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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MINUTES:**December 10, 2013**

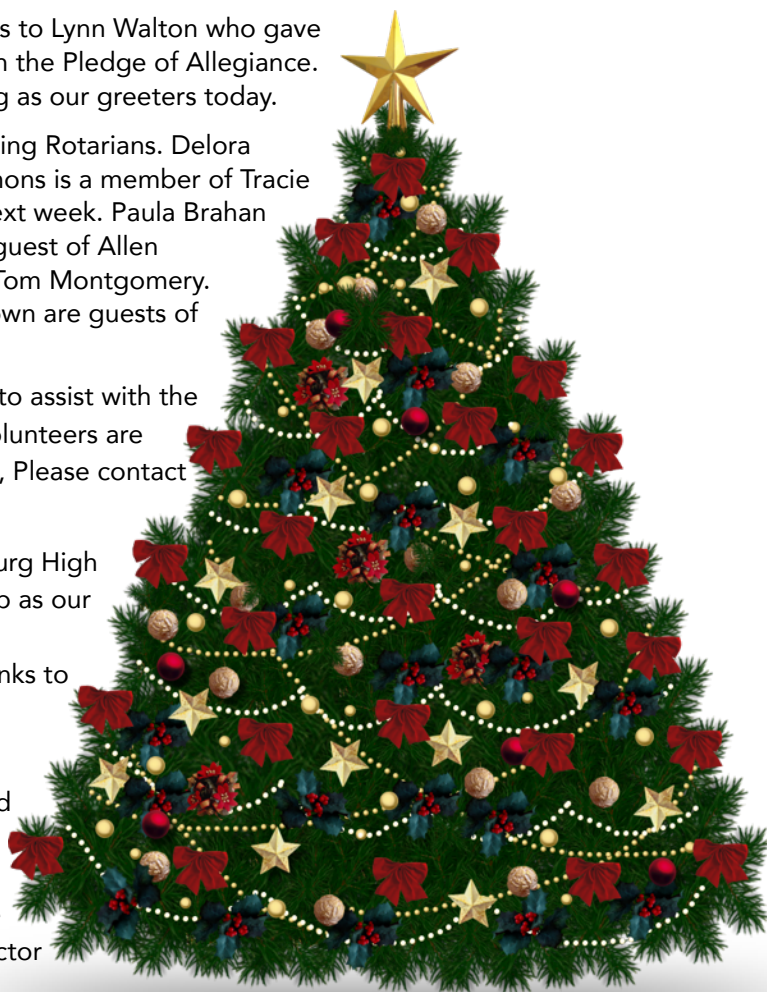
Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Lynn Walton who gave the invocation and Chris Price who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Gene Owens and Dan Davis for serving as our greeters today.

Bryan Moore, introduced today's guests and visiting Rotarians. Delora Kirklan is visiting from the Petal Club. Kemi Simmons is a member of Tracie Fowler and will be inducted as a new member next week. Paula Braham is a guest of Erin Granberry. Andy Davidson is a guest of Allen Anderson. Mary Lacy Montgomery is a guest of Tom Montgomery. James Bacchus, Scott Waldrop and Jermaine Brown are guests of the club.

Richard Topp continues to recruit club members to assist with the Salvation Army's bell ringing project. Six more volunteers are needed for the December 21 event. If interested, Please contact Richard if you can assist.

Scott then introduced Scott Waldrop, a Hattiesburg High School Teacher. Scott was recognized by the Club as our Teacher of the Month. He received not only our recognition but a \$100 check from the Club. Thanks to Scott and his support staff for their hard and dedicated public school work.

Janet Williams then came forward and introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Italo Subbarao. Dr. Subbarao is Associate Dean in Quality Assessment at William Carey University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is formerly the director



of the Public Health Readiness Office at the American Medical Association Center for Public Health Preparedness and Disaster Response.

According to Dr. Subbarao, 60 to 70 percent of all rescues are performed by citizen first responders. He encouraged all club members to make sure they are disaster prepared so they will be able to assist when the next emergency arises. One of the best ways to make sure you can help is to be healthy today. Take care of yourself and seek out any special training such as CPR or First Aid Training that might enhance your first response skills.

If you do respond to an emergency make sure you protect yourself. Be aware of your surroundings, recognize any structural instability issues that might endanger you or the victim, be aware of electrical or gas hazards and make sure you do not interfere with the professional



response and rescue workers. Chemical and contaminate threats often exist in emergencies along with threats from wildlife. And after the emergency passes, be aware that there are emotionally stress impacts that may affect the victims and the rescuers.

Dr. Subbarao recommends that each family be prepared with a family plan. Know your escape routes and know how your family will communicate. Use your smart phone to store important telephone numbers and medical information. Make sure you have a supply kit with food and water for a 72 hour period and medications for at least a week. Have a flashlight, a radio, a whistle, matches, keys, a compass, cash and batteries in your kit. Keep copies of important documents such as your home and auto insurance papers in your emergency kit.

Before the emergency know where your utility shut-offs are and how to turn them off. During the emergency make sure you keep close tabs on the elderly and the young.



**Teacher of the Month
Mr. Scott Waldrop**

Mr. Waldrop is the Director of Forensics at Hattiesburg High School and Hattiesburg Public School District's Arts Coordinator. As President of the Mississippi High School Activities Association for Speech, Debate, and Theatre, he represents the Southeast US on the National Federation of High Schools Speech Committee which oversees the direction of speech and debate in this country.

Inducted into Hall of Fames in multiple states for his work in Speech and Debate, he was the 2013 recipient of the National Catholic Forensic League Lifetime Service Award. A triple-diamond coach in the National Forensic League, his teams have won 11 State Championships, 2 National Championships, and countless national tournament titles while being named the 2012 National School of Excellence for Speech.

His program has been listed as being in the top 10% of programs in the country for the last 8 years. A human and civil rights awards winner, his work has been recognized by the state and national congresses for closing the achievement gaps in Mississippi through speech and debate.

He resides in Petal, Mississippi, with his wife Chan and is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities available in every community for first responders. If you're interested, seek these opportunities out and find out how you can help.

Dr. Subbarao ended his presentation today with a few comments about a study that was conducted after the February F4 tornado that struck the highly populated Highway 98 corridor in Hattiesburg. According to the National Weather Service an F4 tornado striking such a populated area results in an average of 100 injuries and at least 8 deaths. In February there were only 50 injuries and no fatalities. According to a study conducted after the storm by area medical professionals and William Carey University Students, the use of new technologies were credited with helping to keep this storm from injuring more and perhaps causing fatalities. One of the new technologies is the Dome Radar which allows the experts to see a storm up and down and horizontally. The second new technology that assisted was the use of social media which informed more people of the pending danger.

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



Our Guest

Dr. Don Odom

Dean of the Winters School of Music

Dr. Odom graduated from William Carey in 1978 with the bachelor of music in church music and in 1980 with a masters in music history.

In 1991, he received the doctor of musical arts degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Odom has served churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida and has been a frequent guest conductor and conference leader across the U.S. and Canada for a variety of ages and choral ensembles.



Service Above Self

**Your help is still needed on Saturday,
December 21, at the grocery entrance at
Walmart Superstore on Hwy 98W.**



10 - 12	12 - 2	2 - 4	4 - 6	6 - 8
Mary Cromartie	Jennifer Payne	Dan Kibodeaux	Ryan Kelly	Richard Topp
Scott Hummel	Curtis Smith	Rick Corts	Janet Williams	Abdoul Agne (guest)
Conrad Welker	Julian Allen	Maura McLaughlin	Chris Price	Dan Davis
Mike Ratliff	Aaron Ladner	Bill MacLauchlan	Joe Meador	

Coming in 2014



TBD

**Nutrition Department
January 7**

**Dr. Beverly Smallwood
January 14**

**Dr. Omolara Otaigbe
January 21**

January 28



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**Lynn Conerly
February 4**

**Chris Buckhalter
February 11**

**Martha Dearman
February 18**

February 25