



SPOKES

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



Officers

Wes Brooks, President
Sean Priebe, President-Elect
Erik Graham, Vice President
Amanda Lee, Secretary-Treasurer
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Scott Hummel, Past President

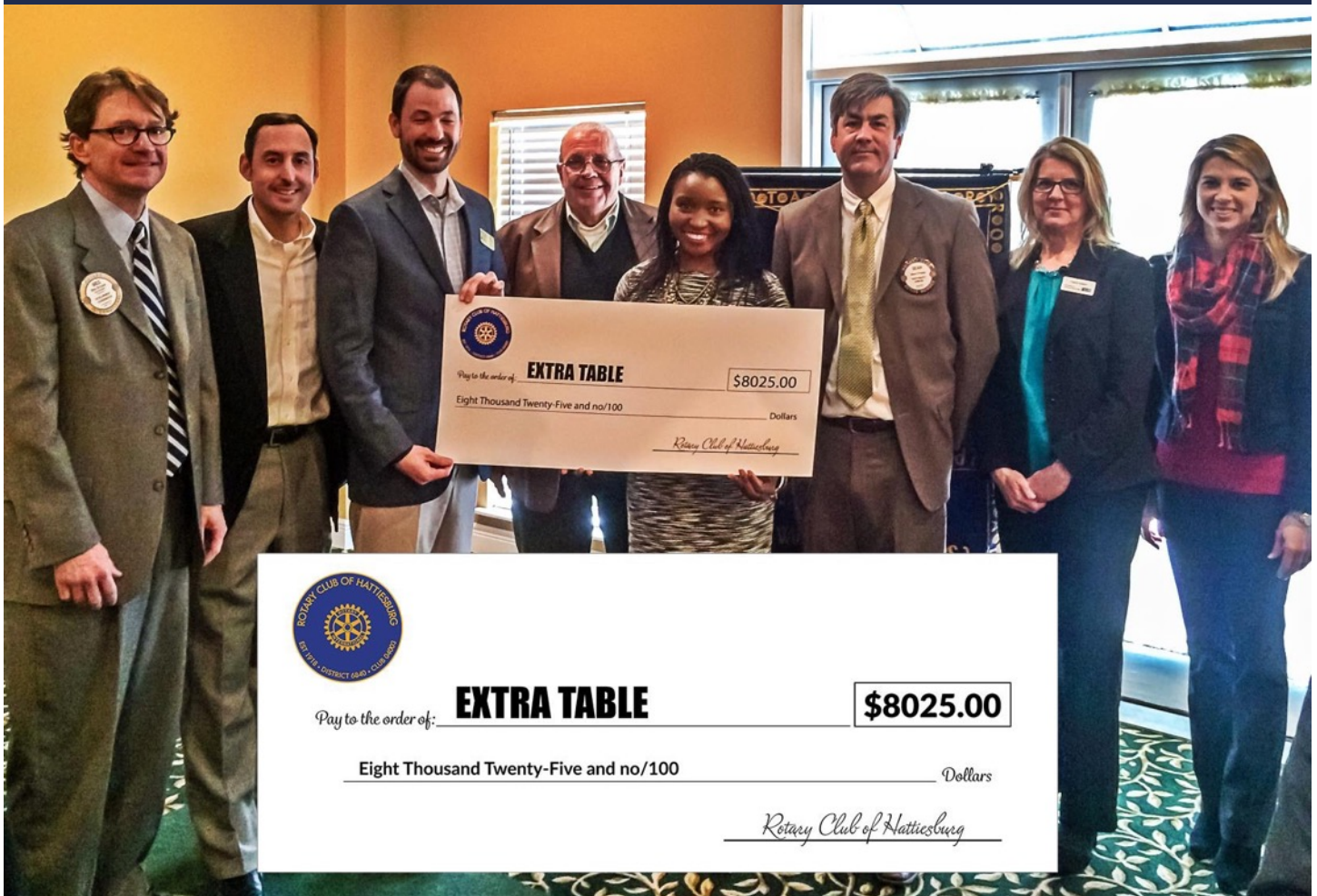
Directors

Allen Anderson
Dan Davis
Tracie Fowler
Chase Munro
David Owens
Lucy Parkman
Valencia Williamson

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

www.rotaryofhattiesburg.com

L-R: Wes Brooks, Jonathan Shemper, Mike Dixon, Bill MacLauchlan, Stacy Ahua, Sean Priebe, Tracie Fowler, and Jennifer Payne.



Minutes: February 24, 2015

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Maura McLaughlin who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Greg Silberg for serving as our greeter today.

Aaron Ladner introduced and welcomed our visitors. Melissa was a guest of Maura McLaughlin. Dean Cromartie was a guest of Mary Cromartie. Ashley Reed was a guest of Jaclyn Adams. Ashley's membership has been approved by the board of directors and we expect to induct him at next week's meeting. Reed Griffin was a guest of Mike Ratliff. Paul Roblin was a guest of Bill McLeod.

Wes asked Scott Hummel and Dennis Fiveash to come forward. Scott was recognized as Dennis' sponsor and presented him with his Rotary pin and membership packet. Wes inducted him into our members. Dennis is the manager at the Trustmark Trust Department.

Bill McLeod reminded members about the District Conference April 10 – 12 at the Beau Rivage. The registration fee is \$69 and you can register on the District's website. The Beau has a room rate of \$159 for the conference. Sponsorships continue to be sought.

Bill also reminded members of the District's goal of \$130 per member in Rotary Foundation contributions this year. Our club is currently averaging about \$10.

Jonathan Shemper then recognized and thanked the members of the Bike-a-Thon. Representatives of the Extra Table were presented with a check in the amount of \$8,025 representing the proceeds of the event. Plans are underway for this

year's event. If you are interested in assisting, see Jonathan.

Wes then introduced one of our guest speakers today, Captain Jimmy Herzog with the Mississippi Highway patrol Amber Alert. He is currently the Resident Agent in Charge with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation in Jackson where he is responsible for supervising criminal investigations and task force agents assigned to federal agencies throughout Mississippi.

Jimmy briefly discussed some of the details of a 2012 triple homicide Jefferson Davis County criminal investigation that he was involved in. He noted that Special Agent Blair Lobrano with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was responsible for assisting him in this specific case and after more than two years of investigative work was able to obtain convictions from the case.

Special Agent Lobrano's primary responsibilities are to investigate violent crimes. In this particular case a street crew known as the Cedar Grove Boys were responsible for crime. Special Agent Lobrano described that his job is to work the crime and not necessarily the people. The agency has developed and uses the Focused Deterrence Strategy in cases similar to this one.

Lobrano cautioned Rotarians to discontinue their preconceived notions about gangs. He says today's street crews are nothing like the street gangs of the 1980's. Today's crews lack hierarchical structure. They don't have meetings and their chain of command primarily depends on survival. Their crimes however remain the same and very similar.

In the investigative work of the Jefferson Davis crime "Hitman" Jones began his crime spree in 2006 when he shot into an occupied vehicle. He

later plead out of that crime and was sentenced on another charge. In 2008 the Cedar Grove Boys burglarized a home and raped an occupant. They were stopped by a Hattiesburg Police Officer in April, 2008 with a .380 firearm in the vehicle that no one took ownership of. HPD confiscated the weapon. In May, 2009 another murder with a burned body was linked to the street crew. They were also linked to a September, 2009 drive by shooting that took place in Hattiesburg. Their crime spree began coming to a close in March, 2012 with the triple homicide. The partially burned body of a witness in the case was discovered.

"Hitman Jones" was sentenced to life plus five years in a federal institution without parole for the part he played in this crime.

According to Lobrano and Herzog, the street crews are dealing primarily in drugs with the violence flowing out of deals gone bad or the inability of users to pay the debts to the crews.

Both men were thanked for their presentation and for the service they provide to our community and society.

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



Susan Yarrow Hattiesburg Clinic Rise and Shine Half Marathon & 5K



Susan Yarrow currently serves as the public relations manager for Hattiesburg Clinic. In this position, she is responsible for the identification and implementation of Hattiesburg Clinic's public relations, marketing and event planning activities. Prior to joining Hattiesburg Clinic, Yarrow served as the program and training director for the Girl Scouts of Gulf Pines Council in Hattiesburg, Miss. She has more than 23 years of experience planning and conducting large-scale events.

In 2014, Yarrow received an Award of Merit from Public Relations Association of Mississippi, for her entry of the 2013 Rise & Shine Half-Marathon and 5K, a race benefitting The Arc of Southeast Mississippi. She has been awarded Volunteer of the Year by March of Dimes and has served on the board of directors for the American Red Cross and the Art for Heart committee for the American Heart Association. She now serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Southeast Mississippi and is currently serving as the pacesetter chair.

Yarrow and her husband, Wayne, enjoy traveling and spending time with their six children and eight grandchildren. Her passion is working with nonprofits, helping them achieve their goals to assist those they serve.



UPCOMING

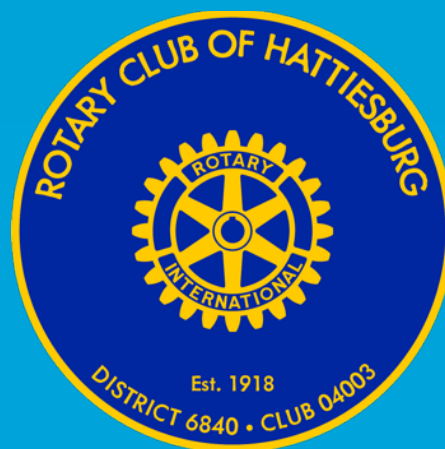
MAR 6-7	Ole Man River P.E.T.S. (President-Elect Training Seminar)
MAR 10	Elizabeth Van Zant - Rotary Youth Exchange
MAR 24	Jermaine Brown, Principal, Hattiesburg High School
MAR 31	Dr. Cynthia Scott, Chair, Mississippi Board of Physical Therapy
APRIL 7	Ken Thompson - Shelter Box
APRIL 14	Katie Sims - 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



March 6 & 7

Ole Man River Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

**Jackson
Convention Complex
Jackson, Mississippi**



SPOKES

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

