
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
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FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: SGPB AND PEW PARTNERSHIP

DATE 10/16/02

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The Southern Growth Policies Board, of which the Governor is chairman, was chosen as one of 10 national implementation partners for the Pew Partnership's new *Leadership Plenty* program, which consists of a set of materials that the Partnership has created to help communities develop grassroots leaders. USM's Center for Community and Civic Engagement is one five entities working with SGPB to implement the program. The Governor has approved of the Center's piloting the *Leadership Plenty* program in Prentiss in Jefferson Davis County.

SGPB has now contacted me to tell me that Pew is interested in expanding the program in Mississippi. Specifically, Pew wants to host a luncheon sometime before Christmas for selected business, community and other (education, non-profit, etc...) persons who we think would be interested in learning more about Pew and the *Leadership Plenty* program. Pew is thinking around 50-75 people could be invited to this luncheon. Pew will present an overview of the *Leadership Plenty* project at the luncheon.

Pew will then return to the state sometime around March to actually conduct the *Leadership Plenty* formal training program for representatives of the interested organizations. Pew will also provide all of the materials to those interested parties. Pew would basically be training the trainer, as the reps of the interested organizations would return home to conduct the *Leadership Plenty* program in their communities after having attended the formal training.

This is a great opportunity for communities, businesses, non-profits, educational organizations, etc... In addition, this will be great statewide publicity for the Governor in 2003 and he will also be able to note these statewide activities at the SGPB annual meeting next June in Biloxi.

I need your input as to anyone that you think we should invite to the luncheon. These individuals can be from businesses, non-profits, local government, health organizations, or civic organizations (Rotary, etc...) Please provide me with names and the organization that each person is associated with by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21. I'll then present our list of combined names to the Governor for his approval and additions. Thanks for your help!