second year as the Club President. There are no term limits except that the President shall serve for one term and shall not be eligible to serve as President (or President-Elect) for three years. Directors who are not Officers shall hold two-year terms (except when filling an unexpired term). Terms of office start with the fiscal year: July 1.

Section 3 — The President shall invite and encourage the Directors-elect and Officers-elect to attend Board meetings as non-voting observers between the time of their election and July 1 when their term begins. By May 1st the President-elect shall recruit and appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to begin serving July 1 and submit to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the coming year. The Board shall act on this budget (approve, amend, etc.) at its stated July meeting.

Section 4 — A vacancy in the Board of Directors or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the Board. Ordinarily, such vacancies will be filled by the nominee with the next highest number of votes in the most recent election conducted under Article 3, section 1 of these By-Laws, or by the person in office who would move up next year, or such other means as the Board in its discretion adopts.

Section 5 — Any Officer or Director may be removed from office by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of this Club would be served thereby. This decision shall be communicated to the Club as soon as practicable, and, if more than six months remain in the term of the vacated office, the Board shall decide whether and how to fill the vacancy created by removal of the Board member.

UPCOMING

JAN 10	District 6840 Mid-Year Checkup
January 13	Barbara Lofton, Bedford Care Center
January 20	Herb Stonebrook, Ret., Mississippi Power, Inc.
January 27	Patricia Burchell, Forrest Co. D.A.
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

Officers

Wes Brooks, President
Sean Priebe, President-Elect
Erik Graham, Vice President
Amanda Lee, Secretary-Treasurer
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Scott Hummel, Past President

Directors

Allen Anderson
Dan Davis
Tracie Fowler
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