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Our Guest Today

Traci Rouse,
Hattiesburg Junior Auxiliary

A native of Brookhaven, Traci Rouse serves as Vice President of Marketing at Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg. Her department is responsible for developing and executing the communication strategy for Wesley and its affiliated clinics. Mrs. Rouse earned a bachelor's degree in communication in 2000 and a master's degree in public relations in 2002, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. She and her husband, Wes, reside in Hattiesburg with their daughter.

Mrs. Rouse also serves as President of the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg. The focus of her presentation will be the services this organization offers to our community, the State of Mississippi, and the Gulf South.



JUNIOR AUXILIARY of HATTIESBURG

Minutes - April 1, 2014

Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Allen Anderson who gave the invocation and Valencia Williamson who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Dan Davis and Mary Cromartie for serving as our greeters today.

Brian Moore introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Delorse Kirkland was visiting from the Petal Rotary Club.

Wes Brooks reminded members that the District Assembly is coming up on April 12 at P.R.C.C. Incoming officers should plan on attending for their orientation. This is also the meeting where our club's grant eligibility is confirmed.

Bill McLeod reminded members of the District Conference on May 8-9. It will be held in Biloxi. Bill is soliciting sponsorships to help offset the expenses associated with the conference. If you or your company is interested, please contact him. Anyone interested in attending any or all of the District Conference events should get with Scott for registration information.

Maura informed members that Larry LeBlanc had suffered a stroke and was in ICU at Forrest General Hospital. Please keep Larry and his family in your prayers.

Mike Ratliff reminded members about the April Shoe Drive and urged them to make a financial contribution or purchase one or more pair of "new" shoes and socks during the campaign. The shoes and socks will be delivered to the District at the District Conference. Please contact Aaron Ladner or Kemi Simmons for additional information.

The Night in Italy tickets have been distributed. Tickets that were not picked up were mailed to members. Amanda Lee is the volunteer coordinator for the April 22 event. Please contact Amanda for additional information.

There was no speaker for today's meeting.

Minutes courtesy of:
Jerome Siegel on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary



Hattiesburg Junior Auxiliary

Improving conditions in the community, especially where children were concerned became the foundation upon which Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg, Inc. was built. In 1941, the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg was born with 23 ladies ready to volunteer their time for the betterment of the community and its children.

In 1943, the Hattiesburg chapter of 37 members was granted a charter by the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, the twelfth volunteer group to be given such a charter in the nation.

As we enter the new century, the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg continues the tradition of volunteer community service in meeting the needs of the underprivileged. The faces of the many thousands of individuals whose lives are touched by the efforts of nearly a hundred women of the Junior Auxiliary inspire us to fulfill our mission of dedicated service to others.

District 6840 Conference May 9-10, 2014 Biloxi Civic Center, Biloxi, MS.

The traditional Thursday night College of Governors will take place at Mary Mahoney's Restaurant. On Friday morning, conferees can enjoy either a golf tournament or a schooner cruise in the Gulf. At 2:00 pm the Civic Center will be open to allow clubs to set up their tables. At 3:00 pm Friday, DGND Randy Feldman will conduct a long-range planning session. At 4:30 pm, Elizabeth Van Sant will meet with prospective youth exchange host families. DGE Brian Hall will also be conducting sessions during the day. Then the Friday Night Food Fest will blast off from 6:00-10:00 p.m. All clubs are encouraged to register with Vicky Gutierrez to bring food and drink to share with all the Rotarians. Music for dancing, visiting with fellow Rotarians, eating and drinking are the activities of the evening. Each club will provide a table top presentation of the one best project, fund-raiser or idea of 2013-14 of that club for all to see. On the table I request a "take-away" meaning a paper or brochure with the project description, club name and contact info in case a Rotarian wants more information.

A golf tournament and a sailing excursion aboard a Biloxi schooner will be available before the Food Fest on Friday. A special room rate is available at the Four Points by Sheraton. The district conference program complete with the conference schedule along with registrations forms is available on the district website under District Events > District Conference.

On Saturday morning a fund-raiser breakfast will be served by the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs. Instead of paying our funds to a restaurant, I wanted to use this opportunity to support one of our district Rotary Clubs. This seems like a good way to provide a meal and serve Rotary.



There will be the traditional Memorial Service recognizing those Rotarians in the district who no longer serve here on Earth. We request that each club report any Rotarian who died since last District Conference in April of 2013 to Vicky Magas.

Then from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. District 6840 welcomes fellow Rotarian, National Speakers Bureau member, great friend and entertaining speaker Michael Angelo Caruso to the conference. Michael Angelo Caruso filled the break out hall in Lisbon, Portugal at the RI Convention. He will be speaking about communication skills and how to more effectively reach your audience. He is funny, bright and entertaining. All Rotarians are invited to hear this dynamic speaker.

The Governor's Banquet and recognition of the Club Presidents of 2013-14 will occur at 12 noon. This luncheon will conclude the district conference with the intent that all Rotarians can easily make it home for Mother's Day Celebration with family by finishing around 2:00 p.m.

Hotel accommodations are anywhere along the MS Coast, but we have special rate of \$119 per night with the Four Points by Sheraton.

UPCOMING

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**ROTARY DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**DISTRICT 6840 CONFERENCE
MAY 9-10
BILOXI CONVENTION CENTER**

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR
ROTARY CLUB
PLEASE CONTACT BILL MCLEOD FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**



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April 22



Service Above Self