

MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2007

Minutes of Meeting of Feb. 27, 2007

- Conrad Welker presided over the meeting.
- The invocation was given by Wallace Weakley.
- Joe Riley led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Kristy Gould introduced today's visitors:
 - ✓ Bradley Black was a guest of Johnny Stevens.
 - ✓ Valerie Sartin was a guest of Tina Lowrimore
 - ✓ Mary B. was a guest of Bob Riley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Conrad recognized Greeters for today. They are: Steve Ramp and Gary Garner
- 2) Conrad announced that a meeting of the Cemetery Committee is to take place immediately after today's meeting.
- 3) Thanks also to Joe Spell for his traditional story.
- 4) Conrad noted that three new members are being considered. They are:

Bradley Black is the Managing Agent for State Farm Insurance. He is being sponsored by John Stevens.

Dan Henley is the Family YMCA Director of Southeast Mississippi. He previously was a member of this club. Dan is a Sunday School teacher at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, a member of the Area Development Partnership and involved in

a number of youth coaching activities.

Valerie Sartin who is the Market Manager for Cellular South. Valerie assists with many public relations events in conjunction with Cellular South such as USM's Jr. Eagle Funland, The Pine Belt Expo, the Mississippi Wildlife Expo and other private functions. Valerie is being sponsored by Tina Lowrimore.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

This week's program featured four Classification Talks.

Gary Troutman is the Chief Financial Officer at Wesley Medical Center. He came to Hattiesburg from Lake Charles, LA but is a native of Kentucky. Gary reminded members about the super outbreak of tornadoes in April 1974. One hundred and seventy eight tornadoes struck the nation that day with six F-5 tornadoes. His hometown was virtually wiped out by one of those storms. He was visited by Hurricane Rita while a native of Lake Charles. Gary says he is very excited to be at Wesley and, although one might consider a financial officer's job to be boring, he says it is anything but. Being surrounded by life and death every day has a way of making any hospital job exciting, according to Gary. He is married with two children.

Chris Strebeck, a native of Brandon, came to the Hattiesburg area as a University of Southern Mississippi student. His father introduced him to

Rotary. Chris is a branch manager for Community Bank. He married a girl from Petal and spent a number of years in the Air National Guard. He was trained at Lachlan Air Force Base. He enjoys golf, fishing and college football and is about one-half way through with his MBA studies at USM.

Mike McMillan is a native of Clinton. He has long-time connections with the Hattiesburg area through his grand and great-grand parents who grew up in this area. He was educated at Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi. He served about ten years in military service, included some in Naval Intelligence. He is employed by a New Orleans law firm. He was living in Hattiesburg and commuting to Gulfport for that firm prior to Katrina. After the storm, the firm opened the Hattiesburg office. He is involved primarily in insurance defense work.

Greg Buie is from the Brandon area. His dad was a Baptist missionary and minister. He has been in the Hattiesburg area for approximately 18 months and is married with two children and is employed by Brown Bottling Group. Katrina delayed the construction of

their new Hattiesburg facility; however, they are now in the building and fully operational. Grey said he used to tell people he was a soft drink salesman, but he can no longer claim that. PepsiCo now sells more non-carbonated beverages than carbonated drinks, including bottled water.

Greg received his education from Mississippi College and Louisiana State University.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Rick Looser with the Cirlot Agency is our speaker.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THE RICHEST PERSONS ARE THOSE WHO GIVE MOST IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

Financial wealth is only one measure of success. The truly happy and successful individual is the man or woman who is healthy, financially secure, challenged in his or her career, and is making a difference in the lives of others. It isn't always easy to render service to others. The world is a cynical and dangerous place where others are likely to mistrust your motives. They can be convinced only by consistent, sustained, outstanding service that is enthusiastically and cheerfully offered. In time, even the most cynical individual will come to accept your willingness to go the extra mile if you are sincere in your offers of assistance and in the service you provide.

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