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Rotary.org: News - Speakers urge Rotarians to fight global poverty

“My dream is to one day take poverty out of our society and put it in a museum that our grandchildren can visit to see what it was like,” Yunus said.

Antipoverty crusader Hugh Evans, cofounder and CEO of the [Global Poverty Project](#), said Rotary can use its considerable influence to fight poverty.

“Like Rotary, we believe that mass mobilization of individuals can effect real change in the world,” Evans said. “When we focus on the needs of others, our own burdens become lighter. Our perspective sharpens.”

“This idea, the same one that drives you as Rotarians, guides our work at the Global Poverty Project,” he said.

UN connection

Gillian Sorensen, senior adviser and national advocate at the United Nations Foundation, encouraged Rotarians to work with governments to solve global problems including poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and lack of access to clean drinking water and sanitation.

“What is clear is that problems like this are too great for governments alone to resolve,” said Sorensen, who has served in many positions at the UN including assistant secretary-general for external relations. “They need partners of every kind, from private sector to civil organizations like yours, who have the means to contribute and lead.”

Sorensen said Rotary, which has a 66-year relationship with the UN, continues to be an active and influential presence at the organization’s headquarters in New York. “You play a similar role with UNICEF, UNESCO, and WHO,” she adds.

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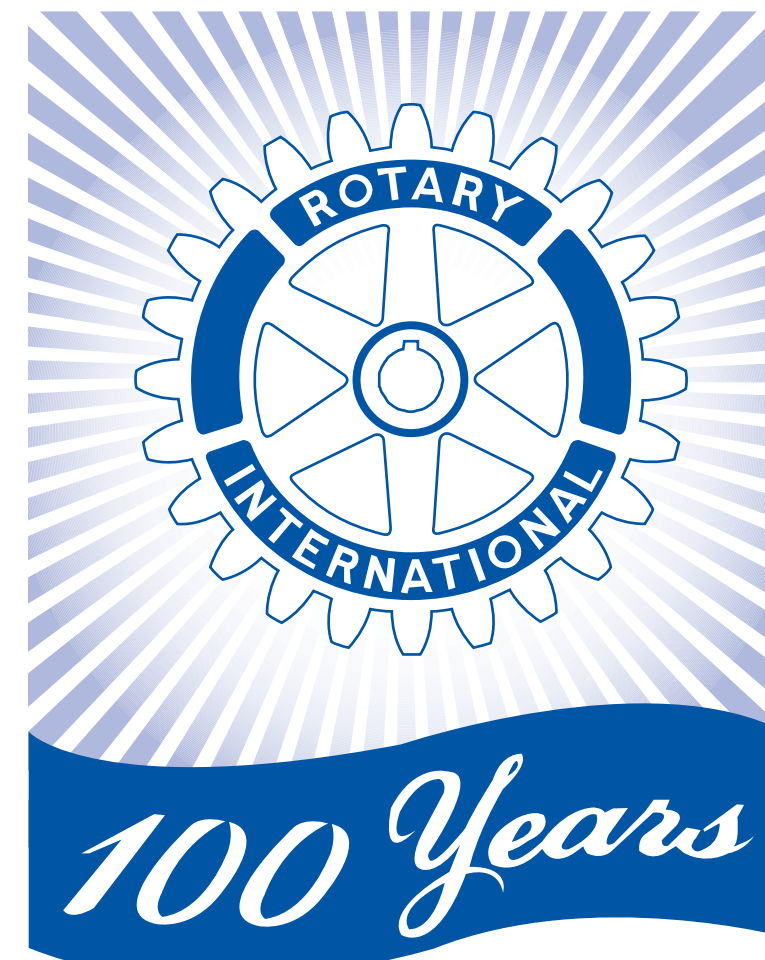
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MINUTES FROM 05/08/12

President Robert Cummings, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave the invocation, and to Sean Priebe who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Chris Price and Christina Ghents for serving as today's greeters.

Sean Priebe welcomed today's guests. Anthony Johnson is a guest of Jerome Brown. Valencia Williamson is a guest of Wes Brooks. Andreas Moffett is a guest of Bill McLeod. It was noted that Valencia and Andreas have membership applications pending before the membership.

Robert reported that he has received a thank you card from the Salvation Army for the \$1,000 contribution made by the club during the recent United Way of Southeast Mississippi's campaign. He also noted that a Kollege of Knowledge will be scheduled for red badge members within the next few weeks. The application deadline for the Grover Anderson scholarship application is May 18.

The May board meeting will be held at DuBard School on the evening of May 21. The June board meeting will be held on June 25 and the installation of new officers and awards ceremony will be held on June 26. The location of the June board meeting has not yet been determined.

Chris Price is today's raffle winner. Thanks to all of those who participated.

Scott Hummel then introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Beverly Smallwood. Dr. Smallwood is a psychologist, professional speaker and the author of "This Wasn't Supposed to Happen to Me".

Beverly spoke to the members about how we can be on top of the world one day and find ourselves facing a disaster the next day. She says that we should all remember that we cannot control what happens TO us but we can control what happens IN you.

She explored some of the choices we are required to make throughout our lives and offered some insight in to helping us make those choices. There are ten such choices explained in her new book.

As humans we have the opportunity to be the victims or the opportunity to take responsibility of what happens in our lives. Those who choose the victimhood route complain more than they act. They are always having pity parties. They can always find someone else to blame and they always point out that somebody else needs to change. Playing the victim, according to Beverly will eat away at your life. The alternative approach is to take responsibility for your actions. She defined that as doing all you can with all you have where you are right now.

Beverly also explored how we all must deal with bitterness or forgiveness. She noted that chronic anger has proven to be a factor in decreasing your health as well as your relationships with other. Holding on to bitterness for one person over one deed hangs on to you until you can reach forgiveness and will spread to other relationships. To avoid suffering the consequences of bitterness, Beverly suggests that we acknowledge the hurt and then release ourselves from the anger.

The third choice Beverly explored with us is that of Powerlessness vs. Purpose. She encouraged each of us to find out the "why" of our lives. By remembering our "whys" you can hate what you are doing but love the why you are doing it. Beverly maintains that my knowing the purpose of our lives is the single most important thing we can do for ourselves.

In closing Dr. Smallwood reminded us that uncertainty breeds stress. She encouraged us to know as much as we can but think about what we are doing. No matter how much we know that knowledge is lost without action. She encouraged us to act on the things we know so that what lands on us doesn't hold us down.

MEET TODAY'S SPEAKER

Nathan Watson, Senior Vice President of Development

Nathan joined the Tradition team in 2008 and oversees residential, commercial, amenity and infrastructure development. He has been active in real estate development in New Orleans and South Louisiana for more than 20 years. His recent projects included an environmentally-sensitive residential development in New Orleans, a planned unit development on the New Orleans' north shore, and a 74-acre mixed-use development in downtown New Orleans. Nathan is member of the Urban Land Institute. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Auburn University and a Masters in Business Administration from Columbia University. Nathan and his family reside at Tradition.



A polio survivor and student at a rehabilitation center for the physically challenged sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madras and the WORTH Trust. Chennai, India. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 15 Nathan Rogers - Tradition Properties

May 22 Stion Corporation

May 29 Dr. Eric Clark - Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Also nominated for membership is Andreas Moffett, who is a civil engineer with Neel-Schaffer in Hattiesburg. Andreas was the recipient of a Rotary scholarship from the Downtown Rotary Club of Jackson. If you have any questions or comments about those proposed, please see our Membership Chair, Maura McLaughlin.

POLIO PLUS

We will start our auctions again to contribute to the Polio Plus program. Please see Janice Touchstone if you have gift cards or items to raffle. Also, come prepared to win a prize!



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 MacLaughlan to volunteer.