

## MEETING OF MAY 1, 2007

### Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2007

- Conrad Welker presided.
- The invocation was given by Gene Owens.
- Lamar Evans led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Gene Owens introduced today's Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Argile Smith visited from the Petal Club. Christen Riley was a guest of Bob Riley.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Thanks to today's greeters, Bill McLeod and Larry LeBlanc.
- 2) Thanks to Gene Winters who sang the stanzas of "Take me out to the Ballgame" and led the club in singing the chorus. Our District Conference event for the Friday night theme event will be "take me out to the ballgame." Club members are encouraged to participate.
- 3) Conrad reported that we still have one RYLA candidate nomination and still need a second nominee. Club members were encouraged to make their nominee known today if they have one.
- 4) Conrad also reported that the Club has agreed to sponsor one scholarship for the Girls State and another for the Boys State program sponsored by the American Legion.
- 5) He also reported that anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution to the Rotary Foundation in memory of Charles Mauldin should make

that contribution through the local club.

- 6) Finally, Club members were instructed to register today for the District Conference event. Anyone interested and not already registered should contact Lamar.
- 7) Richard Topp announced to the club that the Rotary Board has approved a \$500 minimum contribution to the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club Steak to Steak event in an effort to entice other club members to make matching contributions. For each \$125 contribution, the Rotary Club will match that same amount allowing a Rotarian and his or her guest to attend at no additional charge. This results in the club making a \$500 contribution and along with the four member's contributions of \$125 each; the Boys & Girls Club will receive \$1,000. The dinner is to be held at the Convention Center at 6:30pm on Tuesday May 8, 2007 and is always a very enjoyable evening and supports a very worthy cause. Anyone interested should contact Richard Topp.
- 8) Gene Owens reported a need for one additional family to volunteer to host the GSE team that will be visiting the area the week of May 14. An additional family is needed for backup. Anyone interested should contact Gene.
- 9) Finally, Conrad announced that the Gulfport Rotary Club has been able to return to their pre-Katrina meeting place.

10) Matthew Devereaux is being proposed by Holt McMullan. Matt is an attorney with Montague, Pittman and Varnado, P.A. His interest in becoming a Rotarian is to further the example left by his great-great-grandfather and former Rotarian, Grover Anderson.

Ken Wooden is being proposed for membership by Jonathan Shemper. Ken is the Chief Executive Officer for the Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity. He is interested in becoming a Rotarian to expand his community involvement.

## **LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Erik Graham introduced the speaker, Cindy Pennington, with the Association of Retarded Citizens.

Cindy reported that the national Association for Retarded Citizens will be changing its name in the coming months, which will necessitate a name change for the local chapter. The new name will be the Association for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities.

The ARC has a full-time program in the Hattiesburg area including a Summer Adventures Program where almost 100 children can participate in a summer camp program very similar to a camp that children without disabilities can attend. Other programs include a Structured Leisure program where participants can swim, go to movies, bowl and out to restaurants for meals. There is also an Adult and Children Respite program and another for medically fragile children. Other programs include a Buddy Program, Adult Socials and the very important Mothers Morning Out program offered to parents of children with disabilities every Thursday morning. Cindy says that program may offer the only chance that a mother may have to run errands or do other things that she needs or wants to do. The ARC has a

monthly newsletter and a website. Club members were encouraged to visit [www.hattiesburgarc.org](http://www.hattiesburgarc.org) for more information and/or details.

Another important element of the ARC is the use of community volunteers. Cindy reports that forty area children volunteers come to the ARC facility and play with the participants. This is an excellent opportunity for the participants to interact with persons without disabilities as well as an opportunity for the volunteers to learn more about the participants and the challenges and opportunities they encounter daily. The center also serves as a practicum site for a number of students from The University of Southern Mississippi.

ARC fundraising events each year include the State Farm Golf Tournament and Golf Ball Drop. That event is coming up on May 19. Anyone interested in playing or sponsoring is encouraged to contact Erik Graham. Club members were also invited to purchase a ball in the ball drop. The cost is \$100 and substantial prizes are awarded to the ball which lands either in the hole or nearest the hole. Another annual fundraiser is the annual Kidnapping Program where a participant is kidnapped and the parents or friends are encouraged to raise "bail" money. Direct contributions to the organization total about \$30,000 annually. ARC is a United Way Agency and depends largely on that support to sustain operations.

Goals for the coming year, in addition to the name change, include getting a state license for the ARC Day Care program and the construction of a new multi-purpose facility. The fundraising goal for the new facility is \$400,000.

## **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

**[TO BE ANNOUNCED!]**

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

REMEMBER THAT NO ONE IS EVER REWARDED OR PROMOTED BECAUSE OF A BAD DISPOSITION AND A NEGATIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE.

If you really examine any well-managed organization, you will find that the people who are most successful are those who are positive and helpful, people who always find the time to offer encouragement and praise when it is

deserved. The people who occupy the top positions are almost always happy, enthusiastic people who encourage others to behave in the same way. Yet there are always a few individuals who never seem to get the message and behave as though they can complain their way to the top. There isn't a single situation in your career, your relationships with others, or in your personal life that benefits from a negative attitude. All will be greatly improved if you make it a practice to approach life in a positive way.

*This positive message is brought to you by the Napoleon Hill Foundation.*

### THE BEAUTY OF MATHEMATICS

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 1 \times 8 + 1 &= 9 \\
 12 \times 8 + 2 &= 98 \\
 123 \times 8 + 3 &= 987 \\
 1234 \times 8 + 4 &= 9876 \\
 12345 \times 8 + 5 &= 98765 \\
 123456 \times 8 + 6 &= 987654 \\
 1234567 \times 8 + 7 &= 9876543 \\
 12345678 \times 8 + 8 &= 98765432 \\
 123456789 \times 8 + 9 &= 987654321
 \end{aligned}$$

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 1 \times 9 + 2 &= 11 \\
 12 \times 9 + 3 &= 111 \\
 123 \times 9 + 4 &= 1111 \\
 1234 \times 9 + 5 &= 11111 \\
 12345 \times 9 + 6 &= 111111 \\
 123456 \times 9 + 7 &= 1111111 \\
 1234567 \times 9 + 8 &= 11111111 \\
 12345678 \times 9 + 9 &= 111111111 \\
 123456789 \times 9 + 10 &= 1111111111
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 9 \times 9 + 7 &= 88 \\
 98 \times 9 + 6 &= 888 \\
 987 \times 9 + 5 &= 8888 \\
 9876 \times 9 + 4 &= 88888 \\
 98765 \times 9 + 3 &= 888888 \\
 987654 \times 9 + 2 &= 8888888 \\
 9876543 \times 9 + 1 &= 88888888 \\
 98765432 \times 9 + 0 &= 888888888
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**Brilliant, isn't it?**

**And finally, take a look at this symmetry:**

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