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August 12, 2024

The Rotary Club of Jackson was pleased to welcome Delbert Hosemann, Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi.



The Head Table: President Phillip Carpenter – Rotary President; Owner, Carpenter Properties; Crystal Wise Martin – Judge, Hinds County Chancery Court District 4; Delbert Hosemann – Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi; and Richard Wilbourn – Rotary President Elect; Attorney, Richard Wilbourn and Associates, PLLC



President Phillip Carpenter welcomed Rotarians and guests.

Allan Cole delivered the Invocation; Bill Moore led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance; and President Phillip Carpenter led members in the Four Way Test.



Michael Van Velkinburgh introduced visiting Rotarians and guests:

- Bob Phillips, President Phillips Contracting, guest of Past President Mike Pepper
- Al Underwood's guest Temple Barry, Owner Barry Landscape
- Past President Tom Johnson's guest David Russell, President McGowan Working Partners

- Past President LeRoy Walker's guest, Dr. Donzell Lee, President Tougaloo College
- Sharon Moman's guest, Bishop Ronnie Crudup New Horizon Church
- Yolanda Singleton's guest, Tim Henderson, Jackson Mayoral Candidate
- Nancy Lane's guest, Senator Josh Harkins, Broker Lane-Harkins Commercial Real Estate
- Hawley Robertson, Policy Advisor Office of the Lieutenant Governor, guest of Delbert Hosemann

Service Project Ideas – What are you passionate about? How do you want to see the Rotary Club of Jackson meet the needs of our community? Please share your ideas for service opportunities our club can participate in this year with Service Chair Rob Salley at rsalley55@gmail.com.



Committee Day will be held on August 26, and we will play Rotary Bingo to raise money for service projects. Bingo cards will be \$5.00 each. Al Underwood will serve as the Master Caller.



Membership Promotion: Membership Chair Seth Dickinson encourages all members to promote our club to their family, friends, and co-workers. Let them know Rotary will allow them to meet new people, grow their business, and give back to the community.

Share the flyer posted on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/jxnrotary)

Please like our club page if you haven't already done so.



FRIENDSHIP, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE - ALL IN ONE PLACE!



Looking for an opportunity to meet new people, grow your business, and give back to the community?

Look no further than Rotary!

Our members come from all walks of life and industries, providing a diverse and dynamic network for you to tap into. Plus, with our emphasis on service, you'll have the chance to make a real difference in the lives of those around you.

Join us today and see the impact you can make!



For More Information:

Contact Seth Dickinson, Membership Chair asethdickinson@gmail.com

Statements for past-due balances will be emailed this week. This is a new feature with DACdb. Please make these a priority.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sandra Shelson	August 6
LeAnne Brewer	August 8
Selena Swartzfager	August 10
Meade Mitchell	August 14

ROTARY JOIN DATES:

President-Elect Richard Wilbourn introduced Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann.



Delbert Hosemann was raised in Warren County, Mississippi. Lt. Governor Hosemann has substantial experience in the private sector as a businessman and tax lawyer. He is a former partner of Phelps Dunbar, LLP. He received his undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Notre Dame, a law degree from the University of Mississippi, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University. Prior to attending law school,

Lt. Governor Hosemann served his country in the United States Army Reserve.

Elected in November 2019 with more than 60 percent of the vote, the Honorable Delbert Hosemann serves as Mississippi's 33rd Lieutenant Governor. He previously served as Secretary of State. Lt. Governor Hosemann is committed to serving the public with open and fair government. He advocates for increasing State government transparency, growing small businesses, shoring up Mississippi's roads and bridges, providing better access to healthcare, and ensuring every child receives a high-quality education. As the 52-member State Senate president, he remains committed to making Mississippi an even better place for our children and grandchildren.

Lt. Governor Hosemann is an avid hunter and runner in his spare time. He belongs to the National Rifle Association and is a past recipient of the NRA's Kirk Fordice Freedom Award. He is also a member of the Delta Wildlife Foundation and Ducks Unlimited. He has completed both the New York and Boston Marathons.

He and Lynn, his wife of 52 years, are members of St. Richard Catholic Church. They are incredibly proud of their three children, Kristen, Chad, and Mark, and grandchildren, Grace, Nora Lynn, Carson, Charlie, Manse, Charlotte, Howard Delbert, and Bobby.

The Mississippi Lieutenant Governor's office differs from other states because it is not perfunctory. The office has many responsibilities, including setting policy, appointing chairmen and chairwomen, appointing individuals to boards and commissions, assigning bills to committees, helping to manage debates on the floor, and serving as a source of structure during committee meetings and when passing major policy priorities.

- Lt. Governor Hosemann manages a 7.03-billion-dollar budget. Some of the budget highlights from 2024 include:
 - \$130+ million allocated to roads, bridges, rural water, and state infrastructure (utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARPA funds)
 - \$110 million infusion into the Public Employee's Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS)

Economic Development and Tourism:

- \$40 million for site development at the Mississippi Development Authority
- \$6.9 million for Main Street programs

- \$500,000 to the Mississippi Tourism Association
- Funds for Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH): Grand Village Project in Natchez, Military Park in Vicksburg, and demolition of Eudora Welty Library

Attorney General's Office - \$2.5 million for human trafficking programs

National Guard Armories - \$7.5 million and \$5 million for Youth Challenges Academy

Mississippi State Parks - \$10 million for upgrades and maintenance Education:

- Replaced MAEP with a new funding formula and an additional \$238 million in funding
- Rehiring retired teachers to teach full-time in critical shortage areas
- Career Coaches \$3 million for additional coaches with 200 coaches statewide in 195 schools)

Lt. Governor Hosemann believes "the social value provided by the MDAH improvements is culturally important to our state. For example, a great deal of money has been spent on LeFleur's Bluff State Park and the Vicksburg National Military Park Visitor's Center. These improvements will shape the cultural concept of how Mississippi should be perceived nationwide."

Mississippi's state parks are a "particular problem" for Lt. Governor Hosemann. "During the COVID-19 pandemic, people drove through Mississippi to visit state parks in Alabama because our state parks are so terrible." Lt. Governor Hosemann sent architects throughout the state to discover issues and create a plan to improve our parks. The result was a \$162+ million project. He believes the money allocated for state park improvement is a "long-term positive for Mississippi," enticing Mississippians to staycation and spend their money in the state and non-Mississippians to explore our state and contribute financially to tourism.

Looking ahead, Lt. Governor Hosemann plans to continue working on the stability of PERS, addressing healthcare issues, chronic absenteeism, and cell phone use in the classroom. He believes the state of Mississippi is "looking very good" financially and working towards a great future.

For more information on Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, please visit https://ltgovhosemann.ms.gov.

More Photos



Sharon Moman, Keith Ferguson, and Satellite Club President-Elect Steven Tharpe



Stephen Butler and Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann



Past President Mike Pepper and Bob Phillips



Bishop Ronnie Crudup, Sharon Moman, and Lee Bush



President-Elect Richard Wilbourn, President Phillip Carpenter, and Allan Cole



Tamika Jeuitt, Past President Howard Catchings, and Laquita Sampson



A full house at Rotary.



Tim Henderson and Yolanda Singleton



Dr. Donzell Lee, Lieutenant Governor Delbert, Hosemann, and Past President LeRoy Walker



"Who runs the world? Girls!"
Tamika Jeuitt, Sharon Moman, Judge, Crystal Wise Martin, Laquita Sampson



Michael Van Velkinburgh, Mason, Williams, and Ken Peacock



Gerard Gibert, Past President Howard Catchings, Dr. Donzell Lee, Past President LeRoy Walker, and Tim Henderson



President Phillip Carpenter, Judge Crystal Wise Martin, Lieutenant Governor Delbert, Hosemann, Senator Josh Harkins, and President-elect Richard Wilbourn



President Phillip Carpenter, Nancy Ln., Senator Josh Harkins



Dr. Deborah Wright and Yolanda Singleton