## OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

**SUBJECT:** SGPB: EXPANSION OF PEW'S LEADERSHIP PLENTY INITIATIVE

**DATE** 11/12/02 **CC:** FILE

As you remember, the Southern Growth Policies Board 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 grassroot leaders. USM's Center for Community and Civic Engagement is one five entities working with SGPB to implement the program. You have approved of the Center's piloting the *Leadership Plenty* program in Prentiss in Jefferson Davis County.

After hearing you speak at the SGPB event in North Carolina, Pew now wants to expand the program in Mississippi. Pew is going to host a luncheon on December 10 at the Crowne Plaza to present an overview of the *Leadership Plenty* project. This event is on your calendar and you are going to speak at the luncheon (You okayed this). 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 is basically going to train 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 you in 2003 and you will also be able to note these statewide activities at the SGPB annual meeting next June in Biloxi.

Pew and SGPB developed the attached list of names of people they would like to invite to the luncheon. I also solicited names from our senior staff. Please review the list and mark off any that you would not like to have at the luncheon and/or add names of additional persons that you would like invited. (I've highlighted some that are not our biggest supporters. However, most of them do have connections or programs that could benefit from this program and could continue to provide it throughout the state.)

Thanks!