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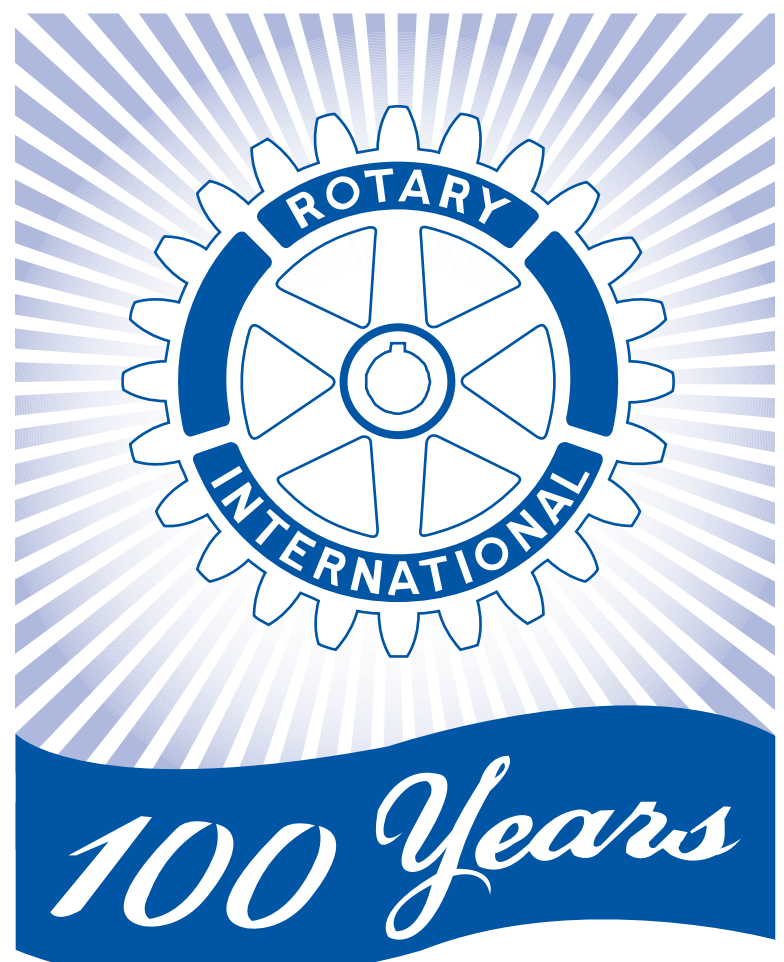
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MINUTES FROM 07/19/11

President Robert Cummings presided over today's meeting.

Thanks to Richard Topp, who gave the Invocation and to Gene Owens, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test.

Special thanks to our greeters today, who were Allen Anderson and Wes Brooks.

Sean Priebe welcomed today's visiting guests. Chris Bowen was a guest of Mike Ratliff. Giena Lentz was a guest of Mike Collins. There were no visiting Rotarians today from other clubs.

Congratulations to Mary Cromartie, the lucky winner of today's Rotary Foundation Raffle, which was presented by Brian Moore. Thanks to Hancock Bank for providing the prize, a \$25 gift card to Tabellas.

Robert reminded everyone that the one-half day District Seminar will be held on August 13th from 8am until noon at Pearl River Community College. Board and committee members and other club members interested in attending should mark the date on their calendars.

Wallace Weakley reported that the McComb Club has surpassed the Hattiesburg Club in total members. Both he and Robert encouraged members to recruit new, good members for our club.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Richard Jones then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker, Arnie Williams with Mississippi Power Company. Arnie currently serves as a Recruiter in the Economic Development division of Mississippi Power.

He spoke to club members about the August 30, 2011 Industry Summit – Export Now scheduled for the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg. The primary purpose of the seminar is to try and increase interest in the manufacturing sector of south Mississippi for opening new export markets.

Arnie reported that only 13% of the country's GDP comes from exporting. In the 23 counties served by Mississippi Power he has found approximately 1,800 manufacturing companies. Of those, only 70 are in the exporting business.

The state's manufacturing sector has been hurt badly during the recession. Mississippi manufacturing output is down some 3.3%. The unemployment rate in the manufacturing sector is now at 10.3%. A total of 164 plants have closed within the last few years as a result of the downturn in the economy.

South Mississippi is well equipped to take advantage of an increased export market. The primary export products are food, paper, lumber, rubber, textiles and chemicals. Based on Arnie's research polymers are the number one sought after export product by foreign markets. The University of Southern Mississippi has one of the premier polymer science program in the nation.

Finally, Arnie noted that the number one factor that keeps the Port of Gulfport from rapidly expanding is the state's inability to fill up departing ships. Shipping companies are only going to send loaded ships to ports where they can be assured of having products to re-load and ship out on their ships.

The August Export Summit is free and attendees will receive a lunch. Topics to be covered include getting ready to export, defining the market, finding money to expand into the export market, legal requirements and the necessary protection documents.

If you are interested in attending visit www.industrysummitmississippi.com

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of Leonard Bentz

Leonard Bentz represents the Southern District of the Public Service Commission and is currently serving as Vice-Chairman. He previously served as chairman of the Commission in 2008. Commissioner Bentz will serve as Chairman in 2012.

Commissioner Bentz has been committed to a life of public service. Commissioner Bentz started serving the public as a Harrison County Deputy Sheriff in the patrol, narcotics, and investigations divisions until 1999. Upon leaving the Sheriff's Department, Leonard went to work for the Mississippi Public Service Commission as a utility investigator where he worked for the Commission until 2003. In 2004 Commissioner Bentz ran for, and was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives representing District 116. He served in the House of Representatives until April 2006. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Southern District Commissioners office was vacated, leaving an unexpired term to fill. Governor Barbour, who knew Leonard's unwavering commitment and his record for making tough decisions, appointed Leonard to fill the unexpired term. In 2007, Commissioner Bentz ran for and was elected to the office of Southern District Public Service Commissioner.

Commissioner Bentz understands that Federal intrusion in the utility business is the driving force behind such initiatives as cap and tax and unrealistic environmental controls. These intrusions will severely handicap rate-payers in Mississippi. This is one reason why he will take a proactive, creative, and common sense approach to solving problems. Commissioner Bentz remains committed to his conservative values and principles to insure that the rate-payers are protected.

Commissioner Bentz is a member of the Mississippi and Nation Republican Party, Gulf coast Honor Flight, Rotary, Area Development Partnership, Mississippi Farm Bureau, various Chambers, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, National and Mississippi Right to Life, USM Eagle Club, Mississippi Rural Water Association, various Regulatory Associations and Young Professionals.

Commissioner Bentz, 39, is a seventh generation Mississippian and is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Amber Fayard, of D'Iberville, MS. They reside in Woolmarket with their two children, Len age 18 and Hunter, age 13. The Bentz belong to, and attend St. Mary's Church in Woolmarket.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 26th **Leonard Bentz - Public Service Comm.**
- Aug 1 **Board Meeting 5:30 - Gander Mountain**
- Aug 13th **District Training for Officers**

WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our Foundation Chair, Brian Moore coordinates a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus.

Many thanks to those who have donated items and purchased the raffle tickets. Last week's prize was donated by Hancock Bank and won by Mary Cromartie.

We Have a Facebook Page!

Thanks to Jared Eastlack for setting this up and Jaclyn Adams for getting some items posted. Please go to Rotary Club of Hattiesburg on Facebook and "like" our page. Post your pictures and comments.

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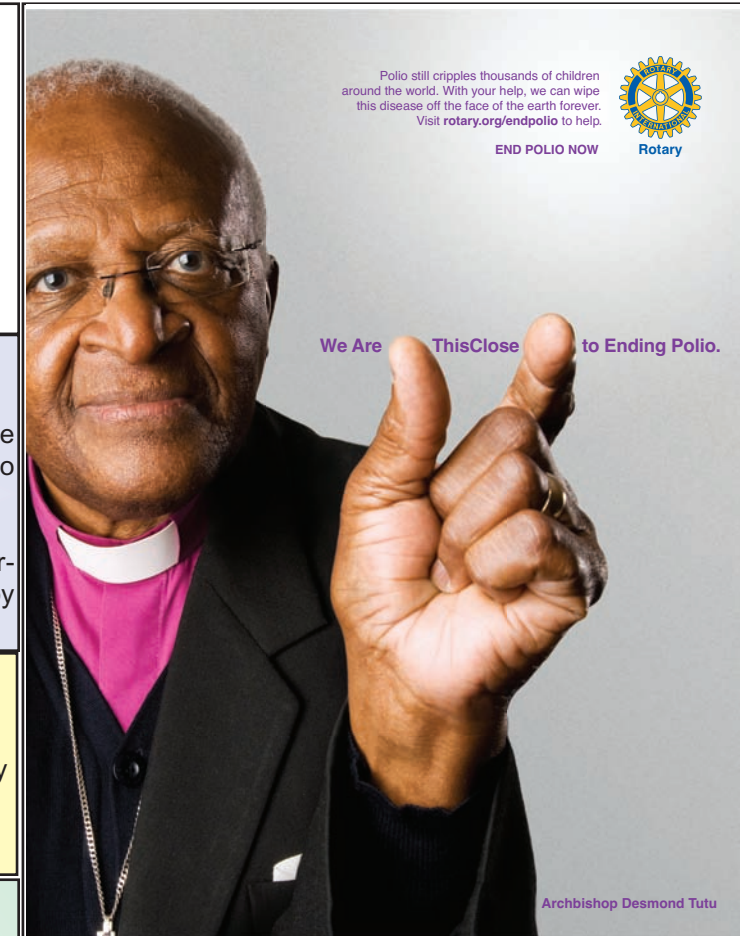
Volunteers needed each week on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



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Call Dan Kibodeaux or
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July Reading Volunteers Needed!

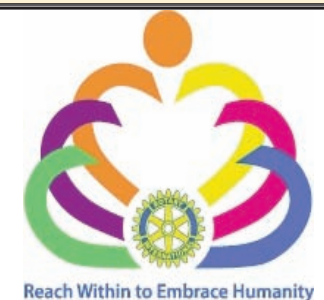
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