

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007
Minutes of Meeting of Nov. 6, 2007

- President Freddy Walter presided over the meeting.
- Gary Garner offered the invocation.
- Wallace Weakley led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Kris King welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests including:
 - Richard Bagley, Pierce Stevens, Sr., Jesse Stevens and Neal Gray were visitors from the Petal Club.
 - Chris Martin was a guest of Dan Kibodeaux.
 - Aime Spears was a guest of Freddy Walter.
 - David Oliver was a guest of Tom Potter.
 - Chris Ryals was a guest of David Thoms.
 - Chrissy Gilder was a guest of our club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Francis Farmer then conducted the monthly auction. Thanks to Larry LeBlanc for providing a number of floral arrangements for the auction. Thanks also to those who participated in the auction. The funds generated by the monthly auction are donated to the Rotary Foundation.
2. Valery Sartin and Steve Ramp were then invited forward to provide details about **the Christmas party. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 11th beginning at 6:30. The Carpenter's Wood will provide entertainment.** A sign up sheet was circulated. Every member is asked to indicate whether they will attend or not. Also a meal preference can be secured. The meal cost for

members is paid for. Guest's meals will be charged. Members from the Sunrise and Petal club are also being invited to the event.

3. Steve Ramp then called Michael Conway forward. Michael is requesting a transfer from the Collins club. He is leaving the Collins club as a member in good standing. He is an agent for Shelter Insurance and received the agent of the year award for the past two years. Club members welcomed Michael.
4. Freddy then reminded members that **the December 4th meeting is a White Thumb meeting. Every member is requested to bring a cake or a dish to be auctioned off.** Proceeds will go to the Rotary Foundation.
5. Freddy also reminded members that. **the District Conference will be held April 17 - 18 in New Orleans. The Night in Italy event is scheduled for April 21.**
6. Bill Pace, chair of the nominations committee then provided club members with the candidates for next year's board and officers. Bill also noted that the election will take place at next week's meeting. The nominees are as follows:

Officers

Richard Topp-----President
Mary Cromartie-----President Elect
A.D. Hunt----- Vice-President
Kris King-----Secretary-Treasurer

Board Nominees

Greg Buie
Robert Cummings
Valerie Sartin
Susan Steen
Maura McLaughlin
Steve Ramp
Erik Graham
Cecil Burk
Susan Steen

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bill Pace introduced the guest speaker, Bill Oliver with Forrest General Hospital. Bill came to the Club representing the Forrest General Foundation. He introduced Martha Dearman, the Foundation's Executive Director.

The Foundation is a 501- (c)- 3 organization dedicated to helping Forrest General Hospital make their vision a reality. Three major projects that the foundation is involved in include the construction of an Inpatient Hospice, a Neonatal Care center and the Pine Grove Circle of Healing and Spiritual Grounds.

Plans and funding are well underway for the Hospice center. Architectural drawings are soon to be available. Bill noted that this project is as a direct result of the passion many area residents have for Hospice care. He noted that this passion usually comes as a direct result of the individual having someone as a resident in a Hospice facility in the past.

The Neonatal project is being managed by the hospital due to the complications of the equipment and personnel involved in such a project. The recent renovations at the hospital have allowed for space for the project.

The focus of the presentation is the Circle of Healing and Spiritual Grounds project at Pine Grove Recovery center. Because rehabilitation involves healing of the body, the mind and the spirit, the Foundation has undertaken a project to build a facility to address the spiritual element of the process. It will involve a labyrinth, meditation space, a chapel, bell towers, a water feature and a fire pit. The project began in 2004 but was

delayed due to Katrina. It is once again underway.

The planning phase of the project is nearing completion. Local architect Larry Albertson is working on the project. He presented drawings and a description of his ideas for the area. The largest sculpture to be placed in Hattiesburg in a number of years is now being developed by Dr. Kim Sessums. The sculpture will stand eleven feet tall and will be visible to traffic passing on Richburg Road. It will be symbolic of people helping people.

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To Be Announced

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A GOOD FISHERMAN GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO BAIT HIS HOOK WITH WHAT THE FISH PREFER-WHICH MIGHT NOT BE A BAD TIP FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SUCCEED IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS.

Just as in a conversation it's a good idea to listen more than you talk, it is also wise in relationships to think about the well-being of others more than you think about your own wishes and desires. When you constantly strive to treat others in the same way you would like them to treat you, you become a person whom others like to be around, one who commands their respect, confidence, and loyalty. When you learn to manage emotions and your ego, and when you learn to always consider the needs and desires of others, it is inevitable that you will "bait your hook"

with kindness and consideration, and catch more friends than you can count.

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The Rotary Foundation is the engine that drives Rotary's international humanitarian service. Without the Foundation, many of Rotary's signature programs wouldn't exist. There would be no PolioPlus, no Humanitarian Grants, no Ambassadorial Scholarships, no Rotary World Peace Fellowships. Without the Foundation, Rotary would be a very different and less powerful force for good in the world.

As Rotarians, we give generously, yet we gain so much more: the pleasure of helping others, the satisfaction of knowing that we're doing the right thing, the joys of fellowship and friendship. As club members, we gain the global power of Rotary in our service – the power of more than 1.2 million Rotarians all over the world, each a potential partner in our projects.

I have long been a great believer in the Foundation. As early as 1980, I was involved with one of the very first Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants, immunizing children in southern India against red

measles. As a trustee, I traveled the world promoting the Foundation's programs and assessing projects. Over and over, I saw the real, direct difference that Foundation resources made in Rotarians' work.

I call on every one of you, as Rotarians, to choose this month to make your annual gift to the Foundation – and to make a gift not only this year but every year to come. I take this commitment very seriously myself; my wife and I have contributed at the Major Donor level, and all our children are Paul Harris Fellows. All of us know firsthand exactly how much our gift means and how much it strengthens the organization that we care about so deeply. As RI president, I feel a special responsibility to promote Every Rotarian, Every Year, which has been so successful already in increasing support for our Foundation. I'm confident that this year, we can meet our goal of US\$120 million – an average gift of \$100 from every Rotarian.

It's a basic principle of Rotary that we can do much more together than we could ever do alone. The Rotary Foundation allows us to pool our resources, help each other, and thereby reach heights of service that would be simply unattainable otherwise. The Foundation is there for all of us, and it's our responsibility to be there for it. And that's why each of us must answer the call of Every Rotarian, Every Year.

RI President, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

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