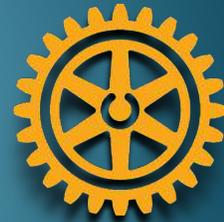




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Jennifer D. Payne - 2014 T. C. Hannah "Rotarian of the Year" Award recipient.



MINUTES: JUNE 24, 2014

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Gene Owens who gave the invocation and to Chris Price who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Scott Hummel and Dan Davis for serving as our greeters today.

The new Sargent at Arms, 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. Todd Garris and Carlton McLauren are guests of Allen Anderson. Abb Payne is a guest of Jennifer Payne and Randy Lander is a guest of Chrissy Cullinane.

Wes then presented Jennifer Payne with the club's "Rotarian of the Year" Award. Wes thanked Jennifer for her contributions to Rotary and to her community during the past year. Jennifer thanked the club for the recognition.

Scott Hummel reported that Larry LeBlanc continues to make progress in his recovery. He was extremely pleased to be presented the Joe Spell Rotary Service Award.

Wes reported that the club's Facebook page is being well received in the social networks. Three of the most recent postings had 864 visits and were shared and viewed by more than fifteen-thousand individuals. Wes then introduced today's guest speaker, our own Elizabeth Gillentine.

Elizabeth spoke about her passion for supporting local

businesses. She recently encountered a WDAM social media post stating that you could buy your casket cheaper through Wal-Mart or Costco. She was disappointed in their lack of support for local business. She noted that her hero in small business was her father. He was one of six kids from Jeff Davis county and by the age of 14 was a master mechanic. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp at the age of 16 and operated businesses in New Orleans and Natchez. While in Natchez he saw the need for a diaper laundering service and operated one successfully. He relocated to Hattiesburg where he began a successful construction business.

Unexpectedly her father died of a heart attack on his way to work one morning. Because of the trauma the family endured throughout that event, Elizabeth strongly urged all Rotarians to have a funeral pre-need program in place before your time comes. She also suggests that you work with a local business to develop this plan rather than doing business with a large corporation that may have purchased a local business.

A funeral pre-planning program lets your desires be known by the family

saving them the stress and difficulty of making these kinds of decisions under duress. Having the plan in place allows the family to properly grieve rather than having to manage stress and worry while they grieve. Having a pre-plan program in place lets the family know what kind of final service you desire. It lets them know your desires for the disposition of your remains. The plan also lets you choose who you want to be in charge of your plans and Elizabeth strongly urges you to make these plans with a local business.

There are at least two options available for payment of your final expenses. You can purchase an insurance policy that will pay at your death. You can also set up a trust fund that will pay your final expenses. When you purchase a trust fund through a local business that business must hold in reserve 85% of the total fund. The reserve is managed through the Secretary of State's office.

For more information about a funeral pre-plan or your payment options, contact your local funeral home.

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



Elizabeth Gillentine and Wes Brooks



Howell "Hal" Purvis

Retired Secret Service Agent (U.S. Treasury) and Pilot

Purvis, Ms. native and resident Howell Purvis a graduate of Pearl River Community College. After finishing there Powell enlisted in the United States Navy where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant and served as an aviator in the Vietnam War.

After leaving the military in 1968, Powell successfully sought employment with the United States Secret Service. During his 20-year career as a Secret Service Agent, he responsible for the protection of Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.; Ronald W. Reagan, and George H. W. Bush.

In a recent interview with WDAM reporter Margaret Ann Morgan, Powell offered the following insights:

"I saw more during that period of time in different places around the country than anybody would have ever seen in a lifetime. I interviewed Sara Jane Moore and Squeaky Fromme (failed assassination attempt on Gerald Ford). After about eight years with Sara Jane Moore, I finally got her to admit to why she did it. She never had told anybody before."

When asked by Morgan who his "favorite" president was, Powell replied, *"President Regan was greatly admired by Secret Service agents. He was very nice, he was polite, he was compassionate, he was understanding."*

EVER WONDER WHY THE ROTARY YEAR BEGINS 1 JULY?

The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

Article taken from Rotary.org.



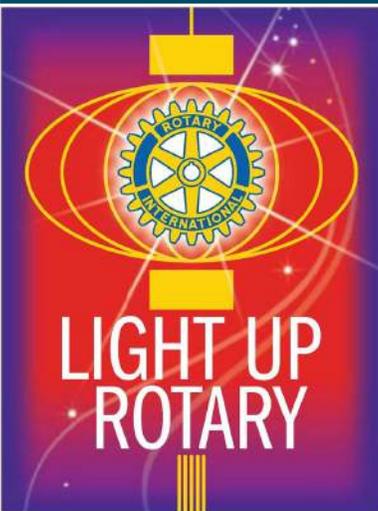
Coming in July

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



Club Activity for New Rotary Year

by Ken Thompson

July 1 begins the new 2014-2015 Rotary year. With the new year come some actions that are required of the new club leadership team recently installed:

Rotary International Semi-Annual Report with dues are due July 1, and District 6840 dues are due July 1.

Official District Governor visits begin July 1, and continue for four months. Verify your official visit date on the online District Directory under Club/District Data > Club and District Information on the district website (requires login). Schedule no other speakers the date of your official visit.



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