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## NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG



The T.C. Hannah Rotarian of the Year is given in recognition to a member for their outstanding service and unwavering dedication to the Club. T.C. Hannah, a charter member and our club and our club's first president. This year's recipient is Jaclyn Adams.



The Joe Spell Spirit of Rotary Award is presented each year to a club member for their service not only to the Club but also the community. This honor is named for Hattiesburg Rotarian, Joe Spell. Joe always displayed a consistent, enthusiastic passion for the Club and for Rotary International. Joe coined the saying "Being a Rotary member is not the same as being a Rotarian." This year's Spirit Award is presented to Jonathan Shember.



**The Bill Gwyn Non-Rotarian Service Award is given each year as a way to look beyond just our membership and recognize someone from our region who exemplifies our club's values, commitment to service and the empowerment of those less fortunate. This year's recipient is Scott Covington. Scott is deeply involved in many aspects of the Hattiesburg community and offers his talents and skills to several non-profit associations throughout the area. This award also has a Paul Harris Fellowship contributed to the Rotary Foundation by our club in the name of the recipient.**



The Milam S. 'Sonny 34' Cotton New Rotarian of the Year award is presented to a dedicated Rotarian who has been a member for less than three years. Dr. Cotton was the last member of this club to rise to the level of District Governor.

He was a dedicated Rotarian who lived to serve. The recipient of this year's New Rotarian of the Year was so inspired by the comments made at Dr. Cotton's funeral service that she immediately became a Rotarian. Since beginning her membership she has served the club in many capacities and is always willing to volunteer her services. This year's New Rotarian of the Year award goes to Paula Brahan.



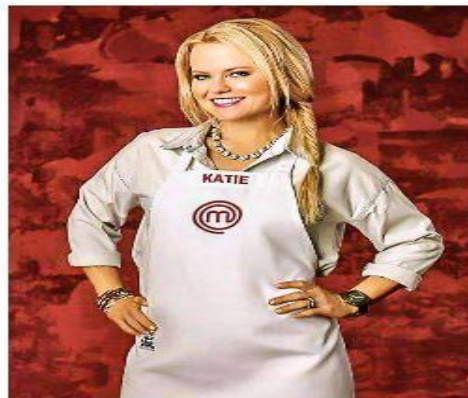
*Lynn Walton, Board of Directors  
Jaclyn Adams, President  
James Mitchell, Board of Directors  
"not pictured" Paula Brahan,  
President Elect*



*Official Passing of the gavel to the  
newly installed President, Jaclyn  
Adams from former President of  
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg*

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**KATIE DIXON, MASTER CHEF-SEASON 7**



Come see Hattiesburg resident and MasterChef Season 7 contestant Katie Dixon at this weeks Rotary club meeting. Among her many talents, Katie is a certified Precision Nutrition Pro Coach; certified TRX functional group and personal trainer; and popular healthy cooking chef. Katie was Mississippi's Miss Hospitality 2002 where she traveled the US promoting economics and tourism for the state of Mississippi. Katie is married to Dr. Todd Dixon of Hattiesburg. She has two daughters.

Connect with Katie at [chefkatedixon.com](http://chefkatedixon.com); experience

her incredible cuisine at Shine Cafe in Hattiesburg; and become a fitness & nutrition client via her partnership with Anchored Soul Fitness & Nutrition ([anchoredsoulfit.com](http://anchoredsoulfit.com))!

## MINUTES: JUNE 7, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Lynn Walton who gave the invocation and to Maura McLaughlin who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also thanks to Kemi Simmons and Anthony Harris who served as our greeters.

Jaclyn Adams introduced our guests: Maggie Prout, guest of Jim Prout; Melissa Phelps, guest of Maura McLaughlin; Jim Furr, guest of Allen Anderson; Russ Henley, guest of Tracie Fowler and Scott and Emily Covington, guest of Wes Brooks.

Today's "Whose That Rotarian", presented by Jaclyn Adams, made his mark on the world not only in the financial arena but as a leader of a local civic club. He is a silver haired fox who has demonstrated his commitment to Rotary in a number of ways this past year. He has asked for us to be a club that is defined by its service and personal sacrifice, to help enrich our community with this room's talents and to remind us that the same "ole thing" just isn't good enough anymore. Today's Mystery Rotarian is none other than outgoing club president, Sean Priebe.

President Sean Priebe began the awards presentations noting that it is with great honor and pride that the 2015-2016 Award Recipients will be recognized today.

Bill McLeod extended a note of appreciation to Tracie Fowler and Dan Davis who are ending their term as a member of the board.

Lynn Walton and James Mitchell have been elected to serve as board members for a two year term. Jaclyn Adams has been elected as President and Paula Braham has been elected as President-Elect.

Jaclyn then assumed the meeting and thanked Sean Priebe for his dedication and efforts throughout the past year. Sean was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship in his name as well as a Past-President's pin and badge.

Jaclyn noted that she plans to engage the membership more in the coming year. She also announced that the recently proposed bylaw changes have been approved, making membership in our club more affordable, especially to young professionals just entering into the business world. She also noted that the club will fund eight Young Professional Scholarships in the coming year, providing these young professionals with a substantially reduced membership rate in exchange for service to the community.

Our international club will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary by providing 100 days of service back to the community. Club members will be asked to give back to our community in the name of Rotary throughout the coming year.

Jaclyn then adjourned today's meeting with our motto, "Service Above Self."

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 19 - Sarah Case-Price  
Leadership Pinebelt - Person First Ex

July 26 - Lisa Salcedo  
Leadership Pinebelt - Lighting Longleaf

August 2 - Kristen Reimert  
Leadership Pinebelt, Smart Space