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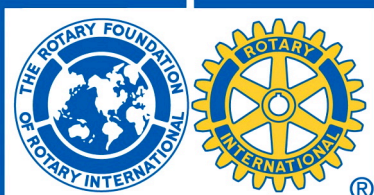
# SP KES

Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

Pictured L-R: Scott Hummel, Michael Cornett, Michelle McCleary, Mike Ratliff, Ember Ahua, and Brett Phillips



## Growing Membership!



Rotary Foundation,  
Membership & Public  
Relations Seminar

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

Board of Directors Meeting

William Carey University  
President's Dining Room, Cafeteria  
5:30pm - For those wishing to eat  
6:00pm - Meeting start time



## MINUTES: July 9, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Brian Moore who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Chris Price and Sean Priebe who served as our greeters today.

Scott led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Brian Moore to introduce today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Greg Lowery is the guest of Dave Owens. Ashley Read is the guest of Mickey Allen. Chris Smith is the guest of Bill McLeod.

Scott announced that Janet Williams and Tracie Fowler were selling raffle tickets for Polio Plus. The prize for tickets raffled today was for 2 sets of tickets to the Sanderson Farms PGA Golf Tournament. The lucky winners of this drawing were Chris Price and Lucy Parkman.

Scott encouraged members to strive for perfect attendance for the new Rotary Year. He reminded members that a board meeting would be held on Monday, July 29.

Wes announced that there were revised membership forms and for any further information to please contact him. He also stated that if there is anyone with news and images for the SPOKES to please submit them to him.

Scott welcomed Michelle McCleary and presented her with her badge as a transfer member to the Hattiesburg Rotary Club.

Ember Ahua, Brett Phillips and Michael Cornett were asked to participate in new member inductions. Mike Ratliff is the sponsor for Ember and Brett. Lamar Evans is the sponsor for Michael. Each of them accepted their new membership and is looking forward to serving as a Rotarian!

Sean Priebe then introduced today's guest speaker, John O'Hara, the CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Mississippi. Mr. O'Hara spoke of his transition from New York to Mississippi, citing various businesses he has worked with prior to arriving at his current employment. He gave various examples and insights into how

employees and employers benefit a company's success.

He explained that the Better Business Bureaus (BBBs) are nonprofit organizations that encourage honest advertising and selling practices and are supported primarily by local businesses. They offer a variety of consumer services, including consumer education materials; business reports, particularly unanswered or unsettled complaints or other problems; mediation and arbitration services; and information about charities and other organizations that are seeking public donations. They also provide ratings (A,B,C,D, or F) of local companies to express the BBB's confidence that the company operates in a trustworthy manner and demonstrates a willingness to resolve customer concerns.

He advised members to check with the BBB prior to making any decisions for getting work, repairs or other services from companies. He stated there are many scams around and people can avoid being scammed by checking with the BBB first.

Anyone wishing further information can contact John O'Hara at the following:

Phone:  
601.398.1700 or  
800.987.8280

Email:  
[johara@ms.bbb.org](mailto:johara@ms.bbb.org)

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



Michelle McCleary



Ember Ahua



Brett Phillips



Brad Cornett



# Our Guest

John L. Pendergrass, M.D.

**Ophthalmologist - Author - Triathlete**

**Bachelor of Science (1962 - 1965)**

Delta State University, Cleveland, MS

**Doctor of Medicine (1965 - 1969)**

University of Mississippi, Jackson, MS

**Internship (1969 - 1970)**

Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX  
Mixed Surgical

**Residency (1972 - 1975)**

University of Texas SW Medical Center, Dallas, TX  
Ophthalmology

**Flight Surgeon (1970 - 1972)**

United States Air Force

**Ophthalmologist (1975 - Present)**

Green Eye Institute, P.A., Hattiesburg, MS

**Diplomat, American Board of Ophthalmology, December 1976**

Mississippi State Board Medical Licensure

**Medical Staff Appointments**

1975 - Present Wesley Medical Center

1975 - Present Forrest General Hospital

**Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Ophthalmology

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, Past Vice-President

South Mississippi Medical Society, Past President

Mississippi Eye, Ear, Nose, & Throat Association, Past President

Mississippi State Medical Association

American Medical Association

## Book Description

Completing a triathlon at any age is a major achievement; finishing an IRONMAN Triathlon in your sixties is nothing short of inspirational. A true account of John Pendergrass' impossible goal of completing six IRONMAN Triathlons on six continents, all while in his sixties, *Against the Odds* will shatter your preconceptions of what a man in his golden years can accomplish.

Da Nang Air Force Base, Vietnam, 1971  
54 Combat Missions  
McDonnell Douglas F4 Phantom



THE ADVENTURES OF A MAN IN HIS SIXTIES COMPETING IN SIX OF  
THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST TRIATHLONS ACROSS SIX CONTINENTS



John Pendergrass  
**AGAINST  
THE ODDS**

FOREWORD BY BRETT FAVRE



# On the Horizon...

July 23	Tomia Carter, Nurse Practitioner at Forward Health Solutions – What is keeping you for your best health?
August 6	Celeste Brown - 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

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Wes Brooks, *Editor*  
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