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## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

## MINUTES: JANUARY 29, 2013

President Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel, who gave the invocation and to David Owens, who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Andreas Moffett and Wes Brooks for their service as greeters for the meeting.

Maura then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Chris Price to introduce today's guest. Bill McLeod has as his guests, Brandon Holmes (son of Lieutenant Colonel Mike Holmes) and Highway Patrol Officer, Todd Miller. Scott Hummel has as his guest, Janet Williams. Chase Munro has as his guest, Jeremy Van over. Brian Moore has as his guest, Alisha Freeman, Brian Bledsoe and Scott Murray. Visiting fellow Rotarian, Milton Wheeler, from the Petal Club was in attendance at meeting

⇒ Maura announced that the Board had voted on the acceptance of membership for Dr. Janet Williams.

⇒ It was voted to host a Bike-a-thon for child obesity on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Those interested should contact Jonathan Shemper.

Sean Priebe gave a report on the Beer Tasting event. \$250 was raised in proceeds from the event. Sean requests anyone who had invited guest to the event, to please contact him. He wishes the contact to follow up to obtain prospective members for Rotary.

Milton Wheeler gave a touching report on himself and his wife, Donna Wheeler. Let us remember to keep them in our thoughts and also other members who may be dealing with illnesses.

⇒ Andreas Moffett announced a Golf Tournament on March 23. Please contact him for additional information.

Bill McLeod then introduced today's guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Mike D. Holmes, Director, Uniformed Division for the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Holmes brought great insight into the responsibility of the organization and its duties to help govern the issues that correspond with the Highway Patrol officers and the drivers, with passengers, who utilize the road services of our state.

He stated his thoughts on services as a Mississippi Highway Patrol Officer. He mentioned scenarios of the various times of his working with accidents and the profound impact that they have upon the officers who are called to the scenes of tragic accidents. He showed a very passionate and compassionate view of what his duties inquired and how officers are looked upon to help in all types of situations. He stated that the symbol of a badge means power! However, with that power come ability and the responsibility to use this power in the method in which it was intended, to serve and protect.

**Minutes Submitted by:**  
Jerome Siegel on behalf of  
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary  
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



**EACH ROTARIAN:**  
**REACH ONE, KEEP ONE**

## OUR GUEST

**VICKIE L. STUART, CRNA, DNP**  
 ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR & DIRECTOR  
 NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Dr. Vickie Stuart is the Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program and Assistant Clinical Professor at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Vickie graduated from Charity Hospital/Xavier University Nurse Anesthesia Program in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1998, and later completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2008.

She has practiced anesthesia for 15 years in the Hattiesburg area and has held academic and administrative positions at Baylor College of Medicine and at LSU Health Sciences Center prior to joining Southern Miss.

She is currently serving on the Public Relations Committee for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and is on the Board of Directors for the MS Association of Nurse Anesthetists.



### UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 12	Roberta M. Humble – Author/Professor
Feb. 19	Connie Keene, Investigator – Investigator, Forrest Co. D.A.
Feb. 26	Kathy Yadrick, Ph.D., Assoc. Dean, College of Health, USM
March 5	Deborah Schiller
March 12	Isaac L. Boose, M.Ed., LPC-S, LMFT, CCAP, “Burnout & Stress”
March 19	Carolyn Smith, M.A., LPC, CSAT, EMDR, Intensive Workshops
March 26	Carver Brown, Pine Grove Alumni Coordinator
April 2	Joe Paul, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs, USM
April 9	Cindy Bivins, M.Ed., Interim Director, Director, Children’s Center, USM
April 18-20	**District Conference**
April 23	“A Night in Italy” Fundraiser ( <i>No noon meeting</i> )
April 30	The Honorable Lynn Fitch, State Treasurer of Mississippi
June 25	Awards Luncheon - Tentative



## April 23



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## LAST TUESDAY RECAP

Many, many thanks to our guest speaker today, Lt. Col. Mike Holmes, Director of the Uniformed Services Division of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Lt. Col. Holmes provided a very personal and highly engaging presentation to our club Tuesday. Aside from sharing on-the-job experiences commonly assumed by the public, the club was privileged with gripping, firsthand accounts he and his fellow Troopers have experienced in the line of duty and the toll it takes on their mental and physical well being.



Pictured L-R: Secretary-Treasurer Wes Brooks, Cpl. Todd Miller, Lt. Col. Mike Holmes, and President Maura McLaughlin.

## NEXT TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 12TH

### ROBERTA MUDGE HUMBLE

- ◆ Professor of English, Community College of Rhode Island
- ◆ Speaker at major state & national conferences
- ◆ Author of 4 Rhode Island books & 3 trivia games
- ◆ Recipient of preservation & community service awards
- ◆ Founding president, Westerly Armory Restoration, Inc.
- ◆ Native Rhodelslander

### "LITTLE RHODY & THE OTHER 49"

A look at some of the more fascinating points about 49 of our states and how Rhode Island compares. This presentation is loaded with color pictures of the best of America and touts Rhode Island while offering an eye and earful of the other 49 states. It is meant to both entertain and inform. The talk illustrates the exceptional character of America and all our states while the colorful images on the screen make the 50 states pop. Come see and enjoy.

