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Congratulations to our club!

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MINUTES: APRIL 16, 2013

McLaughlin presided over the meeting. Thanks to Kristy Gould, who gave the invocation and to Conrad Welker, who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kristy asked that the club observe a moment of silence for the victims and families of victims in yesterday's Boston bombings. Thanks also to Lucy Parkman and Bill McLeod who served as our greeters today.

Maura led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Wes Brooks to introduce today's guests. Prospective member Elizabeth Gillentine is a guest of the club today. Keisha Smith is a guest of Chase Munro.

Bill McLeod announced that tickets are on sale now for the draw down being sponsored by the area's Habitat for Humanity. Anyone interested can see Bill for more information or tickets. The drawdown will take place on May 11th.

Maura reported that our Club is sponsoring a desert station for the District Conference's Food Fest event. She encouraged everyone to attend the event. Maura also announced that the club has scheduled a Kollege of Knowledge on May 14th. The meeting will be held at Southern Oaks and will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Members were reminded that next Tuesday's luncheon meeting is being replaced by the Night in Italy event. If you have not signed up to volunteer for this event, do so today.

Maura then introduced today's speaker, Chase Munro. Chase, a fellow Rotarian, is the Branch Coordinator for the South Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross. Chase began his presentation by asking for a show of hands for anyone who has received services from the Red Cross or if anyone knew someone who had. Almost every hand in the room went up. Chase noted that it is almost a universal given that you or someone you know has been served by the American Red Cross.

The organization was begun in 1859 when Henry Dunant provided humanitarian relief after the Battle of Solferino. More than 40,000 were killed or injured in that battle. Dunant lobbied to form an organization that would be independent of any government that could provide meet humanitarian needs wherever they occurred. The organization that was founded as a result of his work is known today as the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has a Congressional Charter but gets absolutely no money from the government. The organization is funded by the generosity of donors. The State of Mississippi is considered a net-loss state. The Red Cross spends more in our state than is donated in the state.

When a disaster strikes, the Red Cross is generally the first on the scene. They arrive and begin immediately providing emergency needs to those affected. They do provide some long-term recovery services after the emergency needs are met.

Single family fires are the disaster responded to in Mississippi more than any other event. The Red Cross is there to provide food, shelter, housing, and counseling to victims.

The organization also provides services to the Armed Forces. They notify families when a soldier is killed or missing, they aid in soldier and family communications and they also provide other services to the fighting men and women of our armed forces.

About one-half of the blood supply in America is managed by the Red Cross. They also provide advisory services to the Food and Drug Administration regarding the safety and supply of the nation's blood supply.

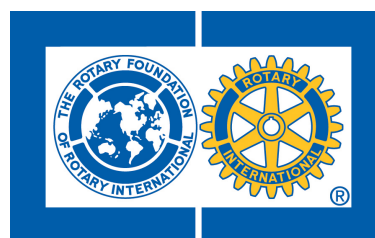
Another large element of the organization is that of health and safety training. They are the country's number one trainer for CPR and life guarding. They also offer a baby sitter training certification.

Internationally the American Red Cross works on conjunction with other members of the International Foundation of Red Cross and Red Crescents. They are currently engaged in fighting measles in Africa as well as establishing family links so those separated by war or famine or some other disaster can re-establish links to their family.

The Red Cross operates five Disaster Field Supply Centers across the country. We are very lucky to have one of those Centers located in the Industrial Park here in Hattiesburg. There are more than 1 million square feet of storage and office space at this center. The administrative offices of the local Chapter are currently being operated out of the center since their building was destroyed in the February 10th tornado. They are currently considering re-locating the administrative offices to another area nearer to the population center.

According to Chase about 93% of every dollar contributed to the Red Cross goes directly into their services. Only about 7% of their budget is consumed by administrative expenses. The majority of the work done by the American Red Cross is done by volunteers. He suggests that if you are interested in volunteering your services through their organization that you sign up when there's sunshine. Don't wait until the next disaster strikes. If you wish to make a contribution to the Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross, you can code your donation and it will remain in our state. Because we are a net-loss chapter, everything contributed in Mississippi will remain in our state.

Minutes provided by:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



The Honorable Delbert Hosemann, Jr.

Elected in November 2007, the Honorable Delbert Hosemann serves as Mississippi's eighth Secretary of State since 1900.

Secretary Hosemann is committed to serving the public with open and fair government. In the short time since he was elected, he has worked tirelessly to ensure the integrity of Mississippi's vote, ethically manage state lands to guarantee the future for our children, and make our State more business-friendly and attractive for economic development.

Secretary Hosemann has long served the citizens of the State of Mississippi. Delbert was Chairman of the Board of Mississippi Blood Services and Treasurer of the Jackson Medical Mall Association and served on the Board of Directors for Jackson State University Development Foundation. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and is a member of the North Jackson Rotary Club. Some of his accolades include the George L. Phillips Community Service Award from the US Department of Justice in appreciation for his distinguished service as Chairman of Project Safe Neighborhoods, and for his efforts in the Hurricane Katrina First Responder Assistance Project. Delbert was also awarded the J. Tate Thigpen Award for exemplary leadership, support, and commitment to the American Red Cross.

In his spare time, Secretary Hosemann is an avid hunter and marathoner. He belongs to the National Rifle Association, Delta Wildlife Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, and the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. He has completed both the New York Marathon and the Boston Marathon and represented Mississippi in the Senior Olympics.

Raised in Warren County, Mississippi, Secretary Hosemann comes to the position with a background in Business and Taxation Law. He has his undergraduate degree in Business from Notre Dame, a law degree from Ole Miss, and a Masters of Laws in Taxation from New York University. He is a former partner of Phelps Dunbar, LLP and was selected to the Best Lawyers in America for 18 consecutive years. Secretary Hosemann also served his country in the United States Army Reserves.

Delbert has been married to his wife, Lynn, for 41 years. They are extremely proud of their three children: Kristen, Chad, and Mark; and grandchildren Grace, Nora Lynn, Carson, and Charlie.



Another successful "Night In Italy!"



District Assembly - May 11, 2013 Bay Waveland Yacht Club

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District Gov., Barbara Mauldin

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