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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

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## MINUTES: October 15, 2013

President Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Lynn Walton who gave the invocation and Robert Cummings, jr. who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Dan Davis and Amanda Lee who served as our greeters today.

Brian Moore introduced today's guests who included: Carrie and Dean Cromartie, Bobbie Loveless, Monica Marlove, Chery Dale, Toby Barker, Ashley Grant, Bustacy Ahua, David Morris, Gerry Breland, David Morris, Dr. Tommy King, Julian Allen, Mark Gillentine, Rebecca Stuphas and Melissa Phelps.

Jonathan Shemper reported that the November 9th Bike-a-Thon is only 25 days away. Sponsorship opportunities remain open if anyone is interested. Volunteers are now being actively recruited to work the event. If you have an interest in either sponsorship or helping, please see Jonathan or Jennifer Payne in the very near future.

Aaron Ladner reminded club members that our club will Make a Difference on Saturday, October 26 at Homes of Hope. If you haven't signed up to work that day, please do so today. If you can't work, please see Aaron for a list of items that can be purchased for the residents. Aaron will collect and deliver those items.

Scott reminded members of the Friends Forever Mass and dinner being sponsored by the Columbia Rotary club. If you plan to attend, please let Scott know so he can tell

the club how many dinners to prepare for.

Scott also asked members to keep Toxey Morris in your thoughts and prayers. He remains in Intensive Care after taking a serious fall three weeks ago.

Sean Priebe then introduced today's guest speaker, former Governor Haley Barbour.

Governor Barbour noted that he has been asked by the University of Virginia to head up a task force that is seeking ways to modernize the manufacturing sector of the economy as a means to improve the U.S. economy. Barbour says he will focus those efforts on energy since all phases of the U.S. economy are dependant on a safe and abundant energy supply.

While Governor of Mississippi Mr. Barbour fought to develop and maintain a reliable energy policy for our state. He noted that the current governor maintains the belief that an energy policy needs to be in place as a means to encourage economic growth.

Barbour says he believes that the nation could reach energy self-sufficiency in the coming years, although he does not believe that American can become entirely energy independent. In order to become self-sufficient he maintains that we will have to use all of our energy resources wisely while at the same time focusing on conservation. He noted that gasoline consumption in America is up only 7% in the last 40 years, primarily due to technological advances in fuel efficiency in our automobile sector.

Barbour noted that the Obama Administration is promoting a

carbon free policy, which Barbour says will cause serious economic harm. He also noted that federal regulation of natural gas and oil production should be opposed at every opportunity. He says that the State should have production regulatory control when production is on private or state owned lands.

The technological improvements which have been made in just the last five years have been responsible for the large increase in American natural gas and oil production. Hydro Fracturing, although opposed by environmental groups has made it possible to get oil and gas from shale deposits. Enhanced oil recovery methods are being used in old wells and have made those wells once again productive. Barbour says it is estimated that the old wells are expected to produce more oil in the next 40 years than they produced in the past 40 years. Much of the enhanced oil production in Mississippi uses carbon dioxide which is pumped out of the Jackson Dome beneath the City of Jackson.

Barbour talked about the Kemper Generating Plant that is currently under construction in Kemper County. That plant will use a Mississippi natural resource, Lignite Coal. It will gasify the coal and use the gas to produce electricity. The gas will produce fewer emissions than coal and the plant will capture and sell those gases. Barbour says the plant will generate \$2 billion in revenue in the next 40 years that will offset the consumer's cost of electricity.

Barbour noted that consumer prices are going up because of the

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# Service Above Self

## Our Guest today...

...is Lt. James "Jimmy" Herzog, Director of the Special Operations and Major Crimes Unit of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation. The focus of Lt. Herzog's presentation will be the Mississippi Amber Alert System. Accompanying Lt. Herzog will be the Bureau's Director of Public Affairs, Mr. Warren Strain.

The following is the from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety website:

Among the employees of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (DPS), few things are taken as seriously as the protection of defenseless children. It was with that passion that Mississippi's statewide Amber Alert Plan was developed. The Amber Plan was created in 1996 as a powerful legacy to 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, a bright little girl who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas and brutally murdered. The Amber Plan is a critical missing child response program that utilizes the resources of law enforcement and media to notify the public when children are kidnapped by predators. The road to the development of this system was traveled in a prudent and methodical fashion. The DPS staff has crafted a plan that we hope we will never use. However, reality brings with it the sobering truth that there will be a time when the Amber Alert System will be activated and when that time comes we believe we have produced a plan that will be effective.

On June 6, 2002 an exploratory committee was established within the DPS to research the feasibility and implementation of a statewide Amber Alert Plan in Mississippi. Fact-finding started immediately with the review of Amber plans from other states to include California, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Florida. The committee began to contact other states that had Amber Systems in place. Members of DPS staff drew from plans that have been implemented in other parts of the country to extract the best elements of those plans, while establishing nuances that make the plan a nice fit for Mississippi. Nevertheless, our pursuit to improve or "fine tune" Mississippi's plan continues. As new technology and equipment is developed that can be added to enhance our Amber system, we plan to incorporate those innovations. The staff of DPS has been resourceful and able to implement an Amber Alert System at virtually no cost to the taxpayers of Mississippi, there are other components and equipment that would be helpful and useful to improve the Amber Alert System in Mississippi.

We asked for and received information regarding how these other states were carrying out their plans. Members of the committee also conducted research through contacts with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Association of Broadcasters.

- ★ Each year there are about 114,600 attempts to abduct a child by non-family members(1)
- ★ Two-thirds or more of abductions involve sexual assault(3)
- ★ Research shows that about 150 abducted children are murdered every year(4)
- ★ There are between 3,000 and 4,500 non-family abductions reported to law enforcement annually(2)
- ★ There is typically over a two hour delay in making the initial missing child report (60%) (5)
- ★ Studies indicate that 74% of the children murdered by non-family members are killed within the first three hours of their abduction(6)
- ★ Research indicates 44% of stranger abducted children are murdered within the first hour(7)
- ★ The victims are killed 91% of the time within 24 hours in stranger abductions(9)
- ★ Nearly all of the children abducted by a stranger, 99% die within 7 days of their abduction(10)



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## UPCOMING

**October 26**  
Homes of Hope  
Work Event

**October 29**  
Joel Bomgar  
Ms. Ctr. for Public Policy

**November 19**  
Raven Tynes  
The Extra Table  
Foundation

**November 26**  
\*\*NO MEETING\*\*

**December 2**  
Paul Harris Society  
Gala Dinner

**December 3**  
Italo Subbarao, WCU  
Holiday Safety Tips

**December 10**  
Frank Baugh, WCU  
School of Psychiatry  
"Beating the Holiday Blues"

**December 17**  
Don Odom  
WCU School of Music

**January 11**  
Mid Year Checkup

**March 7-8**  
P.E.T.S.  
Jackson Convention  
Complex

**May 9-10**  
District 6840 Conference  
Biloxi Civic Center

**June 1-4**  
Rotary International  
Covention  
Sydney, Australia



Rotarians please welcome...

*Arden Virginia Payne*

Arden was born on Saturday, October 19, at 4:14am. Arden arrived at 20 1/2" and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Mommy and little one are doing great.

Congratulations to Abb & Jennifer Payne as they welcome their beautiful new baby girl!

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Kemper plant however he says the increases are smaller than the increases paid by consumers when the last two new plants went on line. The Grand Gulf Nuclear plant increase was 54%. A 34% increase was felt by consumers when a coastal plant went on line. Mississippi Power has been approved for an 18% rate increase. They have already begun charging a 15% increase and will add another 3% increase next year. Another 4% increase is expected after that bringing the total rate increase for the plant to 22%.

Barbour concluded his comments by noting that America needs more abundant and affordable energy resources. He also says we should continue to focus on technological advances, conservation and efficiency and that no part should be left out of a total energy system. He also concluded that America needs to be smart about its energy policy in the coming years.

Our own Jennifer Payne along with Erik Graham's wife, Ginny, wish to send a thoughtful reminder to our membership of the upcoming Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg's Charity Ball - "A Royal Affair."

A service organization much like the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, the Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg is an organization whose mission is dedicated to service to others. They currently undertake 22 service projects, mainly focused on helping women and children, in the greater Pinebelt area.

For more information on this event and their organization you may email: [JAofHattiesburg@gmail.com](mailto:JAofHattiesburg@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.HattiesburgJuniorAuxiliary.org](http://www.HattiesburgJuniorAuxiliary.org).

