

MINUTES FROM 06/26/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting.

Heath Hillman gave the invocation. Tom Potter led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Heath Hillman then introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Governor Milton Wheeler from the Petal Club visited. Ray Wimbish was a guest of Annie Wimbish. They are celebrating their anniversary today. Charles Greer's son, Charles, was his guest today.

Thanks to Heath Hillman for also serving as our greeter today. Richard thanked Heath for the outstanding job he did as the Club's Sergeant at Arms this year.

Richard announced that the final board meeting of the year will be held at his office next Monday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Pizza will be served. New board members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Richard also announced that the Installation of Officers will take place at next Tuesday's meeting. Spouses and guests of board members are invited. All Club members are encouraged to attend. The Rotarian of the Year, the Non-Rotarian of the Year and the newest award for the Outstanding Newest Member of the Year will all be presented at next week's meeting.

Anyone who plans to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation during this fiscal year has until July 7th to write the check. Richard noted the many ways our Rotary Foundation contributions come back to the area through grants and donations. Everyone is encouraged to be or become a sustaining member by contributing a minimum of \$100 each year.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Dan Kibodeaux then introduced today's speaker, Colonel Chesney. Colonel Chesney is in charge of the Post Mobilization Training program at Camp Shelby for the First Army Division. The First Army Division is commanded by a three star General. That command is broken into an eastern and a western division. There are nine training support brigades in the western region and seven in the eastern region. Camp Shelby is the largest of the seven brigades in the United States.

Camp Shelby is large enough to allow the training of two brigade combat teams at the same time, making it one of the most critical training locations in the United States.

There are six battalions under Colonel Chesney's command. His operation has trained and mobilized 90,000 troops, with approximately 25,000 being mobilized in the last year. One of the largest mobilizations conducted this year was that of the Dixie Thunder or the 155th.

There are 155 active Army personnel stationed at Camp Shelby, representing 113 families who live in this area. There are also several permanent Reserve and National Guard personnel stationed at Shelby. Colonel Chesney noted the strong military support provided by residents of this Greater Hattiesburg area.

A new element of the soldiers, sailors, and airmen training program is the Returning Warrior Training element. Soldiers who participate in the program add a year to their service and remain at Shelby where they use their war experiences to better equip the soldiers, sailors and airmen who will be processed through Camp Shelby.

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June 30, 2009  
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District 6840

Club Number 04003

Organized 1918

**ROTARY YEAR**  
**2008-2009**

**OFFICERS**

RICHARD TOPP  
*President*

MARY CROMARTIE  
*President-Elect*

A.D. HUNT  
*Vice-President*

KRIS KING  
*Secretary - Treasurer*

LAMAR EVANS  
*Executive Secretary*

HEATH HILLMAN  
*Sergeant-At-Arms*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Term Expiring - June 30, 2009**  
Todd Bradley  
Kristy Gould  
Perrin Lowrey  
Bill McLeod

*Past President:*  
Freddy Walter

**Term Expiring - June 30, 2010**  
Robert Cummings  
Maura McLaughlin  
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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

**Rotary Club of Hattiesburg**  
**Awards and Installation Program**  
**Twelve O'clock Noon, June 30, 2009**  
**Southern Oaks House & Garden**

<b>Call to order</b>	Richard Topp, President 08-09
<b>Invocation</b>	Steve Ramp
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Conrad Welker, President 06-07
<b>Welcome to Guests</b>	Richard Topp, President 08-09
<b>Rotary Grows</b>	Steve Ramp, Membership Chairman
<b>Rotary Serves</b>	Richard Top, President 08-09

PRESENTATION TO THE CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT AT USM

**AWARDS** Freddy Walter, Committee Representative

PRESENTATION OF HANNA AWARD TO ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

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

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER AWARD

CLUB PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATIONS

<b>Retiring Officers/Board</b>	Richard Topp, President 07-08
<b>Installation of Officers &amp; Board</b>	Mike Ratliff 08-09 Deputy Governor District
<b>President's Exchange</b>	Richard Topp & Mary Cromartie
<b>Remarks and Closing</b>	President Mary Cromartie 2009-2010

The Rotary Motto is  
***Service Above Self***

Annually two awards are presented by the club to recognize a club member for outstanding service and to also recognize a non-member who has been of extraordinary service to his or her fellow man. This year we have added 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 of 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 2009-2010 is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". We ask that you join the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg by living the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self.

