

# SPOKES

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

## bike-a-thon sept 24



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# OUR GUEST



Hattiesburg Area  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

## Michael Pascarella

Executive Director & Construction Manager

Michael Pascarella is a retired U.S. Army, Sergeant First Class. He started volunteering with Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity in 2001. After he retired in 2006 he was hired as the first Construction Manager the affiliate ever had. He has been involved in over 50 builds for our local affiliate. He was then hired as the Executive Director in 2012. Mike and his family has been working and volunteering with Habitat for over 15 years.

## MINUTES: MAY 31, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Jim Prout and Maura McLaughlin who served as our greeters today.

Jaclyn Adams reported that we have no visiting Rotarians or guests today. She encouraged members to contact Rotarians who didn't make today's meeting.

Today's Mystery Rotarian is a native Mississippian. He grew up on Morton and chaired the Parliamentary Procedure teams for both FHA and Beta Clubs, winning state competition and placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. He graduated with honor and received the math and Danforth Awards. He graduated from Mississippi State earning a degree in finance. He began his career in Jackson with Deposit Guarantee National Bank.

He has been very active in public service projects including United Way, Junior Achievement and was a member of the Lion Club. He moved from Jackson to McComb and became Assistant to the Lion's Club State Director for Youth Exchange. He later moved to Tylertown and became involved in Dixie Youth Baseball as a coach and as a commissioner. He is active in his church and sings in the choir, teaches

RA's and Sunday School. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. He joined Rotary in 1984 and became president of the Tylertown club. A career change brought him to Hattiesburg. He became an active Rotarian here and served in multiple offices with our club including one term as president. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Freddy Walter.

Today's unannounced Club Assembly was made possible by a mix-up with the original speaker and the committee's inability to find a replacement speaker over the three day weekend.

The Sunrise Club is spearheading an effort to get a Rotaract organization started in the Hattiesburg area. Rotaract brings together people ages 18-30 in universities and communities worldwide to organize service activities, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun. Rotary clubs sponsor them, but Rotaract members manage and fund their clubs independently. Rotaract members work closely with their local Rotary club, and may join after their Rotaract membership ends. A faculty advisor at the University of Southern Mississippi is needed to make this organization possible. Sean asked our members with USM connections to help find a faculty member who would take on this responsibility.

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It was also noted that the newsletter editor position is now open and unless a volunteer comes forward to take the position the newsletter will not continue. Many thanks to Wes Brooks for all of the effort he has put into this award winning feature of our Club. He will continue to play a major role in the Club's on-line presence but can no longer obligate the time necessary to put the publication into print. If you are interested, see Sean or Jaclyn Adams in the very near future.

The board has begun looking at the existing bylaws and is likely to be offering suggested changes in the coming months. A five year commitment for officers has become an issue in the last few years. The board may propose a change in the officer service requirements. Other proposed changes will likely include a re-structuring of the committee chairs and committee functionality. Chairs will be needed in the future for the Program Committee, the Membership Committee, the Social Committee, the Foundation and a Projects Committee Chair. If you are interested in helping out with any of these Club functions, please volunteer your service before being appointed.

It was also noted that the 2017 District Conference will be held in Mobile, AL on May 19 – 21. It will be a dual district conference, similar to the one hosting in Biloxi two years ago. The Food Fest event will be held at the USS Alabama.

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Bike-a-Thon sponsorships are now being sought. If your business is interested, please let Sean or Jonathan Shemper know in the near future.

Finally, it was announced that Southern Oaks will no longer be available to the Club for the Night in Italy event. Discussions have already begun relative to how/what changes will have to be made in this event for the coming months.

Suggestions to help make our club better in the future are always welcome. If you have one or a few, please email them to Sean Priebe [Sean.Priebe@RaymondJames.com](mailto:Sean.Priebe@RaymondJames.com) and/or Jaclyn Adams [Jaclyn.adams@bxs.com](mailto:Jaclyn.adams@bxs.com) in the near future.

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**Minutes provided by:**  
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary

# NEXT WEEK

*Andy Impastato - Vice President, Legal & Compliance*



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## 2015~2016 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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## In Memoriam

Rotarians, please keep Freddy Walter and his family in your prayers. Freddy's mother, Irma Walter, passed away on Sunday. She was a resident of Alden Pointe in Hattiesburg. Freddy shared that graveside services are scheduled for Saturday, June 11th, at 2pm in Morton.

## Upcoming

**JUNE 21 JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF HATTIESBURG**

**JUNE 28 AWARDS PRESENTATION, OFFICER INDUCTIONS**

# JUNIOR AUXILIARY of HATTIESBURG



## JUNE 21



SUMMER EADES



JENNIFER PAYNE

### Best Behind-the-Scenester

*Wes Brooks*

Runners-Up: Jamie Arrington • Josh Slaven • Diana Pennington

Wes Brooks is the development coordinator for the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi. As development coordinator, Wes is responsible for fundraising, capital campaign management, donor development and



### Best Financial Advisor

*Aaron Ladner, Edward Jones*  
 605 Corinne Street • Hattiesburg

Runners-Up: Jeff Weathersby, New York Life  
 • Andy Leslie, Trustmark • Chris Inman, Inman Wealth Management

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