

SPOKES



Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

June 3, 2014

Our Guests Today



**Building
Toward
Home**



Mary Margaret Turner



sustainable hope

Supporting a Bright Future for Homes of Hope for Children

S. Chase Blankenship



creativeconnections
Connecting Creative Arts to Community Needs

Shawn Harris



Background

Since 1989, Leadership Pinebelt has trained emerging and existing leaders in Greater Hattiesburg. Designed to broaden the base from which emerging leadership is derived, Leadership Pinebelt serves as a catalyst for increasing diversity among future leaders. Each class session focuses on enhancing leadership skills and garnering a better understanding of the positions of Healthcare, Cultural Arts, Economic Development, Military and Industry; the region's essential assets.

Leadership Pinebelt comprises a diverse network of leaders and community volunteers who are committed to shaping our community both economically and socially while building and expanding their network. Each class encompasses a very diverse group of professionals who have attained leadership positions in their fields and are likely to be tapped for greater community responsibility. Many of the sessions focused on building leadership skills, such as conflict resolution, the power of persuasion and motivation. Leadership Pinebelt provides opportunities for professionals to garner a more informative view of the assets and potential of Greater Hattiesburg. Through these opportunities each class learns ways to make a positive contribution to the community, develop and practice their leadership skills, and gain a more comprehensive background on the contemporary issues concerning the region.

Goals

- ⇒ To build a network of community trustees who have enhanced their leadership skills through shared perspectives and working together
- ⇒ To develop an awareness of the challenges and opportunities in the community by examining major issues
- ⇒ To interact with both emerging and established community leaders
- ⇒ To become educated and motivated to assume leadership roles in the community

Leadership Pinebelt Class of 2014

Chase Blankenship
The First

Mark Buchanan
IMG College

Susan Eaton
Parkway Heights UMC

Terrell Grindle
Nicholson & Company

Brian Harris
SMEPA

Shawn Harris
Trustmark National Bank

Elizabeth Jones
Horne, LLP

Ryan Kelly
William Carey University

Stacy Lester
Mississippi Power Co.

Catherine Lott
DuBard School

Sam McCallister
Howard Industries

Sabrina McArthur
Hattiesburg Clinic, PA

Teresa McDaniel
Forrest Health

Brett Phillips
Great Southern National

Dane Reiter
USM Alumni Association

Amanda Strickland
Wesley Medical Center

Mary Margaret Turner
William Carey University

Gregory Underwood
PRCC

Minutes: May 27, 2014

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Mike Ratliff who gave the invocation and Brett Phillips who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to John Cooper for serving as our greeter today.

Brian Moore and announced that we have no visiting Rotarians. Erin Granberry has Paula Bran as her guest today.

Scott thanked all of the club members who volunteered to assist with the recent Rotary GSE delegates.

He also reminded members that the District will continue to match any contributions given to the Rotary Foundation with matching recognition points through June 30. He encouraged everyone to make their RI contributions prior to that date to receive the matching points.

Scott also presented Kristie Gould with a membership recruitment pen from Rotary International. He thanked her for her recruitment efforts.

Wes Brooks then introduced today's guest speaker, Mitchell Williams. Mitch is the Pine Belt Area Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Mitch began his career journey with FCA in 2011. At that time there were only 12 school campuses involved in the program throughout the Pine Belt. Today there are 55 schools involved. The number of participants has risen from 300 in 2011 to 6,000 today. FCA began in 1954 with its first camp in Estes Park, Col-



L-R: Wes Brooks, Mitchell Williams, and Scott Hummel

orado.

Eight individuals are leaving within the next few days for a trip to Guatemala. They are known as the Breakfast of Champions group. The trip is to help a local missionary feed 500 people a day and to build a playground. Mitch notes that the group has raised enough money to pay their own way however money is still needed to purchase the equipment needed to build the playground. That equipment must be purchased there.

Mitch also introduced club members to his former boss, Bill Buckner. Mr. Buckner died this past weekend after a 12 year battle with cancer. Mitch played an earlier interview of Mr. Buckner who provided his insight into the benefits and potential of FCA.

Mitch says that sports is the greatest platform to reach today's youth. Campus coaches are recruited to begin Huddles

on their campus where they provide young athletes an opportunity to lead by the example of their Christian faith and values. He noted that 80% of area athletes do not attend church on a regular basis and that 75% of them come from fatherless families. The need is big for groups like FCA according to Mitch. He encouraged club members to pay for the group and to make prayerful considerations as to ways each member can assist them in their efforts.

You can reach Mitch at 601.270.4601 or by email at mitchellwilliams@fca.org.

Visit Pinebelt FCA on the web at: www.pinebeltfca.org.

Minutes courtesy of:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
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Travis Bradburn
June 10



Aaron Beam
June 17

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June 24

Awards Day & Officer Installation



**See y'all on June 10...
G'Day Mates!!**



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Sydney, NSW, Australia**