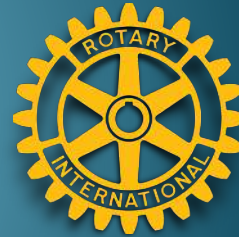




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L-R: Wes Brooks, Chrissy Cullinane, and Andy Impastato



MINUTES: September 9, 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 Dan David, Tracie Fowler and Sean Priebe for serving as our greeters today.

Aaron Ladner welcomed our guests. Rusty Edwards has Joseph Gadilhe as his guest. Brian Moore has Ashley Read and John Cooper has Charlie Lewis as their guests.

This week's 50 x 50 winner is Tracie Fowler. She contributed the prize back to the Foundation.

Wes reported that our club has received a \$750 Simplified Grant from Rotary District 6840. The grant funds will be used to support this year's literacy project.

Bill McLeod gave a brief report regarding his recent trip to Kansas City. He attended the Zone 31 Rotary Institute representing District 6840 and our club. He says he came out of the meeting with some new ideas and ways that he thinks we can grow our Foundation involvement.

Jonathan Shemper challenged every club member who isn't sponsoring or riding in the November Bike-A-Thon to register as a rider, even though you don't plan to ride in the event. There have been a number of requests from groups that would like their participants to take part in the event but don't have the funds to cover the registration fee. The deadline to accept the challenge is October 15th.

Chrissy Cullinane then came forward and introduced today's speaker, Andy Impastato. Andy is Vice President, Legal & Compliance for BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc. The topic of his presentation today is Health Care Reform Updates.

According to Andy, the GOP would have to pick up 22 seats in the U.S. Senate in the fall elections and the GOP would have to pick up 57 seats in order to achieve a Super Majority, which would be required to override a presidential veto of legislation that would repeal the Affordable Health Care Act. Andy says it is unlikely that the Act will

be repealed prior to the next Presidential elections.

Therefore, many of the Act's enforcement measures will begin kicking in for individuals and companies.

The Marketplace in Mississippi is a federally run exchange. There are only three Mississippi carriers participating in the exchange limiting the plan options that are available to residents who wish to participate. Out of 298,000 potential enrollees last year, only 61,494 selected a plan during open enrollment, representing about 20.6% of the potential. Out of that number it is currently unknown how many actually paid for a plan. Open enrollment begins again on November 15, 2014 and will continue until December 15, 2014.

The individual mandate is in its second year beginning in 2015. That means that an individual who hasn't purchased an insurance plan will be fined the larger of a \$325 fine or 2% of their Modified Adjusted Gross Income. For a married couple with two children without insurance the adults would each have to pay \$325 and also pay \$162.50 for each child. If they can't afford an insurance policy, subsidies are available through the Federal Government.

In addition to private providers and the marketplace, Mississippi has the SHOP which is a state run, voluntary insurance option. SHOP is available for small businesses which are currently defined at 50 or fewer employees. In the near future that number will increase to 100. You must meet certain requirements to participate in the program. A tax credit of up to 50% of the policy's costs is available if the participating company has an average salary of less than \$50,800.

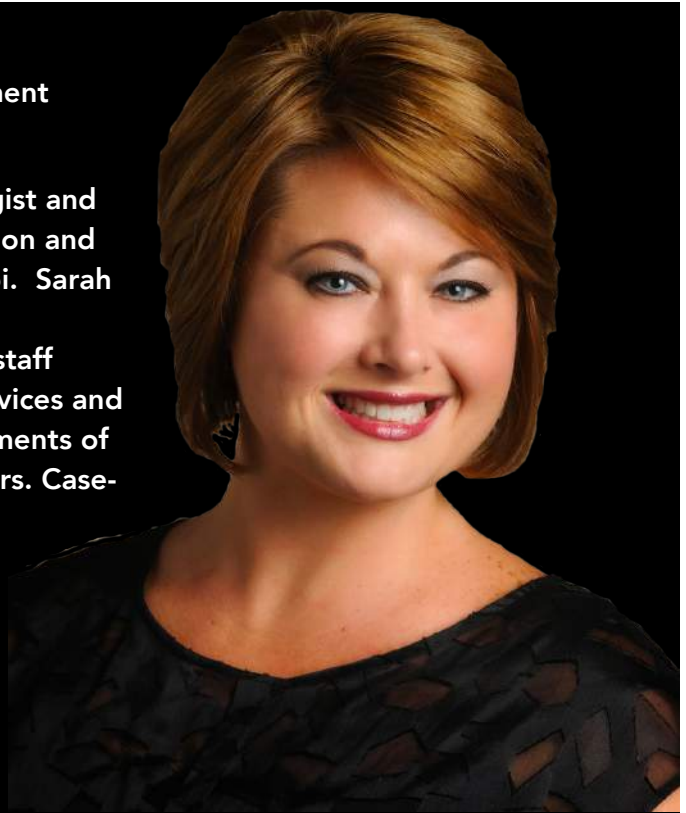
Large employers, as defined by the federal government as having 50 or more employees, have until 2016 to fully comply with the Act before they begin facing penalties.

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

Sarah Case-Price, M.S., CCC-SLP, Director
 The Children’s Center for Communication & Development
 The University of Southern Mississippi

Sarah Case-Price, M. S., CCC-SLP, is a speech pathologist and the Director of The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi. Sarah has worked as a speech language pathologist in early intervention for the past 11 years. After 7 years as a staff member at The Children’s Center, providing direct services and participating in comprehensive developmental assessments of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities, Mrs. Case-Price moved into the position of director. She is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Center including fund development and supervision of staff and university students. Sarah also collaborates with school districts throughout Mississippi, the Mississippi Department of Health’s early intervention program (First Steps), and other agencies serving young children with disabilities.

Mrs. Case-Price has provided many state and regional presentations and workshops to organizations such as Mississippi Speech and Hearing Association and participated in The Children’s Center’s annual professional development series. She is an active volunteer with United Way of Southeast Mississippi, serving for several years on the Communications Committee and currently serving on the 2014-2015 Campaign Cabinet as Agency Campaign Coordinator. Sarah is also an active member at Parkway Heights United Methodist Church where she serves on the Church Council.



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Next Week

Helena Lasseter, Director
 Workwell, V.A. Outpatient Services & Behavioral Healthcare
 Wesley Medical Center

UPCOMING

SEPT 23	Helena Lasseter, RN, MPH, Work Well/Wesley Medical Center
SEPT 30	Lloyd Munn, Dir. of Loss Control, BancorpSouth Ins. Svc.
OCT 7	Mike Lopinto, FestivalSouth
OCT 14	Mike Dixon, Executive Director, Extra Table
OCT 21	Dr. Wahnee Sherman, Mississippi Rural Physician Scholars Program
OCT 28	Dr. Trent Gould - The University of Southern Mississippi, College of Health



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.

Your Name: _____

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Questions/Comments _____