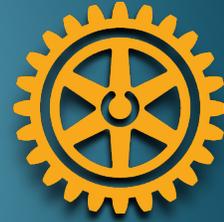




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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG • DISTRICT 6840 - CLUB 04003

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MINUTES: JUNE 24, 2014

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Steve Ramp who gave the invocation and to Lamar Evans who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Anthony Harris for serving as our greeter today.

Brian Moore and introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Rotarian Charlie Lewis is a guest of Hold McMullan. Sarah Case-Price is a guest of Chris Price. Brian thanked Scott for giving him the opportunity to serve the club as Sargent at Arms and also for Scott's service to the club throughout the year.

Scott then called Sarah Price with the Children's Center for Communication and Development forward and presented her with a check from the Night in Italy proceeds. Today's check totaled \$7,500 and when combined with the tickets sold by the Center the total contribution for the year reached \$10,710. Sarah thanked the club for continuing this relationship between the two organizations for the past ten years. She noted that the Center is celebrating forty years of service to the community. She will come back within a few weeks and share information about their 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Scott then presented Amanda Lee with the New Rotarian of the Year award. He thanked her for taking the initiative to step up when called upon, including assuming a new seat on the Board of Directors.

The Rotarian of the Year is Jennifer Payne and a new Joe Spell Award issued to a Rotarian for service to

the club and the community was awarded to Larry LeBlanc.

Scott noted that Wally Weakley is being transferred to the Tampa, Florida area and that Judge Weakly has resigned his Rotary membership effective June 30. He noted how much Rotary will miss Judge Weakley's participation in club events and district leadership positions.

Scott thanked club members who helped make this past year a success. He noted the accomplishment of the club's first Bike-A-Thon and the contribution the event made to children in the community. He thanked those involved in the Night in Italy event which made possible the sizable contribution to the Children's Center. He reminded club members of the ton of food that was collected and delivered to the Edwards Street Fellowship Center. He also noted the contribution made by the club to the Extra Table to combat hunger in the community. He also thanked club members for participating in the Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign that raised money and donated shoes and socks to orphans throughout the world. He thanked those who helped with the Group Study Exchange visit and those who made it possible to recognize a teacher of the month throughout the year. Everyone who participated in these and other events and programs made our year a success according to Hummel.

Scott noted that his introduction to Rotary began while he was in high school. Early in his Rotary affiliation he was awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship where he served in

Israel and witnessed firsthand Rotary's role in trying to prevent Polio. He has seen the great leadership and good deeds committed by Rotarians in their communities and throughout the world through Rotary International. He thanked the club for giving him the opportunity to serve this year as President.

Scott then called up District Deputy Governor Mike Ratliff and asked Mike to install the new officers and directors. The ceremony began with the tradition of the attending past presidents handing the gavel down to the newest president. David Owen is the past president in attendance who began the gavel passage.

Officers for the coming year include Wes Brooks, President, Sean Priebe as President-Elect, Erik Graham as Vice President, Amanda Lee as Secretary-Treasurer and Scott Hummel as Past President.

Board members for the coming year include Allen Anderson, Dan Davis, Tracie Fowler, Aaron Ladner, Chase Munro, David Owens, Curtis Smith and Valencia Williamson.

Wes concluded the meeting by expressing the honor that he feels by being selected to lead the club for the coming year. He says he will give the club 110 percent of his effort in the coming months and will be calling on everyone to assist in the many events and programs that will be planned.

He adjourned the meeting with our motto, "Service Above Self."

**Minutes Courtesy of:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg**



Your Milam S. Cotten "New Rotarian"

Amanda Butler Lee

Awarded to a dedicated Rotarian who has been a member of the club for less than three years. This award is named for Dr. Milam "Sonny 34" Cotton, a dedicated Rotarian who lived to serve. Dr. Cotton was the last member of this club to rise to the level of District Governor.

The T. C. Hannah "Rotarian of the Year" Award

Given in recognition of ongoing service and dedication to the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. T. C. Hannah, charter member and first president of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. Our club was founded on January 19, 1918 with twenty-six businessmen and professionals. Rotary International issued our club's charter on March 1, 1918 Club No. 366. Rotary International was in its 14th year.

Our Speaker

Elizabeth Broome Gillentine is the youngest daughter of the late J.D. and Bettie Broome. A native of Hattiesburg, she is a 1993 graduate of Hattiesburg High School. She attended the University of Mississippi for a short time before returning home to work at the former Methodist Hospital in Laboratory Services. Elizabeth was employed by Brown Bottling Group as a new business representative prior to returning to school where she earned a BS in Nursing from William Carey College in February 2003. She practiced nursing simultaneously at Forrest General Hospital and Wesley Medical Center in both Emergency Services and Intensive Care. She became managing member if Broome, LLC in 2008 after the death of her mother.

Currently, Elizabeth is Managing Member of Forrest Funeral Home, LLC and is a licensed life insurance and registered pre-need agent. In spring, of 2014, she received an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Funeral Services Technology from MGCCC and is currently completing an apprenticeship for Funeral Services Director to meet licensure requirements in September of this year.

Elizabeth currently resides in Hattiesburg with her husband, 1st Sergeant Mark Gillentine and their four children: Savannah, Emma Rose, Gunnar, and Slade. She is an active supporter of ARC and is a member of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, National Funeral Directors Association, The Mississippi Funeral Directors Association, and The First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.



Coming in July

JULY 8 Hal Purvis - Veteran Pilot and Secret Service Agent

JULY 15 Lamar Co. Sheriff, Danny Rigel

JULY 22 Sgt. Mark Gillentine, Chief Instructor of Armor - Camp Shelby

JULY 29 Sen. Billy Hudson, District 45 (R-MS)



The Children's Center

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Tuesday a check for \$7,500 was presented to Children's Center Director, Sarah Price. This donation, along with tickets sold by the Children's Center, brings a total of \$10,700 raised from this year's "Night in Italy" Spaghetti Dinner event.

Would you be interested in owning one of these?
See Wes Brooks after the meeting to find out more.