

## MEETING OF MAY 29, 2007

### Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2007

- Conrad Welker presided over the meeting.
- The invocation was offered by Richard Topp and
- Tom Potter led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Todd Bradley and Gregg Garaway served as Greeters.
- Kristy Gould welcomed fellow Rotarians and guests:
  - ✓ Patricia was a visitor from the Petal Rotary Club.
  - ✓ Tina Jenkins was a guest of Lamar Evans.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Conrad thanked the hosts of and all those who helped support our recent GSE team visit.
- 2) Holt McMullan presented new member Matthew Devereaux to the Rotarians.
- 3) Conrad announced that the District Governor gave the Hattiesburg Rotary Club a Significant Achievement Award. Gill Miller received the Governor's Award. Bobbie MacDaniel received the District Rotarian of the Year Award for his ongoing and distinguished service, including retrieving the bell from the rubble after Katrina. Barbara Mauldin, District Treasurer, has been nominated for the Rotarian International Meritorious Service Award.
- 4) Freddy Walter reported that the Friday night Food Fest at the District Conference was a success, enjoyed by all. Next Tuesday, the Club will decide

how to dispense with four tickets to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame that were received during the District Conference.

- 5) Conrad thanked Freddy for his report and his hard work associated with the Food Fest and reminded those present that the May Board of Directors meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at 10:45 A.M.
- 6) Mike Ratliff announced that the District raised \$20,000 in the raffle sale preceding this year's conference. That money was donated to Rotary International. One of the GSE team members, Pinnuccia Parabon, was one of the persons who won and was named a Paul Harris fellow.

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

In lieu of Bob Riley, Francis Farmer introduced Joe Spell, our speaker.

In honor of this coming Memorial Day, Joe reported on the biography of Gen. George Patton in the manner which he had learned of it from *Patton: A Genius for War* by Carlos D'Este. General Patton began life suffering from dyslexia and was kept from formal schooling until the age of eleven. After discovering his ability to memorize entire chapters of the Bible, as well as poems, he enrolled, proceeding first to the Virginia Military School before being accepted at West Point, where he graduated through hard work and education.

Patton went on to serve in WWI. After training the first 500 American tankers, Patton's unit proceeded to battle in September 1918. Due to continued heroic exposure on the front lines, he was wounded in his right leg by a machine gun, barely missing several critical organs.

Patton was misquoted by the press throughout his military career. On one occasion, such an incidence caused Congress to ask that General Dwight D. Eisenhower demote Patton. When Patton, in full dress, entered Eisenhower's office, the President told Patton that he could not afford to demote him. Patton, first, cried in Eisenhower's arms; then, he called the President a SOB, as was typical of his demeanor.

Patton referenced Rotary, once... He said that his current group was like the Rotary of Hawaii; in that, while patting you on the back, they looked for the best place to stab you.

Patton died in 1945, while serving in Germany after WWII hostilities had ended. He was paralyzed from the neck down in an automobile accident that also partially scalped him. He died from those injuries twelve days later.

Conrad thanked Joe for his presentation and reminded Rotarians that Monday is Memorial Day and a day set aside to honor those who have sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and our freedom. He encouraged members to participate in those ceremonies.

Conrad then adjourned the meeting with the Club's motto, "Service Above Self."

## **THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Rob Schultz, Director of Human Resources at Forrest General Hospital, is our speaker.

Rob is a Vice President at Forrest General Hospital where he has administrative responsibility for Employment, Employee Relations, compensation, Employee Benefits, Payroll, Employer Health Services, Workers Compensation, Educational Services, Organizational Development,

Out Patient Rehabilitation, Cardio Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Diabetes Care Center, Volunteer & Guest Services, Gift Shops, Copy and Mailing Services, and the FGH Foundation.

Rob has 33 years total business experience, which includes 9 years in health care. He was hired by Forrest General Hospital in March 2003 as Vice President following five years as Vice President of HR Operations with Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In addition to the health care industry, Rob's experience includes 2 years independent consulting in Human Resources, 15 years of Human Resources management in the electrical utility industry, 7 years of pension and health benefit plan management in the defense industry, and 2 years account management experience in the investment brokerage industry.

Rob holds a BA degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College, an M.Ed from the University of Georgia, certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources from the Society for Human Resources Management and certification as a Certified Financial Planner from the College for Financial Planning. Rob is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA).

Rob is a Board Member of the United Way of SE Mississippi, where he has also served as Chair of the Personnel Committee, Chair of Executive Director Search Committee, Chair of the 2005/2006 Pacesetter Campaign, and Chair of the Community Campaign for 2006/2007. He currently serves as

President of United Way Board for  
2007/2008.

**FOR GOLFERS WHO ARE TEMPTED  
TO MISS CHURCH & PLAY GOLF  
INSTEAD**

The Old Minister looked outside at the beautiful Sunday spring morning, the sun was shining brightly and the cool soft wind was gently blowing. He could hear the birds chirping and singing, a glorious day the Lord had created. He thought to himself, today would be a perfect day to play a round

out with his clubs and drove fifty miles away, so no one would see him, and found a golf course out of the way of his parishioners. He was placing his ball upon the tee when Jesus looking down upon him and said to God "Do you see this, and what he is doing?" GOD said, "I have it under control." The Old Minister slams the ball and off it goes well over four hundred yards bouncing on the green and rolls sharply into the hole. GOD turns to Jesus and smiles and says "Who can he tell?"

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of golf, but I have to do the service this morning at Church. This started to wear on him as he proceeded to get ready, looking out the window at the beautiful day waiting outside. Finally he walked over and picked up the phone and called the alternate preacher and said "well I am feeling a little under the weather today, so if you would, please take my place this morning at Church. Hanging up the phone, he rushed