

# SPOKES

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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Rotary Club of Hattiesburg  
629 North Main Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401



Front row: Missy Steele, Whitney Roberts. Back Row: Wes Brooks, Susan Yarrow, Marlene Boyd.



## Minutes: March 3, 2015

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Michael Ratliff who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Steve Mosier and Todd Watson for serving as our greeters today.

Wes Brooks introduced and welcomed our visitors. Charlie Lewis was a guest of John Cooper. Emily Scheckles was a guest of Scott Hummell.

Bill McLeod reminded members about the District Conference April 10 – 12 at the Beau Rivage and that you can register on the District's website.

Bill MacLauchlan announced that we still need aprons for the Night in Italy event. Tickets will be available Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please see Kristy Gould or Ryan Kelly. They are chairing the event.

Wes announced that he received a letter from ARC. They are asking for help with scholarship fees. He will bring this to the board for discussion. He also reminded everyone that the Kollege of Knowledge is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:45, here at Southern Oaks.

Janet Williams was named as this year's Nightingale Awards "School of Nursing Administrator of the Year." The award is presented by the Mississippi Nurses' Association and the Mississippi Nurses' Foundation.

Allen Anderson then introduced our guest speaker today, Susan Yarrow with the Hattiesburg Clinic and United Way's Funds Distribution Committee. Her job at the clinic is to be the bridge between the clinic and the community. Hattiesburg Clinic started over 50 years ago with a small group of physicians and has grown to 2,000 employees.

Susan talked about the Rise and Shine Marathon. It is the only half marathon in Hattiesburg and really the only half marathon



within 100 miles. The first year it was held at the Trace and they had about 30 runners. Last year's event drew 480 runners. They hope to have more than 500 runners this year.

This year's race is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. It is scheduled for the first Sunday in April every year. Money raised from the event goes toward the Rise and Shine Program, a post-school leisure program designed especially for adults with intellectual disabilities.

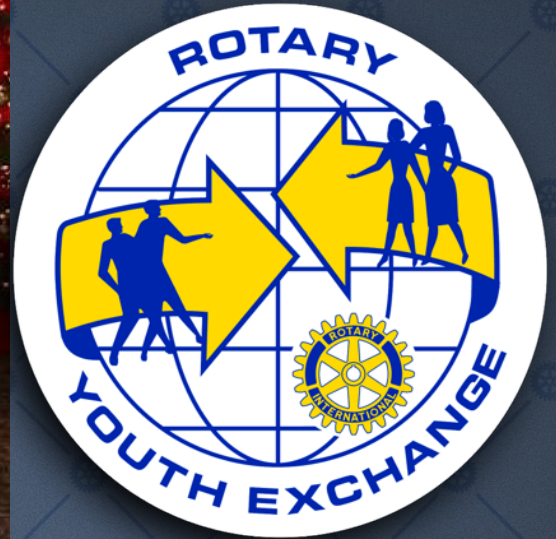
This program allows them a place to interact with their peers, perform daily activities and just have fun. Susan then introduced a couple of her guests from the ARC, Whitney, Missy and Mrs. Boyd

This program was able to get off the ground by the money raised from the very first Half Marathon race. The first year they raised \$6,000 and last year they were able to donate over \$17,000. They hope to raise \$20,000 or more this year. With the increase in revenue the ARC can add more components to the program and enhance the experience of the participants

To show their appreciation, Rise and Shine members make custom-made pottery medals to give to the runners. Many runners consider this a special and heart-warming gesture and look forward to these handmade items.

*Minutes courtesy of:  
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary  
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg*





## OUR GUESTS

### ELIZABETH VAN SANT & JOARA CERQUEIRA DE RESENDE

Elizabeth Van Sant is currently serving a second term as President of the Covington Rotary Club, home club of DG Brian Hall. Assistant Governor for the Lake Territory, District Rotarian of the Year 2013-2014 for my work with returning Rotary Youth Exchange to District 6840. Winner of the Spark Plug award from the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Multi-District, and, in February, was awarded the Silver Achievement Recognition from the North American Youth Exchange Network among all of the Rotary Youth Exchange Programs in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Elizabeth is host mom to Joara starting this month, and actual mother of Ethan, representing D6840 as our first Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Taiwan. Elizabeth is a coffee roaster and owner of Campbell's Coffee & Tea, micro roaster of specialty coffees in Covington.

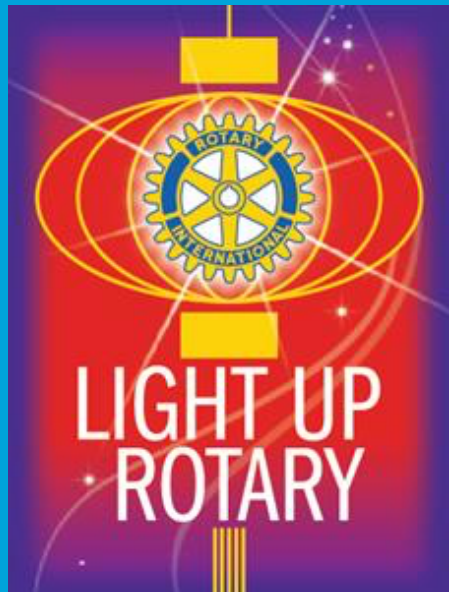
Joara arrived at the beginning of August and is a senior at Covington High School. She will represent Covington High in the State Physics competition later this month. She participated on the Swim team and the Soccer team and actually earned a letter in each of those sports! She will share the speaking responsibilities with me so you will hear directly from her as well.

Today, Joara is accompanied by her parents Mario Dutra de Resende and Lilian Pacheco de Cerqueira.



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**Rotary Rivage 2015**  
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino  
875 Beach Blvd.  
Biloxi, MS 39530

## UPCOMING

MAR 6-7	Ole Man River P.E.T.S. (President-Elect Training Seminar)
MAR 10	Elizabeth Van Zant - Rotary Youth Exchange
MAR 24	Jermaine Brown, Principal, Hattiesburg High School
MAR 31	Dr. Cynthia Scott, Chair, Mississippi Board of Physical Therapy
APRIL 7	Ken Thompson - Shelter Box
APRIL 14	Katie Sims - Miss W.C.U.
APR 10-12	2015 Rotary District Conference - "Rotary Rivage"
APRIL 21	"NIGHT IN ITALY"
APRIL 28	Karen Sims - Pregnancy Choices of Hattiesburg
MAY 5	Dr. Hayhurst - Dog Showing
MAY 19	Andrew Gilliam - Salvation Army
JUN 6-9	Rotary International Convention - Sao Paulo, Brazil
JUN 20	District 6840 Awards & Installation Ceremony



**APRIL 21**



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