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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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L-R: Sean Priebe, Chief Robert Hopkins and Faye Gilbert.



MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Kristy Gould who gave the invocation and to Bill MacLauchlan who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Angela Herzog, Wes Brooks and Sean Priebe who served as our greeters today.

Our Mystery Rotarian once jumped 8 trash cans on a bike successfully and spent most of his adolescent summer days at the Laurel Country Club swimming and playing golf and tennis. He was once told at the age of 8 during a baseball clinic by the Atlanta Braves 3rd baseman, Rod Gilbreath, "Buddy, you need to find yourself another sport." He has only been on one blind date in his life and it was with his future wife. Today's mystery Rotarian is Wes Brooks.

Sean also reminded members of the upcoming BIKE-A-THON. Volunteer sheets are now available for sign-ups. Every Rotarian is requested to take an active role in helping make this year's event a big success. All members are encouraged to register to ride, to volunteer and to provide some form of sponsorship. Sean thanked Dan Davis and Erin Granberry for heading up the Rotary Foundation this year.

Faye Gilbert then introduced today's guest speaker. Chief Robert Hopkins of the University of Southern Mississippi Police Department. Chief Hopkins is the longest serving Chief of Police on record at the university, serving 16 years. He stated that his years of service and police success is due to community support.

The mission of The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department is to provide a safe living, learning and working environment for USM students, faculty and staff. They are committed to preventing crime and protecting people and property. They are there to help maintain peace, order and safety and to enforce the laws and rules of the university.

The Police Department investigates problems and incidents, and assists students and staff with everyday problems such as, being locked out of their cars, dead batteries, running out of gas and medical situations. On any given Saturday, they open approximately 250 rooms on campus for ACT tests.

The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department is a fully recognized law enforcement agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. "Our officers are highly trained and capable of responding to all types of emergencies that would include the active threat such as a shooter", according to Chief Hopkins.

Officers train for specific types of situations and participate in regular training exercises. USMPD has local agreements with the Hattiesburg Police Department, Hattiesburg Fire/Haz Mat, Forrest County Sheriff's Office, Lamar County Sheriff's Office, Petal Police Department, Forrest General Hospital, and the Forrest County Emergency Operation Center. If the emergency or crisis calls for additional assistance all of these agencies are prepared to respond to USMPD call for assistance. Chief Hopkins says, "While we hope that our emergency plans will not have to be put into action, USMPD is prepared to handle any situation that may arise."

If there is an emergency crisis on campus, the following communication systems can be used: E-mail alerts to all faculty, staff, and students, USM

web page, Phone messaging system, Voice messaging utilizing alert siren, Media alerts to local TV and radio outlets.

You can also download the 2014-15 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report on the website that contains instructions on whom to call in an Emergency, what to Do in an Emergency, emergency response and evacuation procedures, reporting a crime and campus safety tips.

**Minutes courtesy of:
Toni Lee on behalf of
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary**



OUR GUEST

CAMERON S. GRIFFITH, M.D., M.S.
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CORNEA, LASIK AND CATARACT SURGERY

Dr. Griffith graduated as an Echol's scholar from the University of Virginia. He attended medical school at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, where he earned a Master of Science degree in neuropharmacology. During his residency at LSUHSC, Dr. Griffith served as Chief Resident. He then completed fellowship training in cornea and refractive surgery at Eye Consultants of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, as well as the Society for Excellence in Eyecare.



Dr. Griffith was among the first in Mississippi to perform 1-Visit Blade-free LASIK and also Blade-free Cataract procedures. He is the pioneer in the tri-state area to offer LipiFlow®, a treatment for dry eye syndrome. Dr. Griffith was recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal as a "Mississippi Healthcare Hero" in 2011.

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 District 6840



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a fantastic day of meeting great people and learning about Rotary. If you want to learn more about the Rotary Foundation, how to make your club stronger, or what's happening in the larger Rotary world then this is a day for you. RLI sessions I and III will be held October 3 at First Pentecostal Church in Slidell. Registration and light breakfast will start at 8:30 with the sessions starting at 9:00. We'll provide lunch and we'll be done at 2:30. The cost is \$70 per person per session. Come join us and bring your club members. You'll be glad you did.

OCTOBER 10
2015

ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG BIKE-A-THON

OCTOBER 10, 2015
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2895 W. 4TH STREET

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WHITE LINEN BBQ
FRIDAY • OCT 9
WALTHALL PARK

NEXT WEEK NO MEETING

OCTOBER 10
BIKE-A-THON

OCTOBER 13
GISELLE RUSSELL

OCTOBER 20
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Wes Brooks, Editor

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