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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

Mitchell Williams

Pine Belt Area Director

Pine Belt Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Prior to being hired with FCA, Mitchell worked at WDAM-TV for 27 years, serving as sports director for 20 of those years. While at WDAM, the sports department was cited by the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters for excellence on 40 different occasions including Best Sportscast in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009.

The creator of the award-winning SportsJournal, Mitchell helped WDAM provide coverage for over 15,000 different sporting events during his tenure. A cheerleader for young people and a former recreational sports coach, Mitchell has hosted a retreat for leaders of his area's football teams every spring for over a decade. Beginning in 2012, Pinebelt FCA along with a number of community sponsors host a similar retreat for the female leaders of high school campuses in the Pine Belt. He attended North Forrest and Southern Miss, where he lettered every year in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. He was inshrined in the USM Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. He and his wife Shelia are the parents of four boys. They are members of Grace Temple Church.

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Serbian GSE Team



MINUTES: May 20, 2014

President-Elect Wes Brooks presided over the meeting on behalf of President Scott Hummel. Thanks to Lynn Walton who gave the invocation and Brett Phillips who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Bill McLeod for serving as our greeter today.

Sean Priebe sat in for Brian Moore and announced that we have no visiting Rotarians and no guests today.



Pictured L-E: Sean Priebe, Maj. Gen. Johnny Sellers (Ret.), and Wes Brooks

Mike Ratliff reported to the club on the activities of the GSE team that visited our area last week. He thanked club members who participated and made their visit a success. He encouraged others to become more involved in future GSE visits. According to Mike, getting to spend time with professionals from other countries is a chance of a lifetime.

Erik Graham requested volunteers to assist in program planning for next year. A sign-up list was circulated. If you were not present and would like to volunteer to be responsible for one month of the club's program, see Erik.

Sean Priebe then introduced today's guest speaker, Major General Johnny Sellers, Retired. Major General Sellers serves as co-founder and a board

member of the Wounded Minutemen of Mississippi. The non-profit organization was found in in 2010 and exists to provide assistance to any wounded soldier or airmen living in Mississippi. Major General Sellers stresses that the organization's primary goal is to assist the families of these wounded warriors. The organization is managed by a 14 member board representative of the entire state of Mississippi.

Ninety-nine-point-seven percent of all the money raised by the organization goes to help the families of those selected to receive the assistance. To qualify for assistance through the Wounded Minutemen of Mississippi organization you must be within the boundaries of Mississippi. You must have been wounded by enemy fire and have received a Purple Heart for your injury.

Out of 38 applicants for benefits last year nine families were assisted. Major General Sellers says the organization doesn't like turning a candidate down but the organization is limited by the amount of money it raises each year. This year the nine candidates each received \$5,000 to be used in any way they need to spend the money.

The organization sponsors a golf tournament each March and hosts raffle events throughout the year to generate money for their program. They also enlist contributions of both money and in-kind services from area businesses.

If you'd like to learn more about Wounded Minutemen or if you'd like to offer your support or contribution, visit their website at www.woundedminutemen.com.

**Minutes courtesy of:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**



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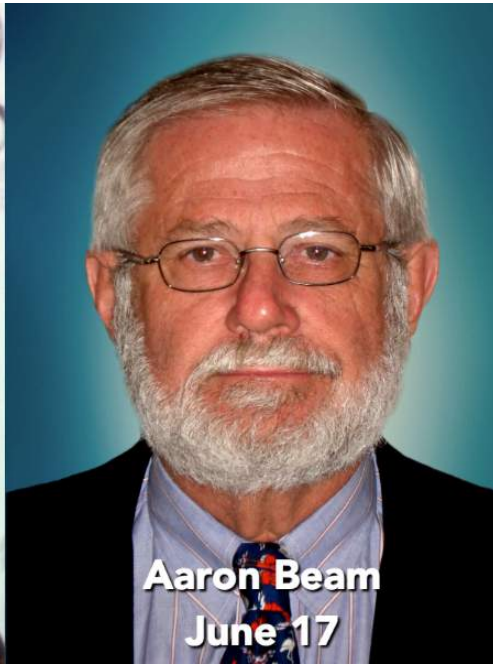
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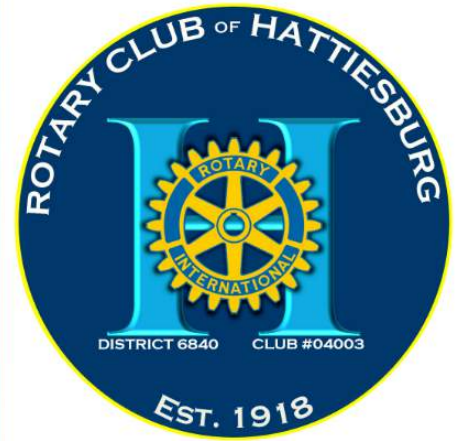
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Travis Bradburn
June 10



Aaron Beam
June 17



**Officer Induction
& Awards
June 24**

2013-2014 Officers & Board Members

- ◆ Scott Hummel, *President*
- Wes Brooks, *President-Elect*
- Jennifer Payne, *Vice President*
- Sean Priebe, *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Maura McLaughlin, *Past President*
- Brian Moore, *Sergeant-At-Arms*

- Allen Anderson
- James Duncan
- Chase Munro
- David Owens
- Lucy Parkman
- Valencia Williamson

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