

Rotary honors Prime Minister Cameron for supporting a polio-free world

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Rotary International has recognized David Cameron, prime minister of the United Kingdom, with its Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership and dedication to a polio-free world.



Andrew Mitchell (left), United Kingdom International Development secretary, accepts the Polio Champion Award on behalf of Prime Minister David Cameron from RI President Kalyan Banerjee. Photo by Maureen McLean

RI President Kalyan Banerjee presented the award to International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell, who received it on the prime minister's behalf at a reception at the House of Commons on 14 March.

The award is the highest honor Rotary presents to heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions to the global polio eradication effort.

"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rid the world of the evil of polio," Cameron said in a statement about the recognition. "The commitment of Britain and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, with the support of millions of Rotarians, has helped bring this crippling and often deadly disease to the brink of eradication."

Read more at www.rotary.org

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Valencia Williamson is being proposed for membership by Mike Ratliff. She was a Rotarian at the DeFiniak Springs Club.

Chase Munro and Curtis Smith were inducted last week. Please take a moment to welcome them.. Curtis is a lawyer and Chase works for the Red Cross. They were both sponsored by Bill McLeod.



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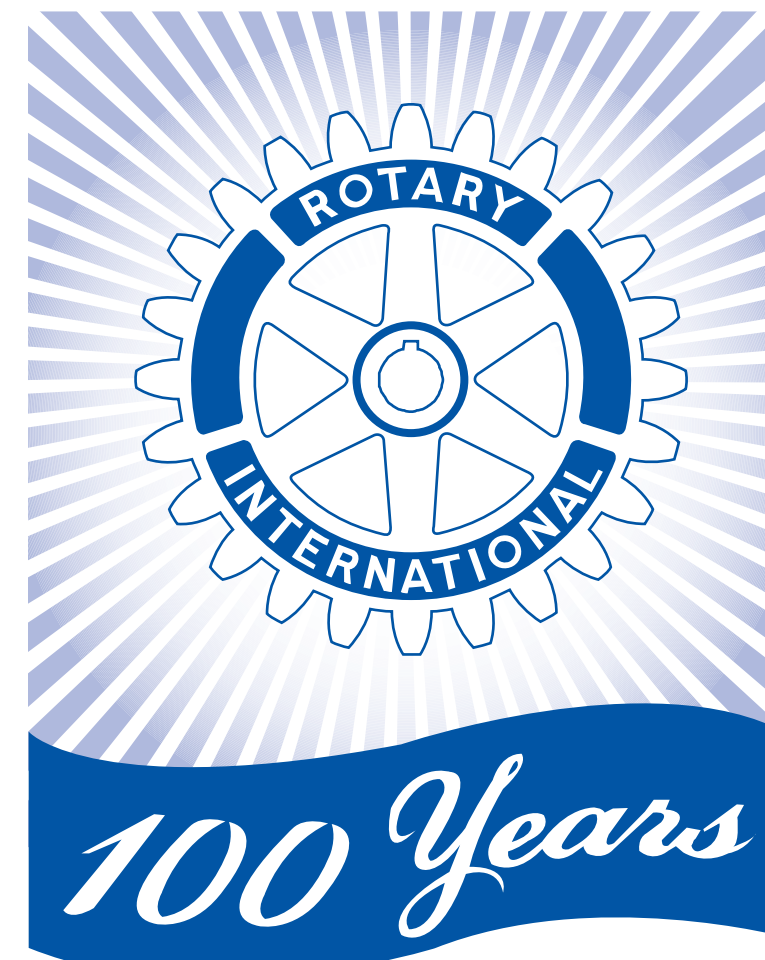
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MINUTES FROM 03/20/12

President Robert Cummings, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave today's invocation. Also, thanks to Wes Brooks who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to Mary Cromartie and Patrick Ward for serving as today's greeters.

Sean Priebe welcomed today's guests and visiting Rotarians. Milton Wheeler is visiting from the Petal Club. Chase Munro has his grandparents Tom and Joyce Bradley as his guests. Curtis Smith has his wife Deborah Smith as his guest. Valencia Williamson is a guest of Mike Ratliff and Anastasia Riley is a guest of Bob Riley

Robert then asked Maura McLaughlin to come forward and install two new members. Curtis Smith is originally from Drew, Mississippi. He has practiced law for the past 27 years and recently opened his own practice in Hattiesburg. He and his wife have been married for 40 years and have two children. Chase Munro is a Branch Coordinator for the American Red Cross in Hattiesburg. He is originally from Biloxi and attended Millsaps College. Both were installed and welcomed to Rotary.

Lucy Parkman was then recognized and informed members about the April 27 ARC respite service and social event being planned. Club members will be asked to bring a simple dish for the ARC children on that evening. After the meal members will be invited to play games or other activities with the children. Afterwards everyone will be invited to Lucy's for a social gathering.

Patrick Ward announced that this year's golf tournament will be held at Timberton on a Friday in September. He is waiting on the golf course to confirm the date. The afternoon tournament will conclude in plenty of time for those interested in attending any of the area high school football games.

Maura McLaughlin gave club members a brief update on the PETS meeting held this past weekend. Maura encouraged club members to purchase at least two of the District's raffle tickets prior to this year's District Conference. The money raised from the raffle is used to fund the District and to provide matching grants to local clubs.

Night in Italy tickets are being distributed today. This event is coming up on April 17th. A volunteer sign-up sheet is also being circulated so members can choose the time they will work during the event.

Scott Hummel reported that Richard Jones will be remembered at the William Carey University and ADP Small Business Leadership luncheon. He also noted that a memorial scholarship in Richard's name is being considered. Anyone interested should see Scott.

Wes Brooks reported that the deadline for RYLA scholarship nominations is April 1. Anyone interested in submitting a name for consideration should see Wes. He is also accepting applications for the Grover Anderson Scholarship.

The GSE team will arrive in the Hattiesburg area in late April and early May. If you're interested in hosting the team, please see Robert Cummings.

Robert also reported that the Sunrise 5K walk/run is coming up in mid-April. Proceeds from the event will be shared with the DuBard School. Anyone interested in participating should see Wes Brooks.

Scott Hummel filled in for Tracie Fowler, March's program chair and introduced today's guest speaker. Claire Whittington. Claire is with the office of the Mississippi State Treasurer and oversees the state's college savings plans.

Claire reported that the MPACT college savings program now has approximately 30,000 participants. The fund is earning an average of about 7.5% annually, however it earned just over 21% this past year. The MPACT program allows you to lock in a college tuition price for your child as early as birth. College tuition rates are increasing at an average rate of 5.5% annually. The MPACT program allows you to purchase "semester hours" which can be used for tuition at a Mississippi community college or a state university in any combination.

The MACS college savings program currently has approximately 12,000 participants. MACS is a more traditional investment tool that currently offers three investment options. A fourth option is to be announced in the next few weeks. Investors can choose from a very conservative investment option, a moderate option or an aggressive option. Equal contributions must be made for each of the options chosen. MACS earnings and deposits can be used for any educational expense anywhere.

Both college savings programs in Mississippi are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service and qualify for a tax deduction. Earnings are tax deferred.

For more information contact Claire by calling 800-987-4450.

MEET TODAY'S SPEAKER

Chad Newell has been actively involved in Economic Development circles for eighteen years and currently serves as president of the Area Development Partnership (ADP), the regional Chamber of Commerce, Community Development, and Economic Development organization for Greater Hattiesburg. Chad joined the ADP in December 2009.

Newell spent three years as a developer with Newton Oldacre McDonald, a full service retail development firm based in Nashville from 2007-2009. Chad spent the previous ten years (1996-2006) in Alabama assisting existing businesses with expansion plans and recruiting new companies to the state. Chad was an integral part of teams that led to billions of dollars in capital investments and thousands of new jobs created across the state of Alabama.

Chad previously served as Executive Vice President with the Metropolitan Development Board (MDB) in Birmingham from 2003-2006. In this capacity he led the marketing and business recruitment efforts within the region. Prior to arriving in Birmingham in January 2003, he served as the Economic Development Director for the City of Opelika in Mayor Barbara Patton's administration from October 1998-2002. Before Opelika, he was the Business Development Director with the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chad has also worked for the Center for Policy Research and Planning in Jackson, Mississippi and with other Economic Development agencies in Southeast Mississippi during graduate school.

A native of Meridian, Mississippi, Chad graduated from Mississippi State University in 1993 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and earned a Master's degree in Economic Development in 1996 from the University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife Jennifer have been married for 18 years and have two sons, Garrett (14) and Brooks (7), and one daughter, Jordan (11).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March 27 | Chad Newell - The ADP |
| Apr 17 | Night In Italy - (All members sign-up to help with this event) |
| Apr 19-21 | District Conference - Metairie |
| Apr 27 | ARC Respite Night - Member Social to follow at the Parkman's |
| Apr 30-May 2 | Group Study Exchange Team visits |

REMINDERS

5th Annual Rotary Club of Hattiesburg-Sunrise 5K Run/Walk Longleaf Trace, April 21, 2012, 8:00 am. Contact Nadine Archuleta 601-268-5035.

Night in Italy tickets are being distributed. Sign up for as a volunteer. Now pre-ordering for T-Shirts \$15. See Chris Price or David Owens for details.

Maura McLaughlin is leading our club's sign up for District Conference April 19-21. See Maura to purchase district raffle tickets.

Our club will sponsor an ARC Respite Night April 27 and have a member social at the Parkman's following. Activities will include serving the kids dinner and play time following.

We are accepting RYLA applications. See Wes Brooks.

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers at The Family Y - Veterans Memorial Blvd. See Bill MacLauchlan to volunteer.

