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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

District Governor Barbara Mauldin &  
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg President, Scott Hummel



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## MINUTES: June 25, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux who gave the invocation and to Mickey Allen who led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Amanda Lee and Wes Brooks 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. Milton Wheeler is visiting from the Petal Club. Brett Phillips and Ember Ahua are guests of Mike Ratliff. Michael Cornett is a guest of Lamar Evans. John Cooper is a guest of Sean Priebe. Sarah Price is a guest of Chris Price and Lauren Land, a Rotarian from Arkansas is a guest of Curtis Smith.

Scott noted that Jennifer Payne has reported to him that the club raised \$432 for Polio Plus through the weekly raffle. The raffle will continue throughout the year and Scott recommended that each club member plan on bringing a couple of extra dollars each week. Some very nice prizes are in the making for this year's raffle.

Scott introduced Sara Price, the Director of the Children's Center for Communication and Development. He presented Sara with a check in the amount of \$7,500 on behalf of the club's Night in Italy project. It was noted that, in addition to the contribution, the Center was donated 300 tickets which they sold resulting in a total fund raising effort this year of \$10,500.

It was noted that District Governor Barbara Mauldin is the club's guest today and that it is tradition that the club give her a gift upon her visit. Governor Mauldin has requested that her gift be contributed to our club's designated charity event therefore Scott reported that a \$500 contribution will be made to the Children's Center for Communication and Development in Barbara Mauldin's name as a part of the club's Night in Italy project.

Scott then introduced Governor Mauldin. Barbara encouraged each member to have their Rotary elevator speech ready so that when the next person asks you about your Rotary involvement you will be better able to tell them about Rotary. She says joining Rotary was the best decision she ever made for many reasons. Perhaps your elevator speech might mention that Rotary has almost totally eradicated Polio worldwide with only 77 cases being reported this year. That's 77 cases in the world!! She also reported that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has agreed to double every Polio Plus contribution this year. She encouraged every member to make that contribution soon.

This year's Rotary International theme is "Engage Rotary – Change Lives". Barbara maintains that if a Rotarian engages in Rotary projects and causes that lives will be changed, especially the life of the Rotarian. She encouraged each member to find one or several Rotary causes they can be involved in this year and get "engaged."

Barbara noted that this year's class of Rotary Governors is known as the Governor's First Class. This is the first year that every District Governor has made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. By making the commitment to

support the Rotary Foundation Governor Mauldin says you give weight to what you value.

For the coming year she challenged our club to increase membership efforts and exceed the 117 membership number we had just a few years back. She will also be bringing back the first Youth Exchange program since Katrina. She is also looking for 4 non-Rotary volunteers to help with the Traditional Youth Study Exchange. She also plans for the District's participation in the Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

The District Conference which is scheduled for May 9 – 10 in Biloxi will be consolidated into a shorter time frame. The conference will begin with the Friday night Food Fest and conclude with the Saturday luncheon. A national speaker has been booked for a presentation on Saturday morning. This speaker filled a break-out room at the International Conference with more than 1,500 in attendance. Governor Mauldin encouraged every Rotarian to make plans to attend this year's District conference.

Finally, Barbara encouraged our club to work with the other Hub City area clubs. She said the three clubs should call on each other for assistance and promote our activities with the other clubs. She also encouraged our club's leadership to call on her if we need help or if we have an idea that will better Rotary.

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



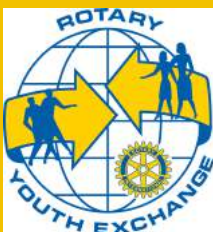


**Brian Moore  
Sergeant-At-Arms, 2013-2014**

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg is proud to announce Brian Moore has accepted the office of Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2013-2014 Rotary year.

Brian Moore is a Vice President and Commercial Lender of BancorpSouth in Hattiesburg. Since joining Rotary in 2009, Brian has served on several committees and is currently serving as a board of director. Brian has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Mississippi State University with a major in Risk Management, Insurance, and Financial Planning. Brian lives in Oak Grove with his wife, Kimberly Roberts Moore, and two children, Maggie and Miller.

**The Youth Exchange Committee and the Rotary Leadership Academy class of 2012-2013** have prepared club presentations on Youth Exchange and the RI Youth Protection guidelines. To invite someone to your club and find out how you can host or sponsor an exchange student, or to find out how you as an individual Rotarian can get involved, please contact Youth Exchange Officer Elizabeth Van Sant at [rye6840@gmail.com](mailto:rye6840@gmail.com)



Dist. Gov. Barbara Mauldin addresses the Rotary Club Tuesday, July 2.

## 6840 District Governor Barbara Mauldin

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg was privileged to have District Governor and Petal Rotary Club member, Barbara Mauldin, and her husband, Dick Mauldin, visit and provide our program last Tuesday at Southern Oaks House & Garden. D.G. Mauldin gave a very thoughtful and informative presentation and encouraged all Rotarians to become actively engaged in their club, neighboring clubs and community.

### Our Guest:

Born and raised in Long Island, New York, John O'Hara graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Agriculture in 1988. Before joining the Better Business Bureau as CEO in February 2012, he was the VP of Operations for Keltman Pharmaceuticals in Flowood, Ms. John has spent over 25 years in the private and public business sectors, in Computer/IT, food processing and healthcare industries. John currently lives in Brandon, Ms. with his wife, Melissa, and children, Landon and Mollie.

Mr. O'Hara will explain how the Better Business Bureau serves Mississippi, and will speak in-depth on how they educate businesses in avoiding scams.

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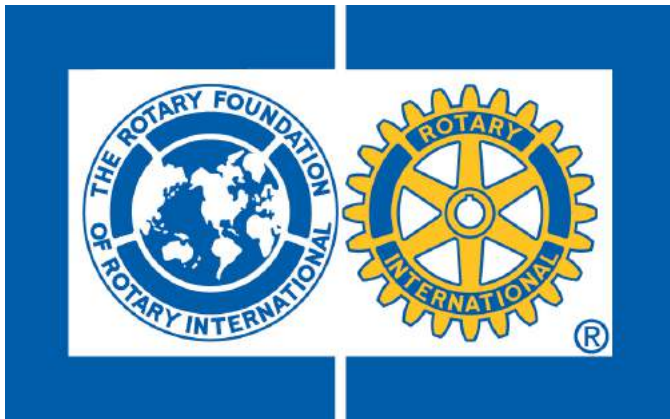


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Children's Center Director, Sarah Case-Price, was presented with a check for \$7,500 from Scott Hummel.

This gift was made possible from the Club's annual "Night In Italy" Spaghetti Dinner. An additional \$3,000 was raised in ticket sales bringing the total contributed to \$10,500.

Pictured L-R: Chris Price, Sarah Case-Price, and Scott Hummel



## Rotary Foundation, Membership & Public Relations Seminar

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

Seminars on Rotary Foundation, membership & public relations, and grant certification for club officers. A DAC meeting will follow the seminars. Interviews for the prospective District Governor-Nominee candidates will also be held.

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