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Pictured L-R: Elizabeth Gillentine, Howell "Hal" Purvis, and Wes Brooks.



MINUTES: JUNE 24, 2014

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Mike Ratliff who gave the invocation and to Bill McLeod who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Amanda Lee and Sean Priebe for serving as our greeters today.

Aaron Ladner then welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. Faye Gilbert is a visiting Rotarian and will be transferring her membership to our club in the near future. Sgt. Mark Gillentine is a guest and the husband of Elizabeth Gillentine. Angie Grajedon is a guest of Chase Munro.

Wes reminded members of the Rotary Bike-a-Thon to be held in November. He encouraged members to seek sponsors to help fund the event. If anyone has a lead on a sponsor or contributor and they do not feel comfortable asking the business or person to help support the event to please contact him or a member on the committee so they could make the contact for them. Wes welcomed members to send in any news or articles of interest to him so he could place them in the Spokes bulletin. He also reminded members to keep Jay Slaughter in their prayers as a past illness has returned.

Elizabeth Gillentine then introduced today's guest speaker, Howell "Hal" Purvis. Hal is a retired Secret Service Agent and Pilot. Hal had a 20 year career as a Secret Service Agent and he was responsible for the protection of Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush.

His presentation today centered on former President Lyndon B. Johnson. He shared several candid stories regarding the President which showed the personable side of this man. The stories were open and somewhat humorous, revealing a side of the President that the normal public had most likely never seen.

**Minutes courtesy of:
Jerome Siegel on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg**



Danny Rigel, Sheriff Lamar County, Mississippi

Danny was born and raised in Biloxi, Mississippi. Upon graduation from Biloxi High School, Danny graduated from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and finished studies at USM in Hattiesburg in 1982. Danny got his professional certificate from the Hattiesburg Police Academy and worked in the Patrol Division for 3 years before being promoted to the Detective Division in 1985. Danny served as the department's juvenile officer and PIO (public information officer). Danny was promoted to Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain and served as Chief of Detectives for 3 years. This unit worked all major crime scenes in Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties and is still in existence today. Danny was promoted to Major of Operations and served there until his retirement in 2002. Danny was the first composite artist from the State of Mississippi to be trained by the FBI in Quantico, Va.



Danny was elected Sheriff of Lamar County in 2003 and took office in 2004. He is in his 3rd term as sheriff and, besides belonging to several state and national law enforcement organizations, is the Past President of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association. Danny is married to the former Donna Hughes of Seminary, Ms. and they are the proud parents of three sons: Matthew, Daniel, and Andrew. Danny and his family are active members of Temple Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon.

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

 **EXTRA
TABLE**



JULY

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)

AUG 19 District 6840 Governor, Brian Hall

SEPT 2 Steve McAlister, Versus Strength & Conditioning

SEPT 9 Andy Impastato, VP Client Compliance, BancorpSouth Insurance Services

SEPT 16 Sara Case-Price, Director, The Children's Center

SEPT 23 Helena Lasseter, RN, MPH, Work Well/Wesley Medical Center

SEPT 30 Lloyd Munn, Director of Loss Control, BancorpSouth Insurance Services



Would you be interested in owning one of these?

See Wes Brooks after the meeting to find out more.