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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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Rotary Club of Hattiesburg
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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



L-R: Mario Dutra de Resende, Joara Cerqueira de Resende, Elizabeth Van Sant, Wes Brooks, and Lilian Pacheco de Cerqueira

Minutes: March 10, 2015

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Lyn Walton who gave the invocation and to Jaclyn Adams who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Amanda Lee and Bill McLeod for serving as our greeters today.

Sean Priebe sat in for Aaron Ladner and welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. Elizabeth Van Sant is a visiting Rotarian from the Covington, LA club and she is also our guest speaker today. Williams Evans is a guest of his dad, Lamar. Guests attending today's meeting with our speaker are Joara, Mario, and Lilian Resende.

Wes reminded Red Badge members that the Kollege of Knowledge is scheduled for next Tuesday just prior to the regular membership meeting.

Wes asked Jaclyn Adams and Ashley Read to come forward. He thanked Jaclyn for sponsoring Ashley as our club's newest member. Ashley was inducted and challenged to sign up for committee service and to find his voice in Rotary.

Amanda Lee reports that speakers are scheduled through May. Anyone interested in taking a month of programs beginning with June is asked to let Amanda know as soon as possible.

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 also reported that he and Sean Priebe attended the PETS conference this past weekend in Jackson as our club's representatives.

Kristy Gould announced that Night in Italy tickets are now being distributed. Make sure you college your tickets by next week's meeting.

Erin Granberry reported that our club's Rotary Foundation participation is only 14%. She asked that every member consider making a contribution before the end of the club's fiscal year, June 30. Anyone making a contribution within that time frame will have their contribution matched by an equal number of points making it much easier to reach the Paul Harris Fellowship level. Any contributions made before March 30 will be credited to the club's point system by Rotary.

Wes then introduced today's guest speaker, Elizabeth Van Sant. Elizabeth is promoting the Rotary Youth Exchange program. One of her guests, Joara Resende, is a RYE participant from Brazil. Elizabeth says the Rotary Youth Exchange program has roots from Paul Harris. He believed that the way to world peace is the exchange of information between nations. The RYE is a major component of that effort.

RYE is open to any youth in our Rotary District between the ages of 15 and one half and 18 one half years of age. The scholarship recipient attends one full high school year in a foreign country. Candidates must be curious, interested in other languages, and not afraid to be unusual. The visits are governed by the Rotary International Code of Working with Youth and the United States Department of State. Students who visit the US receive a J1 student visa.

Elizabeth strongly encouraged the Hattiesburg Rotary club to consider setting up a scholarship program that will send someone from our area through this program. She also encouraged our club to establish a RYE hosting program. Three families are needed for each student. Each family would open their homes to the exchange student for approximately three and one-half months during the school year.

RYE applicants are accepted in November of each year. The application is available on the District's website. Interviews are conducted in December and in March the selected students find out what country they will move to for the school year.

Elizabeth encouraged anyone with curiosity or fears about the program to sign on as a host family for just one segment of time. At the end of the period you will be much more knowledgeable about the program and she's sure you'll be convinced of the great value of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

**Minutes courtesy of:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
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OUR GUESTS

DR. DON ODOM, DEAN OF THE WINTERS SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY; KATHY VAIL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC; DR. ALISON CHESTNUT, PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE; AND GIGI SIU, A MUSIC STUDENT AT CAREY.

NEXT WEEK



C. JERMAINE BROWN, PRINCIPAL
HATTIESBURG HIGH SCHOOL



UPCOMING

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

FOUNDATION GIVING MATCHED BY POINTS THROUGH JUNE 30

Your club is pleased to announce that any donations to the Rotary Foundation through June 30 from \$100 up will be matched by points the club has accumulated through its own giving. (Points are matched in increments of 100.)

If you have considered becoming a Paul Harris Fellow – and every Rotarian should – there is no better time than now. Your donation of \$500 will be matched with 500 points to bring you to PHF status. If you aren't quite ready to make that commitment, your donation of \$100 will be matched with 100 points, making you that much closer to PHF status. Many members have balances towards a PHF, which you can check for yourself at rotary.org/myrotary.

If you are interested in donating to the Rotary Foundation and receiving matching points, contact Erin Granberry at eringranberry@comcast.net, 601-270-1831. Don't delay. Service above self!



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