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OUR GUEST LAST TUESDAY, AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JOHN MCFARLAND, PICTURED WITH CLUB SEC-TREAS BRETT PHILLIPS.

MINUTES: JULY 21, 2015

Past President Wes Brooks sat in for Sean Priebe who is on vacation and presided over the meeting. Thanks to Gene Owens who gave the invocation and to Allen Anderson who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Mary Cromartie and Bill McLeod for serving as our greeters today.

Jaclyn Adams thanked those who participated in today's meeting and welcomed our guests. William Evans is a guest of Lamar Evans and Ashish Yprety is a guest of Scott Hummel.

This week's mystery Rotarian is an avid snowboarder and has climbed as high as 14,200 feet. He was almost mauled on a climb by a mountain goat. He is Aaron Ladner.

Wes reminded members of District 6840 one-half day workshop that will be held on Saturday August 29 at PRCC. All officers and board members are encouraged to attend this workshop which will focus on the Foundation and grants. Any member is welcomed to attend. You can register on the District's website which you can reach by visiting our website at www.rotaryofhattiesburg.com.

Bill McLeod reminded members of the Zone Institute Seminar which will be held in New Orleans on Friday, July 31. More information can be obtained from the website.

Brett Phillips then introduced today's guest speaker, John McFarland. John is the Executive Director of the 280-county Southeast Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross.

While on a trip back in 1857 Mr. Henry Dunant came upon a just concluded battle. There were 40,000 dead or dying soldiers and civilians and no one to assist. Mr. Dunant spent the next four years recruiting volunteers and raising money to get the dead buried and the injured taken care of. He later wrote a book entitled "A Memory of Solferino" to document his visit. He was convinced of the need to have an international organization that could provide aid to non-combatants. He held a meeting in 1863 in which representatives from 37 countries attended. Out of that meeting came the Geneva Conventions.

Also coming out of that 1863 meeting was the establishment of the first International Society of the Red Cross. It is a neutral organization that provides the aid Mr. Dunant sought. In 1900 Henry Dunant was named as the first Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Unfortunately by that time he was broke, sick and dying. He donated the \$20,000 prize to the Red Cross.

Nurse Clara Benton is given credit for getting the American Red Cross established. In 1900 the U.S. Congress ratified the Geneva Conventions and issued a federal order creating the American Red Cross to be the nation's official disaster relief agency. That original charger was revised in 1905 and the ARC was charged with being the official disaster relief agency to respond to both natural and man-made disasters. Although federally mandated the ARC must remain neutral and therefore receives no government money.

The Red Cross has seven guiding principles. They are; Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

The five missions of the Red Cross are as follows:

1. To Provide Disaster Relief. The organization responds to an average of 70,000 disasters each year.
2. Health and Safety Services. The organization provides instruction in a number of arenas including babysitting certification, water safety and training and volunteer certification.
3. Lifesaving Blood. The organization provides 40% of America's blood supply at 3,000 hospitals.
4. Supporting America's Military Families. Anyone ever having served in the armed forces knows how vital the Red Cross is in assisting them with communications, emergency needs and a life-time continuum of service.
5. International Services. Red Cross organizations can and do respond to needs worldwide.

During the last 11 months the Southeast Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross has logged 22,182 volunteer hours from 1,141 certified volunteers. They have responded to a total of 613 incidents.

To learn more about the American Red Cross or to download forms and guides to help your family in an emergency, visit their website at www.redcross.org. You can also download free apps to your smart phone that could possibly save your life or someone you know in the event of an emergency.

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

JULY 21

John McFarland
American Red Cross

AUGUST 4

D.D. Ellis
Kids Hub

AUGUST 11

Dr. Randy Henderson &
Justice Duhon
March of Dimes

AUGUST 18

Christy Brady
TIDE School

AUGUST 29

District Foundation, P.R. &
Membership Seminars

SEPTEMBER 1

Civil Air Patrol

SEPTEMBER 8

John Cornwell
District Governor

SEPTEMBER 15

James Wilcox, Director
Center for Economic
Entrepreneurship Education

SEPTEMBER 22

Robert Hopkins
USM Chief of Police

SEPTEMBER 29

Cameron Griffith
Southern Eye Center

OCTOBER 6

Brady Raanes
C3 Wine Company

OCTOBER 10

3rd Annual
BIKE-A-THON

OUR GUESTS



**LEADERSHIP PINEBELT
PROJECT THRIVE**

Pictured L-R: Amber Chancelor with Forrest General Hospital, Bobby Moore with Hattiesburg Clinic, Donovan Johnson with University of Southern Mississippi, Seth Miles with Community Bank, Lacey Miller with Nicholson & Company, Gerald Carlson with London & Stetelman, and Amber Hartfield with Merit Health Wesley.

Leadership Pinebelt comprises a diverse network of leaders and community volunteers who are committed to shaping our community both economically and socially while building and expanding their network. Each class encompasses a very diverse group of professionals who have attained leadership positions in their fields and are likely to be tapped for greater community responsibility.

The program begins with an orientation in March, followed by the two-day R.E.A.C.H. course at Pine Grove, which begins the team building process. The class must complete the obstacle course which enhances class bonds and unifies group members. After the course, the focus shifts to building leadership skills at a two-day retreat in Ocean Springs. The retreat focuses on developing leadership skills in the areas of personal power and persuasion, creating group and community visions and purpose, communications skills, self-motivation and motivating others, conflict resolution and team building.

After getting a better understanding of themselves, their classmates and their community, participants enhance their formal training by forming teams and identifying a solution to a community need, an improvement to the business climate or an enhancement to the area's quality of life.

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG BIKE-A-THON

OCTOBER 10, 2015 - LONGLEAF TRACE
30-60-100 MILE RIDES



BENEFITTING
**EXTRA
TABLE**



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