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**Our guests and hosts on October 22, 2013 (Pictured L-R): Lt. James "Jimmy" Herzog, Bill MacLauchlan, Maura McLaughlin, and Warren Strain.**

## Minutes: October 22, 2013

Scott Hummel presided over the meeting. Thanks to Erik Graham who gave the invocation and Gene Owens who led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks also to Chase Munro and Wes Brooks who served as our greeters today.

Brian Moore introduced today's guests who included: Tabitha Tanner, Julian Allen, Brady Raines, Latonya Ward, Joel Myrick, Elizabeth Foreman, and Kami Simmons.

Thanks to all of the members who purchased raffle tickets today. The amount collected for the raffle was \$25. The prizes were tickets to the Ole Miss game and parking space. Allen Anderson won the prize and then auctioned it off for \$35, bringing the total amount of funds collected to \$60. The funds will go towards Polio Plus.

Scott asked if there were any updates or announcement regarding the Bike-a-Thon. There were none from the members. However, as a reminder, the November 9<sup>th</sup> Bike-a-Thon is only 18 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.

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. Donations were also collected during the meeting for the project.

Lucy Parkman announced that Ann McCullen, director of Edwards Street Fellowship Center, will be the guest speaker on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to bring "A Little Something Extra" grocery sack

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filled with food for the Edwards Street Fellowship Center pantry. Prior to this approaching meeting, Lucy will be providing grocery bags for members to bring their grocery donations in.

Lucy, also announced that the director of The Extra Table will be the guest speaker on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. She informed members that they will need to bring their own sack lunches on that day. In doing so, the cost of our Southern Oaks lunches for the day will be donated to The Extra Table. Prior to this approaching meeting, Lucy will be providing "My Lunch" bags for members to place their lunches in for that day.

Bill McLauchlan introduced today's guest speaker, Lt. James "Jimmy" Herzog, Director of the Special Operations and Major Crimes Unit of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI). Lt. Herzog's presentation focused upon the Mississippi Amber Alert System. The Director of Public Affairs (MBI), Mr. Warren Strain accompanied Lt. Herzog with this presentation. Each of these representatives provided valuable information regarding the Mississippi Amber Alert System and its origin.

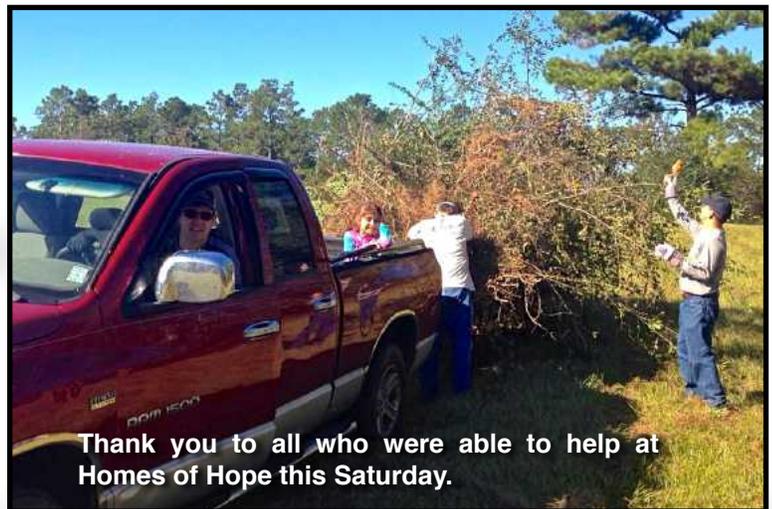
For further facts and additional information, please visit the Mississippi Department of Public Safety website at <http://www.dps.state.ms.us/crime-investigation/bureau-of-investigation/amber-alert/>.



Our resident auctioneer,  
Francis Farmer.



Welcome new to our newest member, John Cooper!



Thank you to all who were able to help at  
Homes of Hope this Saturday.



# Service Above Self



**Forest Thigpen** is President of the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, an independent think tank based in Jackson. Forest and his wife, Debbie, have two sons: Jason, who is 31, and Clayton, who is 23. They live in Madison and are members of Broadmoor Baptist Church. Debbie has an interior-design consulting business. Jason graduated from Madison public schools and Mississippi College, and he works

in the Jackson area. Clayton also graduated from Madison public schools and attends Mississippi College.

Forest served on the Washington staff of Senator Thad Cochran for 10 years. He worked in various legislative and administrative capacities for Senator Cochran, including service as the Republican Staff Director for a subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. He was responsible at various times in his Washington career for policy analysis in the areas of taxes, government regulation, health care reform, banking, insurance, energy, Social Security, welfare, the justice system, communications, housing and environmental issues.

As a part of his work at the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, Forest produces a one-minute radio commentary, titled Vital Signs, that airs several times weekly on multiple stations across Mississippi. He has appeared on every major television station in Mississippi and in every major newspaper in the state, as well as USA Today, Time Magazine, and other national publications.

Gov. Phil Bryant asked Forest to serve on a committee of his transition team, and, as Lieutenant Governor, appointed Forest to a commission to find ways to operate government more efficiently. Forest was appointed by former Gov. Haley Barbour to his tax study commission, a commission on charter schools, and a committee of the Governor's Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding, and Renewal following Hurricane Katrina. Forest also served two terms on the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He now serves on the boards of Bigger Pie Forum and the newly-formed Mississippi Charter School Association.

Forest has been involved as a volunteer in a variety of ministries. He developed and directed a church-wide ministry to meet the special needs of the poor and elderly, and he served on the Inner City Ministry Committee at his church.

Forest, a native of Cleveland, Mississippi, earned an accounting degree from Delta State University, where he served as President of the Student Government Association and of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He is an alumnus of the Leadership Mississippi program of the Mississippi Economic Council.



**Joel Bomgar**, 29, has over a decade of experience in network engineering. In 2003, while working his way through college as a systems engineer, Bomgar created the concept for his company's remote control support product, the Bomgar Box™, as a way to provide helpdesk and technical support to disparate users without leaving his desk.

Since founding Bomgar Corporation that same year, the company quickly grew to revenues in excess of \$20 million and continues to see more than 80% year-over-year growth to this day.

Bomgar has had a history of focused achievement. During his seven year tenure in the Mississippi Air National Guard, he honed his networking and computer skills and earned more than 16 network certifications, along with the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and recognition for participation in the security forces squadron in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

Bomgar graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in business administration from Belhaven College in May 2003, receiving the Trustee's Award for the highest GPA in his graduating class. He worked his way through college as a systems engineer at Business Communications, Inc. (BCI), a systems integrator, and used his experience supporting remote users to develop the technology that would later become the Bomgar Box™. Unlike traditional remote control software, this technology allowed him to provide immediate technical support to any computer, anywhere in the world, in a matter of seconds – all without leaving his desk.

In 2003, Bomgar founded Bomgar Corporation, a software company located in Ridgeland, MS, to take the Bomgar™ technology to market. Surging demand for the Bomgar Box™ prompted Bomgar to seek venture capital to support aggressive growth and ultimately secured \$20 million in growth capital from Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and GulfSouth Capital, headed by Skytel founder and former US ambassador to Portugal, Mr. John Palmer.

Since the company's inception, Bomgar has been responsible for leading Bomgar Corporation in its acquisition of over 4,500 customers in all 50 states and 48 countries internationally, including numerous global deployments and enterprise customers listed on the Fortune 500, Fortune 1000 and Global 500. In addition, Bomgar Corporation has established strategic partnerships with the two leading service management solution vendors, BMC and HP.

Bomgar has served as the primary spokesman for the company, which has been recognized in publications including *ComputerWorld*, *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *Fast Company*, *InformationWeek*, *Red Herring*, *Small Business Computing*, and *Mississippi Business Journal*, which named Bomgar Corporation one of the "Best Places to Work in Mississippi". Mr. Bomgar also appeared on ABC New's "Ahead of the Curve" and on NetworkWorld's "Hot Seat". Additionally, NetworkWorld named Bomgar Corporation one of the "Top 10 Security Companies to Watch" and gave the Bomgar B200™ a rating of 4.65 out of 5 for their "Clear Choice Test". CRN recommends the B300 with a top rating of 5 stars. Bomgar Corporation was one of the finalists for eWeek's Excellence Awards and was honored with a DEMOgod award for one of the 10 best presentations at the DEMO 2006 technology conference. Bomgar Corporation was the subject of both a paper and a video case study by Google and was invited to Google headquarters in California to present to all Google staff regarding Bomgar Corporation's success. Bomgar Corporation has been recognized as a "Cool Vendor in IT Support" by Gartner, a leading analyst firm, as one of the ten fastest-growing software companies in America in the Inc. 500, and as the 28th fastest-growing technology company in America in Deloitte's Technology Fast 500.

## UPCOMING

**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**

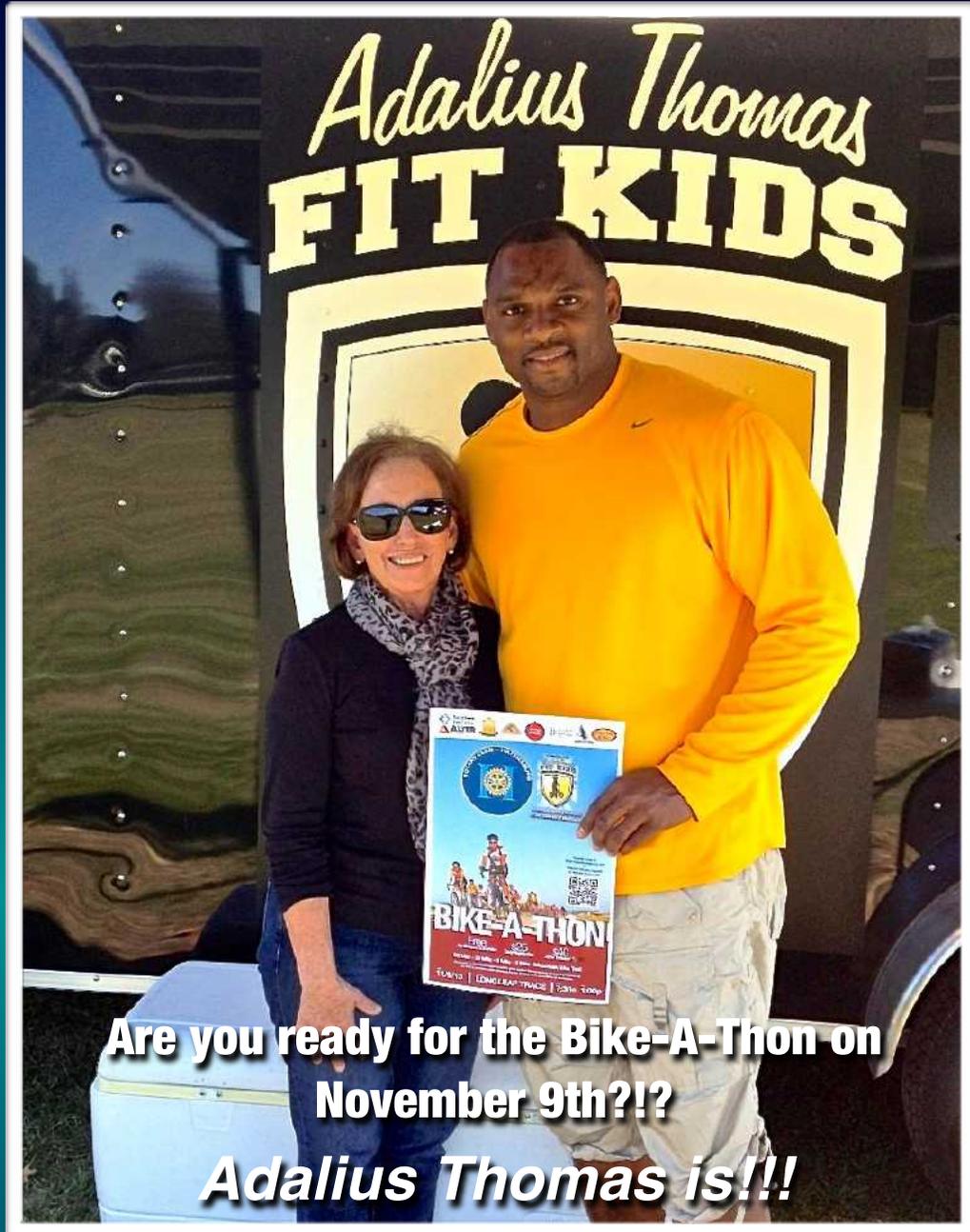
Don Odom  
WCU School of Music

**January 11**

Mid Year Checkup

**March 7-8**

P.E.T.S.  
Jackson Convention  
Complex



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).

