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A CENTURY OF SERVICE



A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

MINUTES FROM 05/05/2009

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting.

Rob Jackson gave the invocation. Hayden Mitchell led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Topp then led members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

Heath Hillman and introduced today's visiting Rotarians and guests.

Bill Felder visited from the Long Beach Club.

Marcus Robinson was a guest of Greg Garraway.

Curtis Smith was a guest of Heath Hillman.

Amal Mitra was a guest of Susan Steen.

Aaron Vold was a guest of Jennifer Payne.

Charles Greer V was a guest of Charles Greer.

Many thanks to Jennifer Miles, Jennifer Payne, Todd Bradley and Conrad Welker who served as our greeters today.

Pricilla Hebert gave club members information about the Mash Bash coming up on May 16th at the Train Depot. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from her or members can call the American Red Cross to purchase tickets or to obtain more information.

Suzy Steen introduced Amal Mitra who has received a Rotary Teaching Grant. This is the first time our club has been involved in the award of this grant. Amal will be traveling to Bangladesh where he will teach subjects at two different universities and conduct 3 months of research on a lead poisoning study he is conducting.

Maura McLaughlin thanked club members who assisted in the Night in Italy event. She also thanked the Wade family for their support and hard work to help make our event a success. Almost 1,200 meals were served during the evening. Proceeds of the event will go to the Children's Center for Communication and Development. Members are encouraged to make their final ticket payments as soon as possible so the contribution can be made.

Maura also announced that she will be selling \$5 raffle tickets at next week's meeting. Proceeds of the event will go to the Rotary Foundation. The raffle provides you a chance to win a Blue Dog silk screen print or a Paul Harris Fellowship.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Gene Owens then introduced today's guest speaker, Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann.

Secretary Hosemann reported that he had just left a legislative signing ceremony in Jackson where the governor signed into law several pieces of legislation that will give Mississippi a competitive edge when our economy

begins its rebound.

The new Securities Law provides the Secretary of State's office with authority to stop in-state business schemes that prey on our residents. It is anticipated that an increase in these types of schemes will be on the rise in a recessionary economy.

The Trademark Legislation allows the Secretary of State's office to protect small and medium sized businesses' trademark. This legislation has been ranked as the second best trademark protection legislation in the country.

The new Charitable Solicitation and Non-Profit Corporate Act will allow a charity to collect up to \$25,000 before having to make reports to the Secretary of State. The previous minimum was \$4,000. Additionally, the legislation allows a way out of a full audit for a charitable organization with less than one-half million in annual collections. The law also gives the Secretary of State the authority to withdraw a non-profit charter if he finds cause.

There were few changes made in the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. One important change was a decrease in the cost for a corporation who files their paperwork on line rather than by the paper process.

Another piece of legislation signed into law is the Entertainment District Act. The law allows a company making an investment in a venue that sells a ticket for admission a five year depreciation rather than the customary 40 year depreciation. This is the first such legislation in the country.

Finally, Secretary Hosemann discussed the Pre-Need Legislation. He discovered a number of entities throughout the state who have been collecting premiums for burial expenses with little or no money escrowed to pay for those costs. Many families have fallen victim to this scheme which the new legislation should prevent in the future.

Legislation to watch for in the coming years includes a revamping of the Limited Liability Corporation statutes.

Finally, Secretary Hosemann discussed his efforts to pass voter identification legislation. Those efforts were met with defeat in the legislature. Hosemann says there is a lot of absentee ballot fraud throughout Mississippi. He cited one county where twelve percent of the voting population voted by absentee ballot in the recent election. The normal average for absentee ballots is between 1 and 2 percent.

A Ballot Initiative that would allow voter identification is being circulated throughout the state. Ninety thousand signatures are needed on the petition to bring this issue to the ballot. Such an initiative has never been successful in Mississippi.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bio Of Dr. William "Bill" Gunther

From 1998-2003 Dr. Gunther served as Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Economics. He has been Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at USM since 2005. Prior to his appointment to USM, he served as Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Alabama. He has also taught at the University of West Florida, and was a Fulbright Professor at the University of the Amazon (Brazil) and the University of Veracruz (Mexico). He was a Visiting Faculty Fellow at the University of Sussex (England) and was a Summer Faculty Fellow with the U.S. Air Force.

His publications include software, books, chapters in books, articles and research reports and number over 200 items. Dr. Gunther received a Certificate of Commendation from the Governor of the State of Alabama for his work on the Tax Commission, a Certificate of Distinction from the Association of College Honor Societies, and a Certificate for Exceptional Academic and Community Leadership and Service from the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. He was named a Fellow in the Academy of Economics and Finance and was elected to University of Alabama's College of Commerce and Business Administration's Faculty Hall of Fame in 2005.

He received his bachelor's degree in accounting and master's degree in economics degrees from Kent State University (Ohio) and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kentucky.

He is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5 Bill Gunter
May 7-9 District Conference - Bay St. Louis
May 12 Dr. Jose Fernandes - Hattiesburg Clinic
May 19 Tom Smith - Carpenters Helper
May 26 Jerry Runnels, 12th Circuit Court District
June 21-24 International Convention
Birmingham, England



Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bay Springs - 12:00	Columbia - 12:00	Clinton - 12:00	Madison-Ridgeland - 12:00
City Hall	The Backdoor Restaurant	Baptist Health Plex	Steam Room Grill 155 N
Bolton - 7:30	Flowood - 12:00	Gluckstadt - 12:00	Jackson
Methodist Church	River Oaks Hospital	Parker House Restaurant	Taylorville - 12:00
Collins - 12:00	Laurel - 12:00	Hattiesburg Sunrise - 7:00	MS Power Co. Building
Cedars Restaurant	Laurel Country Club	Wesley Medical Center Cafeteria	Wiggins - 12:00
Ellisville - 12:00	North Jackson - 12:00	Heidelberg - 12:00	Gulf Coast C.C. Cafeteria
J.C.J.C. Cafeteria	St. James	Library	
Jackson - 12:00	Episcopal Church	Poplarville - 12:00	<i>Friday</i>
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	Rankin County - 12:00
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Slidell, LA - 12:00
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Pinewood Country Club
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			