



# **Aaron Beam**

Aaron Beam was a founder and the first CFO of Healthsouth from 1984 until 1997. In 1997 when he left the company, Healthsouth operated more outpatient rehab centers, outpatient surgery centers, and rehab hospitals than any company in the nation.

The fraud at Healthsouth began while he was the company's CFO. In 2003 Beam admitted his part in the fraud and was sent to prison. Today Aaron Beam is a public speaker in the area of business ethics. He has spoken to over 100 organizations including universities, corporations, associations and civic groups.

"You have to develop moral character and be able to apply it to how you conduct yourself in the business world. The pressure to make earnings, to make money, can lead you down a path that you shouldn't go."

# **MINUTES: JUNE 10, 2014**

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Allen Anderson who gave the invocation and Amanda Lee who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Lynn Walton and Dan Davis for serving as our greeters today.

Brian Moore and introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Gene Winters is visiting from the Petal Club. Scott Hummel has as his guests four William Carey University Students. They are Chrisy Richmond, Allison LeBoeuf, Maya Poole and Michael Maley.

Allen Anderson has as his guest Todd Garris.

Scott reminded members once again that they will receive matching points from the District if they make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation before June 30. He also reminded members that June 17<sup>th</sup> is the final deadline for application submission for the Grover Anderson USM Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to the child or grandchild of a qualifying Rotarian.

Scott welcomed Wes Brooks back from the Australian Rotary International Convention. Wes says the convention was an awesome experience. He saw many new projects that are being developed from clubs around the world.

Brian Moore then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker Travis Bradburn. Travis currently serves as the Associate Executive Director of development for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including strategic leadership direction for Batson's Children Hospital.

Travis says the Children's Hospital Difference begins with the people who decide they want to work with children.

# Rotary Club of Hattiesburg Officer & Board Installation and Awards Ceremony June 24

### **District 6840 Vision Statement**

by Randall Feldman

We see District 6840 as the first resource for the clubs of our district, providing them with the skills to reach their individual goals and the knowledge to run successful clubs. The District will have active communication and personal interaction with club leadership as a key priority, articulating clear goals and objectives.

We see our district as being an effective convener, where clubs can find partner clubs to maximize their services, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. The district will also be proactive in seeking out partnerships that will enhance Rotary projects and initiatives. And we see District 6840 as providing leadership to promote the good works of Rotary in southeastern Louisiana, southern Mississippi, and across the globe.



Through this communication the opinion leaders of our region will know of our mission, our vision, our values, and our services so that Rotary will be recognized as we are: a thriving and purposeful group of engaged volunteers whose work is worthy of not only their attention, but their potential involvement and support.





Several club members testified regarding their excellent experiences with Batson's.

The Children's Hospital began in 1968. It was a three-story 100 bed facility. In 1970 a new born intensive care center was added. In 1991 the Children's Cancer Center, a two-million dollar expansion was completed. In 1997 the seventeen-million dollar patient tower was opened. In 2009 the Eli Manning outpatient clinic was dedicated. The emergency room operations were renovated three years ago. That ER sees an average of 100 children on a daily basis.

Future plans for the Children's Hospital will involve a 200,000 square foot expansion of the existing

200,000 square foot facility and a complete renovation of the existing building. The estimated cost of the project will be somewhere between \$150 million and \$250 million. The corner stone of the new facility will be a heart center.

Between 65 and 70 percent of the patient load at the Children's Hospital is Medicaid or uncompensated care. That contribution from the facility totaled \$5 million last year. Approximately 11 percent of the money coming into the University Medical Center, of which the Children's Hospital is a part, comes from state appropriations, however all of that money is dedicated to the teaching institutions at the Center. The remainder of operational and developmental costs have to be generated outside of state support.

The money that will be used to pay for the planned expansion will come from bonds, reserved budget resources but primarily from specific donors and community philanthropic support. Travis asked for the opportunity to come back to the club when the development plans are more formalized. For more information contact Travis at (601) 815-8010.

Minutes provided by: Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

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