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ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG



"Best Newsletter - Large Club" 2012 - 2013



Our Guest

District Governor Barbara Mauldin
and husband Dick Mauldin

Barbara Mauldin

District Governor, 2013-2014

Barbara Mauldin, born and reared in Vicksburg, MS to Dr. Paul and Kathryn Ballard who were both active in Rotary and historic civic organizations, has continued the family tradition of civic involvement. She married Dick Mauldin from Hattiesburg, MS and has 4 children and 1 foster son. Chuck Mauldin, Barbara's father in law, was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Petal which is now Barbara's club.

Barbara became a Rotarian at the invitation of PDG Jake Jacobus in 1989 when Rotary invited women to become members. Barbara has served her local Petal club as president twice and in other club positions through the years. Barbara has served in the District 6840 as Conference Chair, Assistant District Governor and Treasurer as well as several Avenue of Service Chairs. She also served as the Group Study Exchange Rotarian leader to Kagoshima and Miyazaki, Japan in 2002.

Barbara is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient and is a Rotary Benefactor. She is an avid supporter of the Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign to fund Rotary projects around the world and gives every year to the Polio Eradication campaign. Barbara was given the Citation for Meritorious Service by the Rotary Foundation in 2007.

Barbara served on the Host Organization Committee since New Orleans was named to be the host of the Rotary International Convention. She is serving as the Treasurer for the Tri-District PETS committee. With her Rotary partner Dick, she lives by the Rotary motto of "Service above self".

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MINUTES: June 25, 2013

President Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting. Thanks to Kristina Gould who gave the invocation and to Wes Brooks who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Tracie Fowler and Brian Moore who served as our greeters today.

Maura led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Chris Price to introduce today's visiting Rotarians and guests. There were no visiting Rotarians. **Brett Phillips**, **Abumere Akinwale**, and **Ember Ahua** are guests of Mike Ratliff. **Melissa Phelps** is a guest of Maura McLaughlin. Joyce and Tom Bradley are guests of Chase Munro.

Maura thanked board members for their service throughout her term as president. She reported that the board met for the last time this fiscal year last evening. She thanked Jennifer Payne for hosting last night's meeting. Maura reported that the club will be presenting the Children's Center for Communications and Development a total contribution in the amount of \$10,500. That presentation will be made next week.

Wes Brooks then reported that the May membership attendance rate was 56 percent. He encouraged members to remember to sign in when they attend meetings or make up meetings. Club attendance reports must be submitted to the District each month. The club currently has 96 members. Four new members have been approved by the board and will be inducted in the coming weeks. They include Ember Ahua, Brett Phillips, Michael Cornett and transferring member Michelle McCleary.

Maura then asked that incoming officers come forward. Wes Brooks was installed as the President-Elect for 2013-2014. Jennifer Payne was

installed as the Vice President and Sean Priebe was installed as the Secretary-Treasurer. It was noted that incoming President Scott Hummel was installed last week and is currently attending the Rotary International convention.

Board members for the coming year were then recognized. They include Allen Anderson, James Duncan, Brian Moore, Chase Munro, David Owens, Lucy Parkman, and Valencia Williamson.

Robert Cummings, Jr., Awards Committee Chair, was then asked to come forward and present this year's award recipients. He thanked the members of this year's Awards Committee for their service and their excellent choices.

Robert thanked Maura for her service as President this past year. He presented her with her Past President's pin, a plaque for her office, a small gift and a Paul Harris Fellowship donated in her honor.

The Milam "34" Sonny Cotten New Rotarian Award recipient for the year is Chase Munro. This is the first year the New Rotarian of the Year award was named after Dr. Cotten. Chase was recognized for his enthusiasm and his willingness to serve in a number of capacities in the last few years.

The Bill Gwyn "Non-Rotarian" Service Award was presented to Christopher Wilkes. Chris has spoken to our club twice this year about his community service project, Hope House. Hope House offers a mailing address, camping supplies, home for a day, food and the opportunity to wash dirty laundry among other benefits to our area's homeless. Chris thanked the club for his recognition and noted that he really needed a pat on the back this year.



Finally, the T. C. Hanna "Rotarian of the Year" Award was presented to Wes Brooks. Wes has been very active in the club for a number of years and is currently producing the award winning SPOKES. He has served on a number of committees, chaired committees and been an active Rotarian when one was needed. Wes has accepted the President-Elect's position.

Congratulations to the award recipients for 2012-2013 and thanks for your service to our club and our community.

Maura ended the meeting by thanking members for their active support throughout the year and our club motto, "Service Above Self."

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

"Ode To A Rotary Past President"

By Robert Cummings



Maura McLaughlin
Past President, 2012-2013

Our Rotary year is coming to a close and
Your faithful board would like to give you a hand
Remembering all that you have accomplished in your time
Leading this group as you were inclined

Meetings, and budgets, and checklists, and committees
President of the year you did it with ease
By-laws and manuals and documents in reams
Southern Oaks for lunch? Must mean green beans

You led with courage even if it got a bit scary
And breezed through heckles and taunts from Larry
Who could forget the program about the over sexed
Through it all, dear president, you were never perplexed

Noon ring the bell and one we adjourn
Stand aside it is soon Scott's turn
To the finish, the gavel has been passed
Of Maura, though, we have not seen the last

Before you move on, though, we have one more question
Not that the answer your character will lessen
Your legacy is assured-we all think you really, really rock
Exactly how much Four Way testing goes on in Bangkok?

No, it can't end like this you're better than that
Because we like you we passed the hat
A keepsake or treasure to choose is really quite hard
Never the wrong color or size, we present this gift card

2012-2013 Award Recipients

Remarks by Robert Cummings
Past President, 2011-2012

Three exceptional individuals were selected this year by the awards committee. I would like to thank Jennifer Payne, Lucy Parkman, Mary Cromartie, and Bill McLeod for serving on that committee with me this year; it was a pleasure working with you all. Jennifer distributed a club survey and based on those results and the input of the committee the awardees were selected. Thank you committee.

"Sonny 34" Cotton, I know, would be proud to have his name attached to the *"New Rotarian of the Year" Award* and he would equally be pleased to know this year's winner. This member moved to Hattiesburg in January of last year and soon after joined this club having been sponsored by Bill McLeod. He originally is from Biloxi and graduated Milsaps in 2011 earning a BA in Public Administration. He is the Branch Coordinator for the Red Cross and in that role responds to disasters for a living. He immediately impressed this club with his willingness to serve and his character. He is already a veteran of our out of town district conferences and is currently serving on the Bike a Thon Committee. He probably would have sold all of those Blue Dog District Raffle tickets if that dang tornado would not have hit his office this past Spring-that was a first. This member gave us a fantastic program one week when we didn't have a speaker with practically no notice; in addition his attendance and volunteerism is commendable. For his work in this club and in the community the winner of the Milam S. Cotton New Rotarian Award is Chase Munro.

The Bill Gwyn "Non Rotarian" Service Award is this club's best effort to look out onto the broader community to recognize greatness in our midst. This year's winner hails from Kentwood, LA and moved to Hattiesburg in 1990 to study at USM. While at USM he earned his BS in Psychology and a Masters of Social Work. He and his wife Heather have been married for 12 years and have two daughters Isabelle and Presley ages 5 and 10.

This individual has spent 20 years in the behavioral health field and is a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor. He and his wife, Heather, went into private practice almost 4 years ago when they opened their counseling center, Sycamore Tree Counseling Services, where they provide counseling for children, adolescents and adults. Additionally, he is involved with several other ventures including acting as Housing coordinator for Mississippi United to End Homelessness and teaching as an adjunct professor with the Social Work program at USM. Seven years ago he started visiting homeless camps in and around Hattiesburg and within a few years co-founded Hope House Ministries, a 501 (c)3 focusing on providing outreach to the homeless men and women living on our streets. In that role he has presented to this club twice in the past year.

Hope House is an outreach ministry to the homeless located at 1105 West Pine. Hope House Outreach operates on Saturday mornings and provides showers, washer and dryer access, clothing, mailing address, computer access, food bags, and camping supplies to the homeless. But most importantly it offers friendship and unconditional Christ-like love to men and women who often feel unlovable. Each Saturday a different



Chase Munro

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Christopher Wilkes

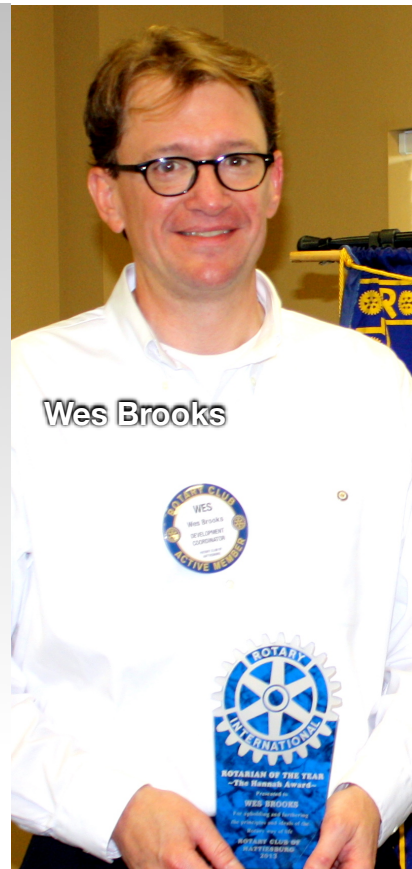
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volunteer group from local churches or other groups come to Hope House and become part of the "Love in Action".

This club is well aware of this man's work and we are proud to announce this year's winner of the Bill Gwyn Non Rotarian Service Award, Christopher Wilkes.

The T.C. Hannah Rotarian of the Year Award is the highest honor we bestow on a club member. Our club, the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, was founded in 1918 and this award is named for our first president. It takes years of toil to earn this award; most of it behind the scenes taking care of details that otherwise may fall between the cracks. We are all volunteers in our efforts, but one individual has over and over gone above and beyond to accomplish our goals.

This individual is a past winner of the New Rotarian Award, has served on the foundation committee and the membership committee (among others), served on our board, entertained as sergeant at arms, served as Secretary/Treasurer, and (spoiler alert!) produces the best looking newsletter in our district. He has been married to Shane for 12 years and has a son, Campbell who is 10. He is currently the development coordinator for the DuBard School. He is a dedicated family man, an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, a charming dude, and can flat out rip it up on guitar! No really, the 6550's rock. The cat is out of the bag; and, although the list goes on please allow me to introduce your Rotarian of the Year, Wes Brooks.



Wes Brooks

Scott Hummel
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Wes Brooks
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