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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

September 24, 2015

L-R: Club President Sean Priebe; our guest, Vaughn Wilson and guest host, Erin Granberry.



Fellow Rotarians,
Please have a safe, happy and blessed
Thanksgiving Holiday!

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 17, 2015

President Sean Priebe presided over the meeting. Thanks to Allen Anderson who gave the invocation and to Tracie Fowler who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Lynn Walton and Mary Cromartie who served as our greeters today.

Jaclyn Adams introduced Suzanne Stockstill as a guest of Paula Brahan.

Today's Mystery Rotarian was born in Fort Smith Arkansas but graduated from Little Rock Central High in 1987. After high school this Rotarian attended the University of Kansas, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR- also known as the University of Arkansas's Last Resort) and finally graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Our Rotarian opened up a small automotive equipment business for a few years with their father before finding his true calling in financial services later becoming a Certified Financial Planner.

The Rotarian was in the 2001 Leadership Pinebelt class, back when it was still Leaders for a New Century. The connections formed here led him to Rotary. Thanks, Mike Ratliff! Our Rotarian is married and has 2 wonderful children - a son 14 and a daughter who turns 10 this weekend. The Rotarian loves music and going to concerts (mostly of the rock variety), hanging out with friends, watching mixed martial arts, most anything to do with guns, going to Rotary and being a part of the Illuminati. Today's Mystery Rotarian is Sean Priebe.

Sean thanked all members who attended last night's Board meeting. One of the suggestions made last night was to have an update on the clubs financials periodically. This information will be available on the Rotary website, but you will have to log in, to see it.

We currently have 85 members. We lost several this year. Sean encouraged everyone to invite anyone that will fit well with our group. On December 15th we will have an outside meeting, touring Sienna Hall, the new USM business hall with Faye Gilbert. Lunch will be provided and it will be the same time as usual. We will send out more specific meeting and parking information closer to the 15th. There will not be a meeting on December 22 or the 29th due to the holiday schedule and families traveling.

Everyone should have received an email today about the Grover Anderson Endowment Scholarship. Make a special note that a preference will be given to children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of members of the Rotary Club of

Hattiesburg, but if there is no Rotary connected application it will be awarded to another qualified student from Forrest or Lamar County with a 2.75 GPA or better. The deadline for this scholarship application is November 20, 2015.

Paula Brahan announced that she needs to attend the Kollege of Knowledge. Maura McLaughlin and Mike Ratliff offered to hold a Kollege of Knowledge one day before the lunch meeting and they will get together and figure out a date and let everyone know.

Bill McLeod announced that today is Mary Cromartie's birthday and Sean announced that tomorrow is Lamar Evans birthday. Sean asked that every Rotarian make an effort to attend next Tuesday's lunch, not only is it the Thanksgiving lunch, but also to listen to Brian Hall, the Past District Governor of 2014-2015.

Mary Cromartie introduced today's guest speaker, Vaughn Wilson. Vaughn Wilson lives in Petal, MS with his wife and daughter. He spent 38 years as a portrait photographer, which has allowed him to pursue his dream of writing a book about the horses that, for whatever reason, hold a special place in the hearts of people. He says his job is to tell that story both in word and portraiture. "Tell me about that special horse and I'll tell the world," he said. His first book is called "*Tell Me about that Horse*".

This books includes great personal stories from many famous people such as Charlie Daniels, Michael Martin Murphy, Roy Rogers Jr. and Clark McEntire, Reba McEntire's father. The book was well received and is being requested by some of the school teachers, therefore he decided to write children's books starring Unkle Hokum. The 3 books are *Trevor and the Cow-shy Cow Horse*, *Bronco Sam and the Mustang* and *Lecile and the Racing Rodeo Mule*.

Wilson loves playing Unkle Hokum, the wanderer who travels throughout the land spreading good music, great stories, and good times to elementary school children while encouraging an appreciation of music, reading, and our American heritage.

For more information on his portraits, please visit <http://www.vaughnwilsonphotography.com> or for his publications you can visit <http://www.tellmeaboutthathorse.com/> or call 601-545-1886 and ask for Vaughn or Unkle Hokum.

Minutes provided by:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



Our Guest: PDG Brian Hall

Brian is a member of the Rotary Club of Covington, LA. He has served his club in many positions and has also served District 6840 as Membership Chair, Assistant District Governor, and Annual Fund Co-Chair. He was active with the Host Organizing Committee of the 2011 Rotary International Convention, where he served as the chair of the Technology Committee, chair of the Visa Committee and as a member of other additional committees. He served Rotary Zone 31 as Assistant Regional Rotary Public Image Coordinator in the 2013-2013 year. He served as District 6840 Governor in the 2014-2015 Rotary year. Brian has served as Chair of Ole Man River PETS, a five-district PETS among districts in Louisiana and Mississippi, in 2015 and the coming 2016 year.

Brian has been married to his wife, Lynn, for 22 years. They currently reside in Madisonville, along with their two children. Keely, their daughter, is 14 and attends Mandeville High School. Patrick, their son, is 11 and attends Lancaster Elementary.

Brian was born and raised in Jackson, MS. Brian received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. He worked as a CPA for several years before changing careers to become a computer programmer. In 1998 he and Lynn relocated to New Orleans, where Brian decided to merge his backgrounds and begin consulting with companies regarding business and financial systems. In 2000, he and three others formed AIM Technologies, his current business.



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