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**Wes Brooks and guest, Joe Wiegand
(President Theodore Roosevelt).**

MINUTES: November 4, 2014

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Rusty Edwards who gave the invocation and to Bill MacLauchlan who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Brett Phillips and Conrad Welker for serving as our greeters today.

Debbie Gray was a visiting Rotarian today from Petal and a guest of Brett Phillips.

Wes announced that Jonathan Shemper was our raffle winner from 2 weeks ago, winning \$100.00.

Wes also announced that the Bike A Thon turned out great and went off "without a hitch". Despite the weather being cold outside, everyone had a wonderful time. Last year we had a total of 38 riders, and this year we had 121. Way to go Jonathon and the Bike A Thon committee!

Aaron Ladner told us that we raised \$500.00 cash and tons of supplies for the Field House. When he dropped everything off to them last week, they were very grateful and thankful. Great job Rotarians!

Sean Priebe spotted Greg Garraway last week in the Mississippi Journal Leaders and Finance paper.

Wes Brooks then introduced our guest speaker, Joe Wiegand, AKA Theodore Roosevelt, our twenty-sixth U.S. president. Theodore was accompanied today by Sean Farrell, Assistant Director (Reference/Automated Services) of the Hattiesburg Library.

Joe Wiegand entertained us with his reprisal of President Theodore Roosevelt.

When we met Joe, we also met Teddy. Here is a little background on Joe.

Joe chooses to use Reprisor instead of actor or impersonator because a reprisor "captures and presents for reward" an enemy vessel and its contents. He attempts to "capture" TR and "present him for reward". He continually studies, researches, explores, and even goes as far as to mountain climb in the old man's footsteps. That is so much more than acting or impersonating.

We learned many interesting things about President Theodore Roosevelt.

- After he retired he preferred to be called by his old military title: "Colonel", from his brief time in the Spanish-American war.
- He was the only president born in New York City, New York

- He had asthma as a child and was always very weak and sick.
- He was Christian home schooled by his Aunt Anna Bullock.
- The most important lesson of the day was when he and his siblings would wait at the foot of the stairs for his father to wake up and then the children would race down the stairs to claim their favorite spot on the couch called the "bunny hole". That was the spot between his father and the arm of the sofa.
- They called their father "Great Heart". Teddy respected and revered his father immensely.
- His favorite hobby was natural science. He and his brother collected various animals and kept them all around the house such as snakes, mice and frogs, etc.
- He was an avid reader and before he made big decisions in his life, he would always ask himself "What Would Father Do"?

Joe Wiegand has been portraying Theodore Roosevelt for many years. He has visited the White House and appeared on the History Channel. But his biggest goal is having as many people as possible see the Rough Rider president first hand.

As a one man theater show, Joe's Teddy Roosevelt shares stories full of adventure, laughter and inspiration through tales of his life as a rancher, Rough Rider and father of six in the White House. Relive the establishment of America's great National Parks, Forests, Monuments and Wildlife Reserves. Hear the amazing stories of the frail young boy who built his body and dedicated himself to the Vigorous Life and the Square Deal. From bear hunts to the Panama Canal, from Africa to the Amazon, Roosevelt's delightful stories come to life.

We are so very fortunate to have the opportunity to see the 26th President of the United States, live and in person in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

development of economic development opportunities for the Hattiesburg area.

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

JEFFREY BURNS, M.D.

One of Hattiesburg's leading orthopedic surgeons, Dr. Burn is a native of Virginia Beach VA. He received his BS in Chemistry from the nationally recognized Lynchberg College in Lynchberg VA and he received his masters of Chemistry at the University of Illinois. He received his MD from Eastern VA Medical School, and did his Orthopedic Residency at the State University of New York, Stoney Brook.

Dr Burn's received his fellowship training for Joint Replacement at the world renowned Florida Orthopedic Institute in Tampa FL where he trained under Dr. Ken Gustke (pronounced Gus Key) who is considered to be one of the pioneers in Adult Joint Reconstruction.

In 2008 Dr. Jeff Burns and Dr. Tommy Baylis founded Hattiesburg's newest orthopedic group- Premier Orthopedics and Sports Medicine located in the Wesley Towers at Wesley Hospital.

Dr. Burns is Board Certified and specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of Osteoarthritic disease, and Adult Hip and Knee Joint Reconstruction.



NEXT WEEK

Chris Bowen

District 5, Forrest County Board of Supervisors

- Entered Office January 2008 and served to present.
- Vice President of the Forrest County Board of Supervisors 2008-2009.
- Appointed to the NACO Public Lands Steering Committee May 2012-Present.
- Vice Chair of Payments Sub Committee, September 2013 to present.
- Past Chairman Metropolitan Planning Committee 2012.



PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY FOUNDATION GALA

December 4, 2014
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Hancock Bank Building

Paul Harris Society Gala honoring Paul Harris Society members, Major Donors, Bequest Society members, and Paul Harris Fellows in the District. It will be held at the Great Southern club atop the Hancock Building in Gulfport, Mississippi. Cash bar at 6:30 pm; dinner at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$45 per person.

UPCOMING

NOV 11	Dr. Jeffrey Burns
NOV 18	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting (Southern Oaks)
DEC 2	Paige Kennedy
DEC 4	Paul Harris Society Foundation Gala
DEC 9	Clay Williams, Gulfport International Airport
DEC 15	Rotary Board of Directors Meeting (DuBard School)
DEC 23	NO MEETING
DEC 30	NO MEETING

Guest and visitors,

Thank you for coming to visit with us today! Are you interested in finding out more about the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg? Are you interested in how you might become a member? Would you like to be contacted by one of our members to discuss this? If so, please fill in the blanks below and we will be sure to contact you. Again, thank you! We hope you enjoyed your time with us.

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Questions/Comments _____