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Our thanks to Lloyd Lunceford of the Baptist Student Union at Southern Miss for providing our program last Tuesday. Lloyd is flanked by Sean Priebe and Dan Davis.

MINUTES: APRIL 12, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Mike Ratliff who gave the invocation and to Bill MacLauchlan who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Brett Phillips and Ashley Read who served as our greeters today.

Today's Mystery Rotarian was born and raised on a small family farm in Central Mississippi. On that farm he learned to milk cows, churn butter, shock peanuts, shuck corn, pick cotton and grow and preserve the food the family of six would need. He learned how drive on a tractor and learned how to cook when his mother was bedridden. Cooking is a life-long hobby for me to this day.

He grew up dreaming of being a disc jockey and accomplished that goal when he graduated from high school. He later moved into news leaving the music side of radio but not leaving music. He loves all music, even gospel. As a child he sang in a quartet singing for churches in Mississippi and Louisiana.

He became the news director for the largest radio news department in the state. During his days in radio news he had a one-on-one 45 minute interview with Jimmy Carter. He was a guest at the White House and spent an evening in the East Room with Gerald Ford. He also had the privilege of meeting and interviewing the Reverend Billy Graham and spending a couple of hours with Pearl Bailey one afternoon and then had the chance to sit on the front row of her concert that evening. What a lovely and deeply spiritual woman. He flew many hundreds of miles in a helicopter with then Governor Bill Waller. Then State Attorney General A.J. Summer became my mentor and counselor.

He returned to school at the age of 36 where he finished the BS degree he started 18 years earlier and relocated to Hattiesburg. While attending the University of Southern Mississippi he began his own business. Today his company provides management, bookkeeping, consulting and event planning services for two national, two state and a host of local organizations.

Again, doing many things late in my life he and his spouse decided to have a child after 19 years of marriage and so at age 52 he became a father. Today he still has his company, his cooking, his music, his spouse and his son and dreams of retirement one day when his son is out of college. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Lamar Evans.

Sean thanked those who attended the District Conference and reported that Food Fest was a success as was the conference.

The Night-in-Italy event is scheduled for May 3. Volunteer sign-ups will begin next week. Tickets are being distributed now.

Dan Davis then introduced today's guest speaker, Lloyd Lunceford. Lloyd is formerly the Baptist Student Union director at USM and just recently assumed the position as State BSU Director.

He surrendered himself to the ministry at age 15. He tried preaching and decided he was a better fit for music. He earned two music degrees from Delta State University and while there realized that he needed to work with college students. In 1988 he went on a summer mission trip to Taiwan. From there he began a career in International Mission. He spent several years in China and learned their language. It took him 18 months with a total of 2,700 hours with a one-on-one instructor to accomplish that goal.

In 1991 he took the BSU director position at the University of Southern Mississippi. Since then he has taken more than one-thousand students on mission trips to China. Each year he leads a group in a Christmas in China mission where the students spend their Christmas in mission work there.

Lloyd reminded members that you cannot paint China with one brush. The country has 179 cities with a population of more than one million. Pollution continues to be a problem in the country but it appears the government is working on the problem. Terrorism doesn't seem to be a problem although they struggle with some population segments. The people of China cannot have a gun of any kind. He also noted that there are many more Christians in China than we think.

As state BSU director Lloyd says his primary goal is to ask the organization to look at everything it is doing and determine if they're doing the best they can. He reminds the 30 BSU organizations and 22 BSU staff members that "the world is here" and it isn't the same world it was in the 1950's. He also intends to keep the organization focused on the BSU mission which is to help students know Jesus Christ and to mobilize them to make Him known worldwide.

To learn more about the Mississippi Baptist Student Union organization visit <http://www.mbc.org>.

Minutes recorded by:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary

Our Speaker



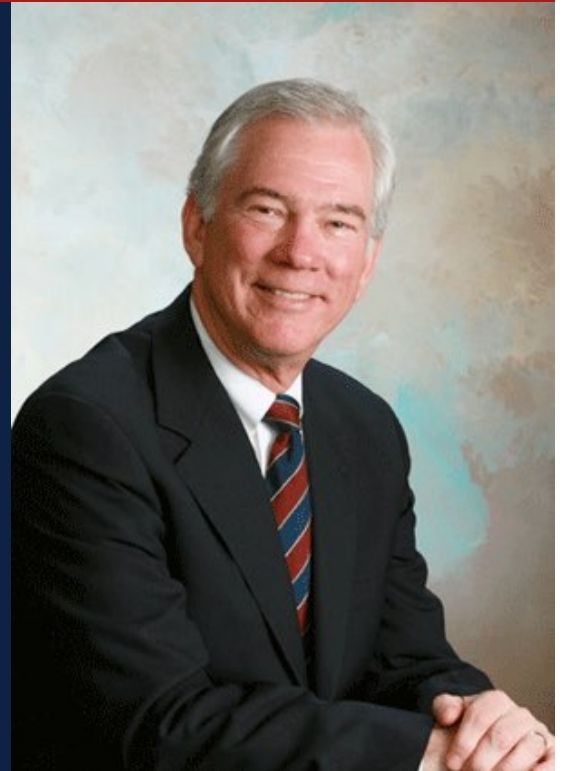
BRETT HARRIS

**DIRECTOR, OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
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Brett directs the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at The University of Southern Mississippi, a program targeted at active adults ages 50 and above who have a passion for learning. OLLI is a wide-ranging program with classes in a dozen different disciplines from Art and Literature to Science and Technology that reaches 700 individuals in the Pine Belt and along the Gulf Coast. Prior to joining OLLI, Brett was the Director of District and Community Partnerships with Teach For America in Mississippi. He has a background in fundraising, grant writing, and community development. Brett is a graduate of Wake Forest University and The Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Though not ordained, Brett has been a supply minister for several small churches in Mississippi. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have one son and live in Laurel, Mississippi.

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Eugene "Gene" L. Fair
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