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Minutes: January 20, 2015

President Wes Brooks presided over the meeting. Thanks to Mike Ratliff who gave the invocation and to Chase Munro who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Ryan Kelly for serving as our greeter today.

Aaron Ladner welcomed our guests and visiting Rotarians. A.G. Crowe is a visiting Rotarian from the Slidell club. He has Brian Trasher as his guest. Jaclyn Adams has Ashley Reid as her guest today.

Wes reminded members and board members of next week's monthly board meeting. It will take place immediately after the January 27 meeting and will be held at Southern Oaks. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wes and Jonathan Shemper then presented Greg Silberg as our club's newest member. Wes installed Greg, welcomed him and asked for a few words of introduction. Greg thanked Scott Hummel and Jonathan Shemper for mentoring him along the way to this membership. He is a service oriented individual and believes that Rotary is the organization in which he can make a meaningful contribution to hopefully move the world forward.

Bill McLeod reminded members that sponsorships are needed for this year's district conference. If you or your company is interested, please see Bill.

Tom Martin from the Rotary Foundation will be in town next week. If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation or considering a contribution, see Bill McLeod and let him know. An evening meeting next Tuesday is being organized for those interested.

Bill then introduced today's guest speaker, Herb Stonebrook. Herb is a retired Energy Management Administrator for the State of Tennessee. He talked about a number of energy conservation projects that he worked in during his career.

Bill noted that, regardless of where you come down on the equation, there is increasing concerns about climate change and the impacts these changes have and will have on society. He suggests that the most effective way to deal with the issues surrounding climate changes is to build better partnerships that can pave the way for future generations.

There are thousands of energy saving concepts and devices available today. The challenge, according to Bill, is finding the best alternatives that meet your needs. In order to determine that, you must first know what your energy consumption patterns are and then deciding your priorities. If you have or can develop a method to measure your energy savings, you can often increase energy conservation with the gained knowledge.

Pictured L-R: Bill McLeod, Herb Stonebrook, and Wes Brooks



MARCH 6 & 7

Ole Man River Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be held at the Jackson Convention Complex, Jackson, Mississippi. Registration and other information will be announced later.

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In one of the Tennessee projects electrical usage for a government building's lighting system was established. The building was then retrofitted with energy savings lighting fixtures. After the job was completed it was monitored for another year. The project saved 53% on the building's lighting costs.

Bill recommends an energy audit done by a professional if you are interested in seeing what can or should be done in your office or home. After the audit you can determine where your best alternatives exist and will then be able to measure the payback for a chosen project.

You can learn more about energy conservation and a pilot demonstration program underway with Pearl River Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi by visiting the Mississippi Public Service Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.ms.us>.

Minutes courtesy of:
Lamar Evans, Executive Secretary
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Our Guest

Patricia W. Burchell Forrest County District Attorney

Patricia Burchell, a native of Clarksdale, MS, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She obtained her Juris Doctorate from University of Mississippi in 1990. After 12 years of civil practice, Mrs. Burchell became an Assistant District Attorney for the 12th Circuit Court District in July 2003. On October 1, 2010, Governor Haley Barbour appointed Mrs. Burchell as the District Attorney for the 12th Circuit Court District. The following year she was elected District Attorney for the 12th Circuit Court District, and she continues to serve the citizens of Forrest and Perry Counties as their District Attorney.

Mrs. Burchell is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, South Central Mississippi Bar Association, Mississippi Prosecutors Association, Mississippi Association of Drug Court Professionals, National District Attorneys Association, and National Association of Drug Court Professionals. She has served as a member of the Mississippi Drug Court Advisory Committee and as a judge for the Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division Mock Trial Competition. She currently serves as President of the Mississippi Prosecutors Association. Mrs. Burchell serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Untied Way of Southeast Mississippi. She is an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Hattiesburg, where she serves on the Parish Council.



Next Week

Grant Callen
President, Empower Mississippi

UPCOMING

JAN 31	Rotary Leadership Institute
FEB 3	Grant Callen; President, Empower Mississippi
FEB 7	District 6840 Team Training
FEB 10	Benjamin Morris, Author
FEB 17	Ben Burnett, Dean, WCU School of Education
FEB 24	Jermaine Brown, Principal, Hattiesburg High School
MAR 6-7	Ole Man River P.E.T.S. (President-Elect Training Seminar)
MAR 31	Dr. Cynthia Scott, Chair, Mississippi Board of Physical Therapy
APR 10-12	2015 Rotary District Conference - "Rotary Rivage"
JUN 6-9	Rotary International Convention - Sao Paulo, Brazil
JUN 20	District 6840 Awards & Installation Ceremony



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