

MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2007
Minutes of Meeting of Oct. 9, 2007

- President Freddy Walter presided over the meeting.
- Steve Ramp offered the invocation.
- A.D. Hunt led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Kris King welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests including:

Barbara Mauldin from the Petal Club.

Bethanne Dufour was a guest of Bill McLeod.

George Karnes was a guest of Frances Karnes.

Ladner was a guest of Robert Cummings.

Johnnie King was a guest of Bob Riley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thanks to Gary Garner and Maura McLaughlin for serving as our Greeters today.
2. Freddy asked Conrad Welker to come forward. During Conrad's term, Hattiesburg Rotary received a Significant Achievement Award so Rotary members recognized Conrad's influence in this while displaying the plaque.
3. Freddy asked for a report from the Nominations Committee. Bill reported that the committee had met.

4. Freddy introduced Tina Ignatiev as Lamar Evans' assistant and directed club members to seek her in his stead during this meeting.
5. Freddy reminded the club of the upcoming Golf Tournament to be held at Shadowridge on Monday, October 22. Todd Bradley asked members to encourage more registrations.
6. Freddy urged the club and their spouses to attend the Rotary Christmas party on December 11, which will be held in conjunction with Sunrise Rotary.
7. Freddy pointed out that the District Convention was on April 17, 2008, and that Hattiesburg Rotary's *Night in Italy* will be held shortly thereafter, on April twenty-second.
8. Wilbur Bullock has volunteered his 'white thumb' by promising to contribute a cake to the November 6th Auction. Freddy called for more donors. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Rotary Foundation.
9. Rotarian Felecia Warren had a baby girl, 7 lbs, 9 oz, 20 inches long last Wednesday, October 10th at 6:36 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Kris King introduced today's guest speaker, Todd Spittal, Co-Owner & Co-Founder & President of Provision Living, LLC.

Previous to the meeting, Todd had distributed informational brochures around the tables. These contained diagrams of the building projects with a variety of facts. Todd began by recounting his experience and qualifications. He and his partner began this project with the limitation of anywhere “an hour and a half by wheel or wing,” which their wives greatly appreciate. Hattiesburg falls within this area. Provision Living carefully researches locations to ensure a market presence and affordability. They are committed to providing service at an affordable rate. Todd believes Provision Living can serve the Hattiesburg community.

The foundation is being laid for *Provision Living in Hattiesburg*. This elegant building, housing 90 residences, will add to the beauty of the area. These assisted living facilities are set up like apartments: studios, one-bedrooms, and two bedrooms—with a variety of designs for each. No lengthy commitments are required. Any resident who decides that *Provision* isn't the place for them, can leave within thirty days without penalty.

Each of the two conveniently located dining rooms are presented as gracious and beautiful restaurants. Todd admitted that cooking is one of the hardest things for their residents to let go, but usually buying groceries, putting a meal together, and cleaning up is too much of a hassle by the time they move in. It may even be one of the reasons someone chooses to live in assisted living. Todd assured Rotarians that once residents eat in the dining hall once, they usually are content to continue eating in the

dining area for regular meals. Three meals a day are included in the rent.

Provision Living's monthly fee also includes laundry service, hotel-style maid service, transportation (to church, groups such as Rotary, shopping, relatives, etc.), and fun activities.

The activities coordinator will arrange for on-site worship services. Other Provision Living locations have a variety of worship services several times a week. Provision Living in Hattiesburg will include a wellness center, which inhabitants are encouraged by activities coordinators and community relations to use. Provision Living is focused on improving the quality of life of its inhabitants.

However, two reasons residents might be recommended to another facility are loss of ambulation or severe dementia. Many times this heightened level of care is only needed for a period of time, during sickness, and residents may return to their apartment. Provision Living in Hattiesburg will provide wireless calls to associates, available twenty-four hours a day.

Todd also pointed out that Provision Living in Hattiesburg will create at least 40 good jobs for the Hattiesburg community. When retirees move elsewhere, they move their bank accounts and spend their remaining earnings from home in a neighboring niche. Many people choose to retire in Hattiesburg for its safe and beautiful surroundings. If they need more assistance as they grow older, a retirement community such as Provision Living will allow them to stay close to friends and the familiar.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Ric Cortis is Co-Broker/ Owner of RE/MAX Real Estate Partners, Inc. with wife, Judy Cortis, which opened in January of 1990. RE/MAX has grown to be the largest real estate office in sales volume of residential real estate in the Hattiesburg Area.

Ric has served the local area as a Board Member of the HAAR, President of Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera, Chairman of the Pine Belt Family Y, Chairman of the Parkway United Methodist Church Trustees, and member of the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation and the University of Southern Mississippi Real Estate Council.

Ric maintains membership in the Mississippi Association of Realtors serving as a Real Estate Instructor and Realtors Political Action Committee Trustee. Nationally, Ric has been a member of the National Association of Realtors research committee for 5 years, and the Chairman of the Communications Workshop, and Chairman of the Economic Issues and Trends in Residential Real Estate.

Ric has received the RE/MAX "Broker/ Owner of the Year Award" twice, The RE/MAX Distinguished Service Award and the Hattiesburg Area Association of Realtors Spirit Award. Ric is a graduate of Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.

Ric and Judy have two married children and three grandchildren.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

THE BEST RECOMMENDATION IS THE ONE YOU GIVE YOURSELF BY RENDERING SUPERIOR SERVICE- WITH THE RIGHT MENTAL ATTITUDE.

What others think of you is important, as long as it coincides with what you think of yourself. If you are recognized by others as a positive person who always makes an important contribution, you will be in demand, for there are never enough such people in any organization. Your co-workers will value you, your customers will appreciate you, and your boss will recognize and reward you if you stick with it. You may not become an overnight success, but neither will you fail instantly and permanently. Make it a habit to go the extra mile with a Positive Mental Attitude.

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