

# NO & LOW COST TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

## No-cost ways to save energy and money

- Turn off everything not in use: lights, TVs, computers, etc.
- Check the furnace or air conditioner (AC) filter each month, and clean or replace it as needed. Dirty filters block air flow through your heating and cooling systems, increasing your energy bill and shortening the equipment's life.
- During hot months, keep window coverings closed on the south, east, and west windows. In winter, let the sun in.
- Glass fireplace doors help stop heat from being lost up the chimney. Also, close the fireplace damper when not in use.
- Activate "sleep" features on computers and office equipment that power down when not in use for a while. Turn off equipment during longer periods of non-use to cut energy costs and improve longevity.
- When cooking, keep the lids on pots. Better yet, use a microwave oven instead.
- Dress appropriately for the weather, and set your thermostat to the lowest possible comfortable setting.
- On winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and turn down your thermostat more.
- In summer, use fans whenever possible instead of AC, and ventilate at night this way when practical. Using fans to supplement AC allows you to raise the thermostat temperature, using less energy. Fans cost less to use than AC.
- About 15 percent of an average home energy bill goes to heating water. To save hot water, take five-minute showers instead of baths. Do only full loads when using the clothes washer or dishwasher. Use cold water for laundry and save up to \$65 a year—detergents formulated for cold water get clothes just as clean.
- Lower the temperature on your water heater. It should be set at "warm," so that a thermometer held under running water reads 130 degrees.
- Only heat or cool the rooms you need—close vents and doors of unused rooms.

## Low-cost ways to save energy and money

- Install low-flow showerheads and sink aerators to reduce hot water use.
- Seal and weatherstrip your windows and doors to ensure that you're not wasting energy on heat or air conditioning that escapes through leaks to the outdoors.
- A water tank insulation wrap costs about \$20 and helps hold the heat inside. Add pre-cut pipe insulation to exposed pipes going into your water heater—it is cheap and easy to install. If you're starting with an uninsulated tank, the energy savings should pay for the improvements in just a few months.
- Duct tape works well on lots of things, but it often fails when used on ductwork! Use mastic (a gooey substance applied with a paintbrush) to seal all exposed ductwork joints in areas such as the attic, crawlspace, or basement. Insulate ducts to improve your heating system's efficiency and your own comfort.
- Storm windows can reduce heat lost by single-paned windows by 25–50 percent during the winter. As an alternative, you can improve your windows temporarily with plastic sheeting installed on the inside.
- When buying new products, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, found on more than 40 different products such as TVs, furnaces, cell phones, refrigerators, air conditioners and more.
- Incandescent light bulbs are outdated; 95 percent of the energy used goes to heating the bulb, adding unwanted heat to your home in the summer. Replace your five most used light bulbs with ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent bulbs to save \$40 each year in energy costs. These light bulbs use two-thirds less energy and last up to 10 times longer. Use dimmers, timers, and motion detectors on indoor and outdoor lighting.
- Consider safer, more efficient ENERGY STAR torchiere lamps rather than halogen torchieres, which are expensive to use and can cause fires.



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## ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG

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**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**



## MEETING OF October 14, 2008

Minutes from meeting of 10/708

President Richard Topp presided over the meeting. Allen Anderson gave the invocation and Annie Wimbish lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to our Greeters this week, Travis Sisson and Rick Cortis.

Gene Owens filled in for Heath Hillman and welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

Jack Gay visited from the Petal Club.

Tom Montgomery was a guest of Allen Anderson.

Bob Riley brought his two daughters.

Steve Ramp was introduced and inducted Scott Hummel as our club's newest member. Scott transferred in from the Long View, Texas club where he was the immediate past president.

Richard read part of a letter received from Benjamin Morris who is completing his Rotary Ambassador Scholarship to the U.K. Benjamin expressed his sincere appreciation for the opportunity to represent Rotary and plans to become actively involved in the organization in the future.

Todd Bradley reminded Club members of the upcoming golf tournament to be held October 27 at the Shadow Ridge course. Dr. Charles Greer is sponsoring a hole-in-one contest valued at \$25,000.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Tom Potter came forward and introduced today's speaker Angie Godwin. Dr. Godwin is Director of the Area Development Partnership.

Dr. Godwin says that confidence in our economy is the number one driving force of economic development. As such, the ADP will be unveiling an advertising campaign in the near future that will highlight the positive economic elements of the ADP area. She further discussed the "community development" aspect of economic development, without which the latter would not be possible. Although community development isn't "sexy" it is necessary, according to Dr. Godwin. She says community development projects are the things that make

the big economic news happen. Incidentally, Dr. Godwin reports that some big Hattiesburg area economic news will be released by the end of this month.

According to Dr. Godwin, organizations such as the ADP no longer "sell" the area. Instead she says corporations are researching possible locations through the Internet and then comparing the information they discover with the research data provided by organizations such as the ADP. If the information matches, then the Hattiesburg area goes on the short list for consideration.

One of the primary resources in this area is the 27,000 post-secondary students. She says the "brain power" of those individuals is considered equal to the land, infrastructure and incentives offered by chambers and local governments. Our challenge, according to Dr. Godwin is to keep this "brain power" from leaving the area by providing opportunities for the individuals as they graduate and enter the work force.

The ADP will be offering a new Pine Belt Young Professionals organizations under the ADP membership. The Young Professional organization will be targeted for those between the ages of 20 and 40.

Dr. Godwin also says that "clean" and "pretty" are two of the very best recruitment tools a community can have. She requested that Rotarians contact her if they see a community issue that needs to be addressed or if they have an idea that will help improve our community. Dr. Godwin can be reached at (601) 818-8496.

### DON'T FORGET THESE DATES

**October 27th Golf Tournament  
PLAYERS SIGN-UP NOW!  
\$25K Hole In One Contest**

**ALSO COMING IN NOVEMBER...  
R3SM Project**

**WE ARE BUILDING A HOUSE!  
Look for more information soon from  
Patrick Ward - Project Coordinator**

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### BIO OF JAMES N. COMPTON PERSONAL

Born: August 18, 1949

Married: Deborah Compton

Children: Lisa and Michele

Profession: General Manager/CEO, South Mississippi Electric Power Association

### EDUCATIONAL

Law School: J.D., 1976, University of Mississippi

Law School, Oxford, Mississippi

College: B.A., 1971, Southwestern at

Memphis (now Rhodes College), Memphis, TN

High School: Graduate, 1967, Jefferson County High, Fayette, Mississippi

### VOCATIONAL

General Manager/CEO, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, October 2004-present

Compton, Crowell, and Hewitt, Attorneys; Biloxi, Mississippi, 1988-2004

Bryan, Nelson, Allen, Schroeder and Compton, Attorneys; Biloxi,

Mississippi, 1977-1988; Partner 1980-1988

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tues 10/21 John Cox, Dir. Sports Broadcasting, USM

Mon 10/27 Rotary Golf Tournament - Shadow Ridge

Tues 10/28 Jerry & Diane Shepherd, owners, Main Street Books

Law Clerk, U. S. District Court, Biloxi, Mississippi, for United States Magistrate John M. Roper, 1976-1977

Clerk, Freeland & Gafford, Attorneys; Oxford, Mississippi, 1974-1975

District Scout Executive, Delta Area Council; Clarksdale, Mississippi, 1975

District Scout Executive, Yocona Area Council; Tupelo, Mississippi, 1973-1974

### OTHER

Member, St. Thomas Catholic Church; Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Boy Scouts:

Eagle Scout; Vigil Member – Order of the Arrow District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award

Member, Mississippi Bar Association

Prosecutor, City of Biloxi, Mississippi, 1981-1982

City Judge, Biloxi, Mississippi, 1982-1985

City Attorney, Biloxi, Mississippi, 1989-1990

Biloxi City Council, 1993-2004; President 1996-1998; 2002-2004

National G&T Managers' Association; Secretary-Treasurer 2007-2009

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## Meeting Dates for Area Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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 I55 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	
MS Museum of Art		Pearl River C.C. Cafeteria	<b>Friday</b>
Lucedale - 12:00		Richton - 12:00	Rankin County - 12:00
MS Gulf Coast Community		Magnolia Restaurant	Rankin Co. Med. Ctr. Annex
College Cafeteria		Waynesboro - 12:00	Slidell, LA - 12:00
Petal - 12:00		Western Sizzlin	Pinewood Country Club
Civic Center		Prentiss - 12:00	
South Hinds County - 12:00		Country Fisherman	
BoDons Catfish & Seafood			