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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



Pictured L-R:
Scott Hummel and
Erin Granberry

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**Rotary Foundation,
Membership & Public
Relations Seminar**

8:30am - 12:30pm, August 17, 2013
Pearl River Community College

MINUTES: July 30, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Rusty Edwards who gave the invocation and to David Owens who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Anthony Harris who served as our greeter today. Scott then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Brian Moore to introduce today's visiting Rotarians and guests. There are no visiting Rotarians today.

Prospective Members in attendance today include Todd Jackson, Ryan Kelly, and Jeremy Bolling. Guests include Dean Cromartie who is a guest of Mary Cromartie. Hayden Boutwell and Linda Boutwell Griffith are guests of John Griffith.



Scott introduced Hayden Boutwell who was one of the two Rotary Youth Leadership Award recipients from our club this year. Hayden says this one week changed his life forever and he is grateful to the club for supporting him. He made life-long friends, was voted the most likely to lead and raised money for a camp for the disabled in Haiti. Again, he thanked the club for making this possible for him.

Thanks to Janet Williams who sold chances for Polio Plus. Congratulations to prospective member Ryan Kelly who is today's winner. Proceeds from the sale go toward Polio Plus.

Erin Granberry then presented the club with a flag from the Granby, Colorado Rotary Club. She attended their club meetings and an event earlier this month. She reported that the club managed a food tent at a community event and generated more than \$7,000 for their projects.

Scott reported that the monthly board meeting took place last evening. He reported that the board has agreed to absorb the meal costs for prospective members. He also noted that new membership and sponsor forms have been compiled. Additionally, he noted that we will begin reporting perfect monthly attendance in the SPOKES. He also asked that past presidents volunteer to meet with and inform prospective members about Rotary.

Maura McLaughlin then reported that the board approved the purchase of four back packs for needy students in the area. She encouraged members to continue additional cash to be used for school supplies and cloths for those children.

Sean Priebe then reported on Project Pancake that will be held at Temple Baptist Church on August 16th. The event is designed to recognize and honor returning veterans. For more information, See Sean.

Sean then introduced today's guest speaker Shawn Mercer. Shawn is the Public Affairs Specialist with the Social Security Administration.

Sean noted that not much has changed about Social Security since the last revisions to the program were adopted by Congress during the Regan administration. However, he did report that the way they do business has changed substantially.

Due to the unemployment situation throughout the state during the past few years they have seen a spike in disability claims. He estimates that disability claims represents about one-third of all of Social Security payments, however, managing those claims consume about two-thirds of the program's operation costs.

If you want to do business with Social Security, Sean suggests that you consider using their on-line services or calling them. Priority is given to applications that come in prior to mid-night before 9 a.m. the following day. He says you can apply for retirement in about 15 minutes on line and can file for Medicare in about 10 minutes using their on-line system. If you have a special case or questions, those can be managed by a shorter phone call.

Social Security is monitoring how people access their services and are constantly working to improve them. Because so many inquiries are coming in from mobile devices, they are working on a mobile site where apps can be downloaded and used.

When asked about the reports that Social Security is running out of money, Sean noted that the research does indicate that by the year 2033 they will be unable to pay 100% of all covered benefits unless Congress makes changes to the program. Without changes they should be able to pay approximately 74% of all claims after that point. Visit www.SSA.gov for more information or assistance.

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



JULY

Perfect Attendance!

Mickey Allen
Wes Brooks
Dan Davis
Lamar Evans
Tracie Fowler
Erin Granberry
Scott Hummel
Dan Kibodeaux
Larry LeBlanc
Bill MacLauchlan
Bill McLeod
Joe Meador
Brian Moore
Chase Munro
David Owens
Lucy Parkman
Sean Priebe
Mike Ratliff
Curtis Smith
Johnny Stevens
Conrad Welker

Our Speaker



Francis Farmer

Pine Burr Area Council - Tall Pines District
Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For nearly a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through nearly a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is the key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.





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On the Horizon

August 13 Celeste T. Brown, Director, Hattiesburg Foster Grandparent Program

August 17 Rotary Foundation, Membership & Public Relations Seminar

August 20 Dr. Kipper Nelson - Southern Eye Center (August is Cataract Awareness Month)

September 17-22 Zone 30/31 Institute

September 24 The Honorable Lynn Fitch, Treasurer, State of Mississippi

September 26-29 Alligator Festival

You heard it here... second.

"I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens."

Woody Allen

"Always do right.
This will gratify some
and astonish the rest."

Mark Twain

"My children love my parents, but I have to constantly remind them that these are not the two people who raised me... these are two old people trying to get into Heaven!"

Bill Cosby



Huh???

"If we don't succeed,
we run the risk of failure."
Fmr Vice President Dan Quayle

"So, where is the Cannes
Film Festival this year?"
Christina Aguilera, Singer

"...and now the sequence of events
in no particular order."
Dan Rather, CBS News Anchor

"Outside of the killings, Washington
(DC) has one of the lowest crime rates
in the country."
Fmr Washington DC Mayor Marion Barry