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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

**Club President, Sean Priebe, and Dr. Amber Chancellor and Dr. Jacob Graham of Palliative & Supportive Care at Forrest Health Services.**



## MINUTES: JANUARY 19, 2016

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hummel who gave the invocation and to Gene Owens who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Tracie Fowler who served as our greeter today.

Scott Hummel introduced a number of students from William Carey University's business school as his guests today. They are Charlotte Keys, Dallas Smith, Zacri Tchoistghodho, Miguels Puertas, Jacquenette Glasgow and Tiffany Gorn. Shawn Harris is a guest of Wes Brooks and Audra Cummings is a guest of Robert Cummings. Additionally Paula Brahan and Amber Chancellor also had guests today.

Today's Mystery Rotarian was born in California. He can easily remember his age because he is the same age as the Super Bowl. At the age of 6 he was adopted by a military family and moved to Hawaii where he spent much of his childhood. He first encountered Rotary while in high school because of the organization's community service. He attended William Carey College, joined the ROTC, was a cheerleader, the BSU president and student government chief justice. He lived abroad for a number of years and met President Bush, Margaret Thatcher and Prince Charles all in the same week. He has lived in 8 states, visited 49 states, lived in two countries and visited 23 other countries. He enjoys spending time with family and riding his motorcycle. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Scott Hummel.

Sean Priebe then introduced our guest speaker today, Dr. Jacob Graham, the Medical Director for Palliative and Supportive Care at Forrest General Hospital. He is originally from Jackson but now calls Hattiesburg his home.

Dr. Graham says palliative care is a specialized medical care for people living with serious illness. Its focus is the relief of symptoms and the stress of illness, regardless of the diagnosis. Palliative care works along-side the patient's goals to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family. Palliative care includes hospice care. It is not a treatment modality alone, is not restricted just to pain management and is not just for end of life situations.

Palliative care involves an interdisciplinary team including specialist doctors, nurses, pharmacists,

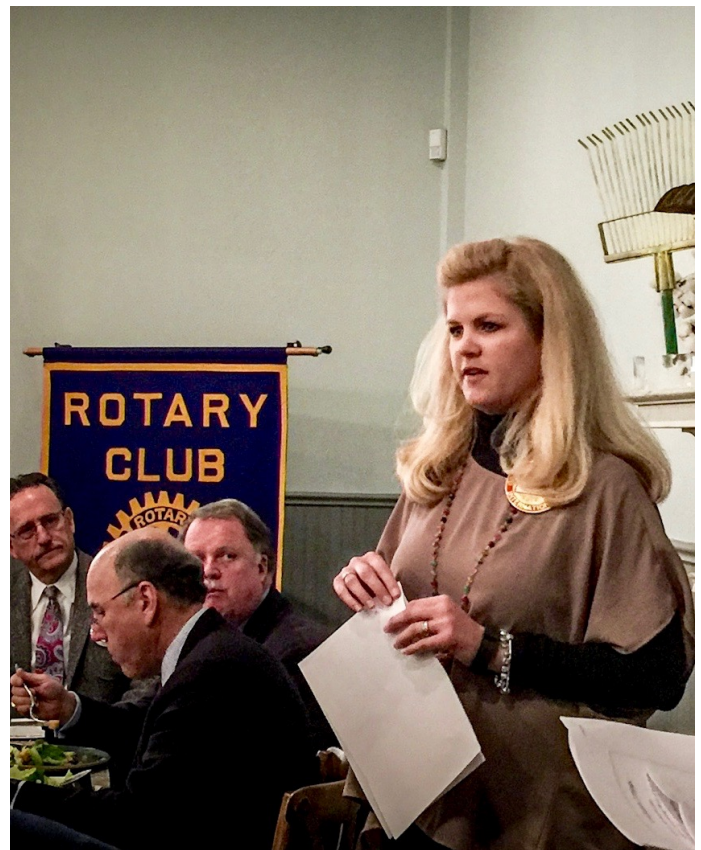
social workers, chaplains and therapy staff. It is provided in the hospital, rehab, clinics, at home and in nursing homes.

Dr. Graham says a terminal illness is a gift of time. Patients who know and understand their situation have time to do and say what they want said and done. In a 1996 Gallup survey 88% of terminally ill Americans said they would prefer care and death at home. In actuality, 76% of terminally ill patients die in healthcare institutions.

Palliative care can prolong life according to Dr. Graham by avoiding the hazards of aggressive medical treatment, improving symptom control and function and improving psychosocial support.

For more information contact the Forrest General Hospital Palliative and Supportive Care Coordinator, our very own Rotarian, Amber Chancellor at [achancellor@forrestgeneral.com](mailto:achancellor@forrestgeneral.com). You can also contact Dr. Graham at 601-288-4306 or by email at [Jacob.Graham@forrestgeneral.com](mailto:Jacob.Graham@forrestgeneral.com).

Minutes provided by:  
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary



# Our Guest

## Ryan Kelly

### Horizon Professional Services

Ryan Kelly is a Mississippi native and founder/CEO of Horizon Professional Services, a management company that provides management and leadership for state, national, and international businesses and non-profit organizations. Horizon also conducts strategic planning sessions and consulting for a variety of businesses, universities, and non-profits throughout the US.

He previously served as Chief Advancement Office for William Carey University and Director of External Relations for The University of Southern Mississippi College of Health.

Kelly earned a bachelor's of science with honors from The University of Southern Mississippi in 2005 and a master's of science with honors from Mississippi College in 2007. He is a 2014 alumnus of the Area Development Partnership's Leadership Pinebelt, the Mississippi Economic Council's Blueprint Mississippi committee, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and the Mississippi Society of Association Executives. In addition to professional activities, Kelly also serves as a deacon at Temple Baptist Church, an advisory board member for The Children's Center for Communication and Development, The Gideon's International, Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Association, and most recently as chair of the Southern Miss College of Health Dean's Council. His areas of professional interest and expertise include healthcare, education, business, and legislative policy.



# Upcoming

## NEXT WEEK



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### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

For Mardi Gras 2016, D6840 will be hosting a delegation of Canadians from the Calgary area, D5360. The 6 couples selected to participate were chosen from a group of 24 who expressed interest in coming to The Big Easy!!

The plan is for the group to arrive on Tuesday, February 2, with the actual program beginning on Wednesday, February 3, and until their departure on Monday, February 15. Since Mardi Gras is February 9, logistics and lodging are both challenging, especially for such a large group. I am very interested in lodging possibilities near the St. Charles Avenue Parade Route around "Mardi Gras Weekend," as well as lodging with Rotarians along the Gulf Coast (especially between Bay St. Louis and Biloxi) from February 10-15. Please let me know!

### THURSDAY, JULY 7 TO TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016

D6840 Rotarians are invited to D5360, a special part of Canada, to enjoy the Calgary Stampede, the beautiful Canadian Rockies, and other activities during the early part of our HOT July! There is a growing list of D6840 Rotarians who are interested in visiting the cool Canadian Rockies in July, 2016!

Both in Calgary and in New Orleans, the plans are home-stays with Rotarians, "Bed & Breakfast style." Guests may not need to have their own rental cars/vans. Visitors will be responsible for their personal expenses and meals when they are on their own. The maximum number of visitors is 12.

Karen Babin, 2016 Friendship Exchange Coordinator for D6840

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**OLE MAN RIVER PETS: March 4-6**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE: April 7-10**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION (Seoul, South Korea): May 29—June 1**

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