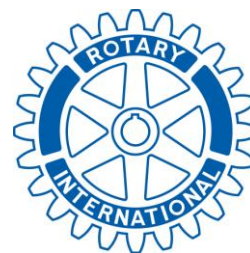


Rotary Club Of Hattiesburg



September 18, 2012

WELCOME TODAY'S SPEAKER



James Q. Bacchus

James Q. Bacchus has served 38 years in education. Currently he serves as Superintendent of Hattiesburg Public School District that educates 4,500 students PreK-12. Formally, he served as Chief of Student Support for Memphis City Schools, which supported several student service programs and initiatives, in a district serving over 108,000 students in 190 schools.

James has served as the Executive Director of Facilities Planning, and led 40 high school programs as High School Academic Superintendent.

Prior to his district leadership, Mr. Bacchus served 30 years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and high school principal. Educated in the Desoto County School system in Mississippi, he received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Jackson State University in Jackson, MS, and his Master of Education and Administration from University of Memphis. Mr. Bacchus' leadership style is one that allows total inclusion in the decision making. Beyond his service to children and families, he serves on the Hattiesburg United Way Board and the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi.

James is married to Cecilia Ward Bacchus, a retired educator, and they have three children who were educated in public schools, of which two of them are educators. He has six grandchildren, and they all call him "Big Daddy."

Guiding Quotes:

"None of us are more knowledgeable than the rest of us; it takes the thinking of all of us to be successful." Unknown

Minutes from 9/11/12

President Maura McLaughlin presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Rusty Edwards, who gave the invocation and to Sean Priebe, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maura then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Chris Price to introduce today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Members were reminded that it is very important to sign in at the registry table when attending a Rotary Club meeting.

There were special visitors in the meeting as listed below:

Ms. Melissa Phelps was the guest of Maura McLaughlin

Ms. Lauren Hummel, the daughter and guest of Scott Hummel

Ms. Schuyler Priebe and Mr. Gannen Priebe, the daughter and son, guests of Sean Priebe

Mr. Grant Mitchell, the son and guest of Hayden Mitchell.

Sean Priebe received a prize of four Southern Miss Tickets for having the most family guest members to attend the meeting. Four additional tickets were raffled at the meeting and were won by Robert Cornett.

Gene Owens and Curtis Smith served as greeters for the meeting.

Chase Munro encouraged members to purchase raffle tickets for the Blue Dog art.

Maura gave the following announcements:

* Zone 31 meeting is scheduled for October 4 -7 in Huntsville, Alabama

* Club assembly is scheduled for November 7.

* Beer Tasting event is scheduled for January 17, 2013

Jerome Brown introduced our speaker, Colonel William Brad Smith.

Colonel Brad Smith is the commander of the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He grew up in the Mississippi Delta. He currently resides in Oak Grove with his four sons. He attended Delta State University and the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. He enlisted in the Mississippi National Guard in 1981 and has served in a number of leadership positions including a tour in Iraq in 2009 with the 155th Brigade Combat Team. In his spare time he serves as adjunct instructor at William Carey University and as a consulting environmental biologist.

Colonel Smith stated the world is a better place since 911, being that more action has been taken to provide and train for protective measures within and outside of our United States against threatening situations and terrorism.

Colonel Smith provided an informative presentation regarding the past history and present responsibilities of the military post.

Camp Shelby opened in 1917 and it encompasses more than 134,820 acres and is the largest state owned and operated field training site in the United States. The training site was established during World War I and it has served almost continually since then as a training site, not only for the Reserve Components of the Army, but also for the Active Components the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. Camp Shelby serves as the training site for National Guardsmen and Reservists from throughout the country hosting as many as 100,000 personnel annually. Numerous non-DOD and civilian agencies also conduct activities here. Along with Camp Atterbury, IN, Camp Shelby was one of only two Guard facilities activated, as of late July 2004, as mobilization centers for overseas deployment.

Colonel Smith stated that Camp Shelby is the largest employer in Hattiesburg. He stated that the service men and women who are stationed at the facility provide a significant boost to Hattiesburg's area economy by shopping with local businesses for their consumer needs.

For additional information or to schedule a tour, please contact the main number 601-558-2000.