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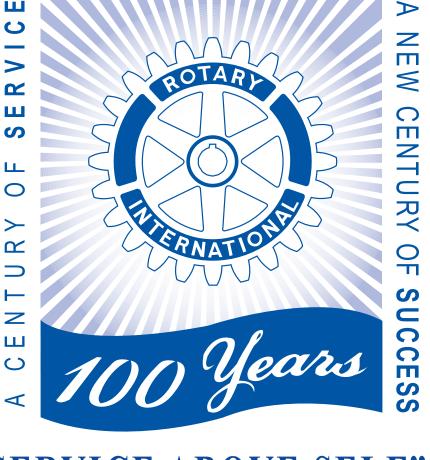
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#### MINUTES FROM 05/12/2009

Past President Freddy Walter presided over the meeting.

Mark Satterlee gave the invocation. Johnny Stevens led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Freddy Walter then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Heath Hillman then introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Jack Gay visited from the Petal Club.

Tom Light visited from the Sunrise Club.

Christina Gheats was a guest of Lamar Evans.

Jim Stokes was a guest of Bill Pace.

Randy Garner and W.G. Miller were guests of Gary Garner.

Kim Bradley was a guest of Todd Bradley.

Many thanks to Travis Sisson and Susan Morgan who served a today's greeters.

Steve Ramp introduced and inducted Janice Touchstone and Wes Brooks as the Club's newest members.

Annie Wimbish thanked the Club members for organizing and supporting the Bears and Books program. She says that program changed the lives of the children it touched. Club members are encouraged to stop by the school and read to the children at any time throughout the school year.

Maura McLaughlin promoted the sale of raffle tickets in support of the Rotary Foundation.

#### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Ric Corts then introduced today's speaker, Dr. Bill Gunther, Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Economics at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Gunther gave us a quick overview of where we are in the recession, where he thinks we're going and left us with a few positive comments about the issue.

According to Dr. Gunther the recession of 2007-2009 began in December of 2007 with the bursting of the housing bubble. That issue was followed a few months later with problems in the financial markets arena. We are now in the 17th month of the recession making it the longest since 1947. This recession is the 5th longest since the recession of 1857.

Over 5 million jobs have been lost thus far and Dr. Gunther says we can expect to see continued losses in the jobs market for many months to come. In fact, he thinks it could be two to three years before the jobs market catches up with pre-recession rates.

The good news is he thinks we may have hit or be near the bottom of this recession. He thinks we'll see better marks coming in at the end of the second quarter. Although growth will remain negative through the third quarter, he predicts that the rate of growth will not fall as sharply as it has in the past. By the end of the 4th quarter of this year, he expects to see a complete turnaround.

However, the growth is not expected to be large or sudden. He thinks it will take a rather large portion of 2010 for the economic to regain its strength. Unemployment is expected to lag behind the recovery by as much as three years.

More than 70% of the GDP is comprised of consumer spending. In May 2007 Dr. Gunther reports that Americans had a savings rate of zero. Today, that savings rate is at 4.2%, resulting in a direct reduction in consumer spending by that same amount. In past years Americans had an average savings rate of between 8 and 10 percent.

Dr. Gunther reports that the American economy has survived thirty-two previous contractions and he is very confident that our economic system will survive number thirty-three. "There is only one end of the world and this isn't it", according to Dr. Gunther.

#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

#### Bio of Dr. Jose' Fernandez

Dr. Fernandez received his medical degree from the University of the Philippines in Manila. Dr. Fernandez completed his internship in internal medicine at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. He also completed two years of residency in neurology at State University of New York: Brooklyn/King's County Hospital, and served as a senior resident in neurology at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. Dr. Fernandez completed his fellowship at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. His fellowship was concentrated in epilepsy, clinical neurophysiology and sleep medicine. Dr. Fernandez's areas of special interest are stroke, epilepsy, clinical neurophysiology, autonomic reflex testing, electroencephalography (EEG), electromyography (EMG), evoked potentials (EP) and sleep disorders.

Dr. Fernandez is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Clinical Neurophysiology, American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, American Epilepsy Society and American Academy of Sleep Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in the medical subspecialty of clinical neurophysiology. Dr. Fernandez is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in the medical specialty of neurology. Dr. Fernandez currently serves as the Medical Director of the Forrest General Hospital Stroke Care Program, the Director of the Hattiesburg Clinic Neurophysiology Laboratory and Co-Director of the Southern Epilepsy Center.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

May 12 Dr. Jose Fernandez - Hattiesburg Clinic

May 19 Tom Smith - Carpenter's Helper

May 26 Jerra Runnels, 12th Circuit District Court

June 21-24 International Convention
Birmingham, England



#### Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Tuesday

Bay Springs - 12:00
City Hall
Bolton - 7:30
Methodist Church
Collins - 12:00
Cedars Restaurant
Ellisville - 12:00
J.C.J.C. Cafeteria
Jackson - 12:00
MS Museum of Art
Lucedale - 12:00
MS Gulf Coast Community
College Cafeteria
Petal - 12:00

Civic Center

South Hinds County - 12:00

BoDons Catfish & Seafood

Monday

## The Backdoor Restaurant Flowood - 12:00 River Oaks Hospital Laurel - 12:00 Laurel Country Club North Jackson - 12:00

Columbia - 12:00

Episcopal Church

St. James

#### Wednesday

Clinton - 12:00
Baptist Health Plex
Gluckstadt - 12:00
Parker House Restaurant
Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00
Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria
Heidelberg - 12:00
Library
Poplarville - 12:00
Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria
Richton - 12:00
Magnolia Restaurant
Waynesboro - 12:00
Western Sizzlin
Prentiss - 12:00

Country Fisherman

#### Thursday

Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00 Steam Room Grill I55 N Jackson Taylorsville - 12:00 MS Power Co. Building Wiggins - 12:00 Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria

#### Friday

Rankin County - 12:00 Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex Slidell, LA - 12:00 Pinewood Country Club