

MINUTES FROM 06/22/2010

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Freddy Walter who gave the invocation and to Greg Garraway for leading the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary then led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Gene Owens introduced today's visitors and guests. Rotarian Milton Wheeler from the Petal club was a visitor. Dan Kibodeaux brought Clay Copping as his guest.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Stanley Carpenter and Joe Meador.

Tickets for the BBQ dinner that will follow the golf tournament will be on sale immediately after the meeting. The club is also selling raffle tickets for a ring. The drawing will be held after the golf tournament. Erik Graham said the Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 31st at Timberton. Sponsorships are still available. Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Mary reminded members that the fiscal year will close out on June 30 and that any outstanding invoices should be paid before that date.

Aime Spears reminded members to vote in the Pepsi Challenge daily. Our project isn't doing well in this round of competition. More votes are needed. We are likely to roll over into the competition for next month. Polio Plus contributions need to be made before the end of the month. Hattiesburg Rotary pledged \$33 per member for the campaign this year. Members who've not made that contribution for the year are encouraged to do so before the end of the month. Checks should be written to the Rotary Foundation with a Polio Plus Campaign notation.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Patrick Ward then introduced one of our guest speakers for the day, Cora Meneceur. Cora is a French Student Intern from Intelligentsia International, Inc. She is being sponsored by a Rotary District in Florida to make an American Rail & Water Tour. The tour is a fundraising project of the Rotary International Water Projects. Cora is making stops at all inviting Rotary Clubs near an Amtrak train station. She has traveled from Florida, to Indiana to California and back to Mississippi.

Cora presented members with information on the organizational structure of the Rotary Foundation's water projects. She also discussed two specific projects that are currently underway. She also gave club members information about the internship program being used by the Foundation to promote and develop water projects.

An important element of the program is the development of new Rotary clubs throughout regions where the water projects are being incorporated. The projects are then managed under the direction of the local Rotary clubs.

There are currently 1.1 billion people in the world who do not have clean water. Asia and Africa represent 92% of 1.1 billion people. Diseases are spread by unclean drinking water, including Polio. Having unsafe drinking water supplies is a symptom of bad governance according to Cora.

Two projects that Cora presented information on is one in Central Asia encompassing two countries. The second project is in Haiti. Both projects are attempting to establish small village water systems that can serve thousands of residents.

Mary thanked Cora for making the trip and the presentation. The Rotary board will meet in the coming week and determine the amount of contribution the Club will be making to the water project this year.

Erik Graham then introduced Debbie Everett a volunteer representing the Association for Retarded Children. Debbie also brought along several of the ARC children who had been participating in one of their summer programs earlier in the day. Debbie thanked the Rotary Club for their support of the ARC, the beneficiary of this year's golf tournament proceeds.

ARC has a number of programs that are designed to help mainstream their clients, assist the parents with summer and respite programs, and provide exercise programs and activity programs through their newly opened Activity Center. ARC volunteers work throughout the year to generate funds to support the facility and its programs. The major fundraising event of the United Way agency is the golf ball drop held each year. The winner of the drop receives \$20,000.

Debbie invited Rotary members, as business community leaders, to assist the ARC in their goal of mainstreaming their clients. Many are capable of working or volunteering and they all need opportunities to attend community events. Much more information will be available about this program and ways Rotary members can become involved during the golf tournament. ed in teams.

There being no further business or announcements the meeting was adjourned with our motto, "service above self."

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2009-2010

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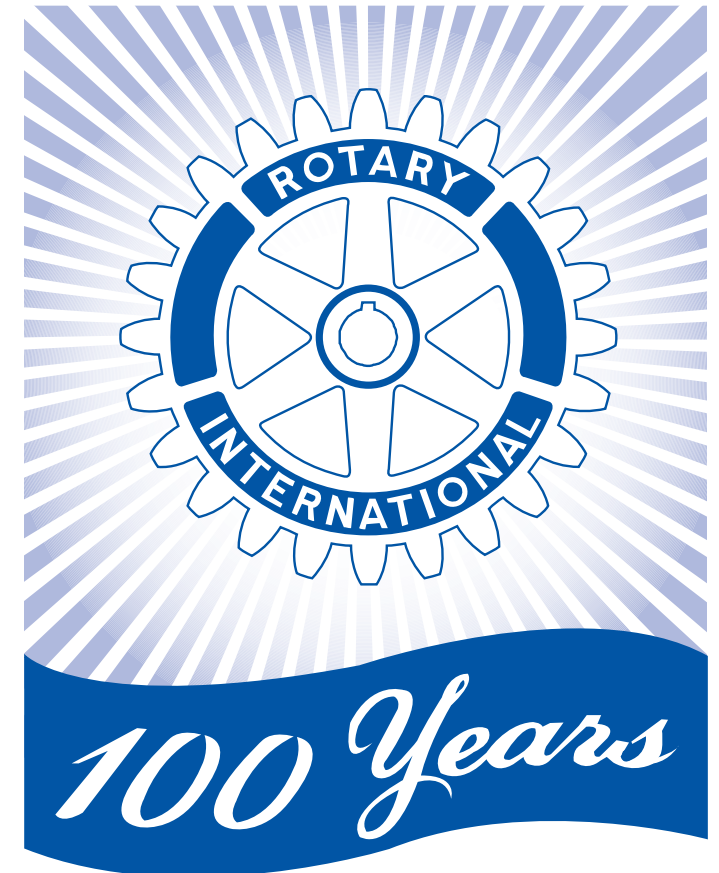
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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

Rotary Club of Hattiesburg
Awards and Installation Program
Twelve O'clock Noon, June 29, 2010
Southern Oaks House & Garden

Call to order	Mary Cromartie, President 2009-2010
Invocation	Steve Ramp
Pledge of Allegiance	Richard Top, President 2008-2009
Welcome to Guests	Mary Cromartie, President 2009-2010
Rotary Grows	Bill McLeod, Membership Chairman
Rotary Serves	Mary Cromartie, President 2009-2010
AWARDS	Richard Topp, Committee Representative

PRESENTATION OF HANNA AWARD TO ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

PRESENTATION OF BILL GWYN NON-ROTARIAN SERVICE AWARD
(PAUL HARRIS FELLOW DESIGNATION)

CLUB PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATIONS

Retiring Officers/Board	Mary Cromartie, President 2009-2010
Installation of Officers & Board	Mike Ratliff 08-09 Deputy Governor District
President's Exchange	Mary Cromartie & Bill McLeod
Remarks and Closing	President Bill McLeod

The Rotary Motto is
Service Above Self

Annually three awards are presented by the club to recognize a club member for outstanding service, to recognize a non-member who has been of extraordinary service to his or her fellow man and a third award for outstanding new member.

The award to the Rotarian of The Year is called the Hanna Award in recognition of T C Hanna, who would be considered the founding father of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. The club was founded January 19, 1918 and T C Hanna was elected the first president. Twenty-six business and professional men were listed as charter members. The Club was chartered by Rotary International on March 1, 1918 as Club No. 366. Rotary was entering its 14th year.

The Non-Rotarian Service Award is presented to an individual from the community who has exemplified the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self. The award is named in memory of Bill Gwyn who served the club with distinction as club secretary for many years. This award carries with it a Paul Harris Fellow Designation in that the club contributes \$1,000 in the recipient's honor to the Rotary Foundation to continue to be of service to others.

The Outstanding New Member award is to recognize a new member who has shown an extraordinary example of service above self right out of the blocks.

The Rotary International theme for the year 2010-2011 is "Building Communities, Bridging Continents". We ask that you join the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg by living the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self.

