

Rotary Club Of Hattiesburg



October 2, 2012

Today we will have a CLUB ASSEMBLY

All members are encouraged to attend with our motto in mind:

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

Dates to Remember:

Zone 31 meeting is scheduled for October 4 -7 in
Huntsville, Alabama

Mid-Year Checkup – January 12, 2013

Beer Tasting event is scheduled for January 17, 2013

Minutes from 9/25/12

President-Elect Patrick Ward presided over the meeting.

Thanks to James Winstead, who gave the invocation and to Audra Cummings who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patrick then led the Club in the 4-Way Test and then asked Chris Pierce to introduce today's guests.

Dean Cromartie was a guest of Mary Cromartie. Rumbio Chiposi was a guest of Audra Cummings. Dr. Tommy King and Charles Pickering were guests of Scott Hummel and Lynn Walton

An update was given on Milton and Donna Wheeler's health. Let us remember them in our prayers as they continue to experience serious health issues.

Jaclyn Adams and Stan Causey served as greeters for the meeting.

Bill McLeod announced that the District Conference will be held in Bay St. Louis next April. Bill and Maura are soliciting sponsorships for the meeting. Anyone interested in considering a sponsorship is encouraged to see either of these members for the details.

Wes Brooks then introduced today's guest speaker, Ed Day with Mississippi Power.

Ed spoke to members regarding the progress being made at the Kemper County power generating plant that is being constructed. He noted that the last major investment in large base-load central generating plants was during the period of 1970 through 1981. The production of the plants constructed during that period of time has help keep power generating prices low.

The Kemper County plant is expected to go online in May 2014. Ed tabs the plant as a clean coal generating plant. Approximately 65% of the carbon dioxide produced in the fuel consumption to run the plant will be captured and will be sold as a by-product to enhance oil recovery. Two other substances will be captured from the fueling process and sold. The income generated from the sale of these two byproducts will be used to keep the plant's fuel costs lower for consumers.

Ed notes that of the 2,500 workers engaged in the plant's construction, approximately 50% of them are Mississippi workers. Ed reports that most of the steel being used in the plant's construction is being fabricated in Mississippi. Cooling water that will be used in the plant is coming from the City of Meridian's waste water treatment facility.

The plan will burn gasified coal that will be mined on-site. Ed reports that Mississippi has a 4 billion ton of lignite coal reserve. The Kemper County facility is expected to burn approximately 160 million tons over the next 40 years. The use of the new system will help stabilize the fuel costs associated with the generation of electricity over the next 40 to 50 years. According to Ed, the new plant will operate cheaper than a natural gas plant and at approximately the same cost as a nuclear generating plant.