

MINUTES FROM 9/22/2009

President Mary Cromartie presided over the meeting.

Richard Topp gave the invocation. Bill Mcleod led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Freddie Walter recognized today's visiting Rotarians and guests. Brian Moore was guest of Mickey Allen, Eugene Stark was a guest of A.D. Hunt and Sean Creed was the guest of Mike Ratliff. Steve Ramp also brought Teresa Harrison and Allen Anderson brought Eddie Wilberdeen as a guest. District Governor Ace Necaise and his wife Patty were guests of the club.

Thanks also for today's greeters Bill Pace and Mike Ratliff.

Mary reminded members that there would be a board meeting Monday September 28, 2009 at 5:30. She announced the location Alumni House at USM. She also reminded members to get their vote in on the membership proposal of Betsy Rowell.

The Annual Shadow Ridge Golf Tournament was mentioned and announced they have gained some sponsorships and prizes, but are still in need of volunteers and sponsors. Erik Graham announced the price per player would be lowered, and reminded members the event is open to families and there will be a BBQ Social held afterwards. Please contact Erik if you can help.

Lucy Parkman was inducted by Mary and Bill McLeod. Lucy then spoke some words of motivation and thanks.

Jaclyn Adams announced the silent auction and wine tasting event has a limited number of tickets, so interested individuals should purchase as soon as possible. Lights jewelers has donated a 1 ct. blue sapphire and diamond ring, to be raffled off at this event. The raffle tickets are priced at \$10 for one, \$20 for three, or \$50 for eight tickets. Proceeds will go to the Rotary Club literacy project.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Mary Cromartie then introduced the guest speaker, District Governor, Ace Necaise.

Ace started by presenting Richard Topp with a district achievement award from last year for partici-

pating in a wide variety of district activities. He also congratulated Mary on obtaining presidency. Necaise states that without the support of his wife, Patty, and Singing River Electric Power Assoc., he could not participate and compete in the number rotary events as he does. He spoke about how Rotary is built upon volunteering, and how each club must remain autonomous. The senior leadership is to motivate and guide the club but for each club to remain true to itself and obtain a unique personality.

Each Rotarian is responsible to do whatever necessary to keep the club strong. Necaise also concentrated on members understanding that the future is in our hands. Each president will set goals for the year, but we must remember to strengthen the program we already have. Ace stated for Rotary clubs to stick with the basics, because everything that is established in Rotary depends on what we establish individually in our clubs.

Necaise said his main focus is membership. He insists each member try to recruit 10 members per year. His motto is M&M's, memberships and money. Everything Rotary accomplishes is from their members and the members' financial support. He encouraged members to donate monthly to the annual fund. Necaise also supports the use of simplified grants. He said the money is out there for clubs like ours. He insisted members try to get grant paperwork completed by October 15.

Ace also announced that Bill Gates is an avid Rotary Club supporter. Gates' fund will donate 255 million dollars to Rotary and our foundations if we match it 2.5 to 1. Rotary is obligated to raise 100 million dollars and if we all pull together, it can be done. He wants this club to focus on increasing awareness within our community. Necaise spoke about getting projects advertised on public television and radio or a story in the newspaper, at least once a quarter.

He invited all the members to the midyear checkup, June 9, 2010 in Bay St. Louis. Necaise said everyone can come and brag about what their club has accomplished. Rotary has laid out a path for a stronger, better, more peaceful world and communities. He also stated, "In this club, you have had 10 District Governors, and that's because you care. Great job, great job" Necaise closed with reiterating the future is in our hands.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Bio of Dave Shelman

Dave is currently a Consumer Banking Executive with Regions Bank. He is a graduate of University of Kentucky. Dave served six years in Air Force flying F-4's and OV-10's in two tours of Vietnam. He began his banking career in 1974 and moved to Hattiesburg in 1995 after being hired as CFO at Union Planters. Dave is married to Bettie and he volunteers his time to the Financial Services Volunteer Corps, an organization that helps promote and educate the financial service industry in developing and emerging markets around the globe. He has traveled to Egypt, Russia, and India working with the FSVC offering his skills and knowledge of banking to bank officials in those countries. Dave's Moto is "Give back more than you receive".

The Financial Services Volunteer Corps (FSVC) builds strong financial systems that enable developing and emerging market countries to realize economic opportunities and their citizens to achieve a better quality of life.

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THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.... has proposed for membership Betsy Rowell, Sean Priebe and Vicki Shaw. We welcome our newest member, Lucy Parkman, who was inducted last week. If you have any questions about those proposed for membership please see a board member.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 6	Judge Keith Starrett - US District Court Judge
Oct 13	Jennifer Payne - USM Centennial Celebration
Oct 16	Wine Tasting and Auction at Mary Cromartie's house
Oct 20	Jeff Haydle - Wireless Network Specialist
Oct 27	Dr. Martha Saunders
Oct 30	Rotary Golf Tournament - with cookout to follow for all members and families

Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bay Springs - 12:00 City Hall Bolton - 7:30 Methodist Church Collins - 12:00 Cedars Restaurant Ellisville - 12:00 J.C.J.C. Cafeteria Jackson - 12:00 MS Museum of Art Lucedale - 12:00 MS Gulf Coast Community College Cafeteria Petal - 12:00 Civic Center South Hinds County - 12:00 BoDons Catfish & Seafood	Columbia - 12:00 The Backdoor Restaurant Flowood - 12:00 River Oaks Hospital Laurel - 12:00 Laurel Country Club North Jackson - 12:00 St. James Episcopal Church	Clinton - 12:00 Baptist Health Plex Gluckstadt - 12:00 Parker House Restaurant Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00 Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria Heidelberg - 12:00 Library Poplarville - 12:00 Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria Richton - 12:00 Magnolia Restaurant Waynesboro - 12:00 Western Sizzlin Prentiss - 12:00 Country Fisherman	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00 Steam Room Grill 155 N Jackson Taylorsville - 12:00 MS Power Co. Building Wiggins - 12:00 Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
			<i>Friday</i>
			Rankin County - 12:00 Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex Slidell, LA - 12:00 Pinewood Country Club



**HATTIESBURG ROTARY WINE TASTING
AND SILENT AUCTION**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009 7:00 PM
115 BEDFORD ROAD – HATTIESBURG, MS

1st Annual Hattiesburg Rotary Wine Tasting Benefiting
Polio Eradication, Clean Water Projects and Literacy Projects

TICKETS 40.00 OR COUPLES 70.00

SOME OF THE GREAT AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

VACATION CONDOS STAYS AT THE MOUNTAINS AND FLORIDA, SEVERAL FINE DINING GIFT
CERTIFICATES, FISHING TRIPS, FINE JEWELRY, TEETH WHITENING, WILL PREPARATION,
WINE BASKETS AND MORE!

See Jaclyn Adams, Mary Cromartie,
or Jennifer Payne for tickets & if you would like to
help with food or have items to donate for the auc-
tion.

*Don't wait, limited number of tickets avail-
able.*



**Hattiesburg Rotary
Annual Golf Tournament
with BBQ Social**

Shadow Ridge Golf Club
October 30, 2009
12 noon

**TITLE SPONSOR
DR. TED HARDEN**

**PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR
FORREST GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Proceeds support
Reading Between the Lions
Literacy Program

Bring the family
out for the BBQ
after the
tournament.



Space walk for the kids, food, music
and Fun for all!!

\$65 per player (four players per team)

Driving range sponsor \$250

Tee box sign \$100

We need your help finding teams and
sponsors.

See Erik Graham, Robert Cummings,
or Todd Bradley for more information

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September 30, 2009
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2009-2010**

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