

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Minutes of Meeting of Oct. 31, 2006

- President Conrad Welker presided.
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Kristy Gould introduced and welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Kris King announces the following programs for November:
 - November 7 Steve Floyd--Discussing the developments in the Cloverleaf Mall area and 98 West.
 - November 14 Robin Robinson -- She is the new chair for the search for the next USM president.
 - November 21 Ann Hurt - - Director of Bethany Christian Services
 - November 28 Bill Ray -- Discussing the ADP Long range plan for development

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Alex Kenner, a native New Orleanian, was the speaker.

She is a product of USM's international education programs. During her college years at USM, she spent more than a year in Spain as a Southern Miss exchange student. Upon graduation

(magna cum laude) in 1998, with a double major in International Studies and Spanish, she joined the College of International and Continuing Education as Exchange Programs Specialist.

The following summer, Alex was nominated for and received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. She left in 1999 to spend a year at Leiden University in the Netherlands, where she enjoyed meeting and speaking to Rotary organizations.

When Leiden offered her their one non-European Union grant for graduate studies, Alex accepted and finished her master's degree at Leiden, where her name and date of graduation are permanently inscribed in the Einstein Room, a privilege of those who awarded advanced degrees.

Two weeks after returning from the Netherlands, Alex returned to USM as a coordinator for international programs, where her work focuses on international exchange partnerships and students.

Alex remains close to her Dutch Rotary family and others in the Netherlands. She is extremely grateful to the Rotary Foundation -- especially this club -- for the exciting experience at Leiden, a major turning point in her life.

Several of the students spoke about their experiences.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Steve L. Floyd is our speaker today.

Education

Hattiesburg High School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, May 1978: Achievements

include D.I. Patrick Leadership Scholarship, Co-Captain and 4 year Football Letterman, Student Council, President of Interact Club and Hattiesburg High School Letterman Association.

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, December 1982: Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Technology Engineering. Achievements include Dean's List, 3.2 GPA, Vice President and Treasure of Kappa Alpha Order and Distinguished Military Student.

Certification and Training

U.S. Army Basic Training and Advance Individual Training, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 1979. Enlisted in Mississippi Army National Guard as Medic with the 134th MASH Detachment, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Officer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, September 1982: Received Commission as an Army Engineer Officer through completion of Army ROTC and completed five months of Army Corps of Engineer active duty training. Current rank is Major, serving in the United States Army Reserve.

Kansas Real Estate Commission, Topeka, Kansas – Licensed Real Estate Salesperson for Kansas, 1993

Missouri Real Estate Commission, Jefferson City, Missouri – Licensed Real Estate Salesperson for Missouri, 1993

Mississippi Real Estate Commission, Jackson, Mississippi – Licensed Real Estate Salesperson for Mississippi, 1995

Mississippi Real Estate Commission, Jackson, Mississippi – Licensed Real Estate Broker for Mississippi, 1997

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary-UN Day was November 4th

The annual event at UN headquarters in New York City helps educate Rotarians, their friends, and their families about the complementary roles the UN and Rotary play in supporting humanitarian initiatives and promoting international understanding and peace.

This year, presentations and panel discussions addressed humanitarian issues such as hunger, water, health, and literacy based on the theme "The Unfinished Business of Rotary." RI leaders, UN officials, representatives from UN-affiliated nongovernmental organizations, and other invited guests were among featured speakers at the event.

For the third consecutive year, there was a separate program for Interact, Youth Exchange students, and other attendees of high school age.

Attendees were also able to reserve tickets for a UN tour and combine their celebration of the Rotary-UN Day with a visit to New York's many cultural and tourist activities, such as Broadway shows.

Seating at the event was limited, so participants were advised to send their completed application forms to the

registrar by 21 October. Due to UN security requirements, on-site registration is not available.

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;

competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;

- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

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- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates,