

North Jackson Rotary Club Weekly Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2000
12:00 p.m.
Primo's Northgate, Golden Horse Room

Opening

- Good Afternoon
- It is a pleasure to be here today

Main Points

The importance of economic growth, creating economic opportunity and extending economic prosperity to every region of the state, to every community, in every county of the state.

1. New Economic Development Plan
 - a. New Plan
 - i. First in 11 years
 - ii. Variety of incentives
 - iii. Very sound and comprehensive
 - b. It is a management tool to help sell the state of Mississippi
 - i. Designed to help those communities that have not prospered

- ii. Gives opportunities for all cities/counties
 - iii. Sends a signal to the nation – Mississippi is Serious about business
- c. More, higher paying jobs for people of Mississippi
 - i. Competing with other states for those jobs
 - ii. We now have a competitive advantage
 - iii. A better Quality of Life for all of MS

2. E-Government Commission

- a. As the environment in which we do business changes, so must the environment in which we conduct the public's business
- b. Advancement of Technology in every part of the world, is moving the expansion of e-commerce at the "speed of light"
- c. We have to keep up to be competitive, but we don't want to be "just competitive", we want to lead the nation and the world
- d. I have created a task force to explore and implement e-government
 - i. Make the government more customer friendly

- ii. Make the government simple and easy to access
- iii. We want Mississippi's e-government to lead the nation and serve as the model for other states

3. Mississippi Technology, Inc. & the Institute of Technology Development

- a. MTI promotes and coordinates science and technology-based economic development, while the Inst. Of Technology Development focuses on technology commercialization for the State of MS
- b. Dr. Angie Dvorak is the new CEO/President MTI & the Inst. Of Technology Development
- c. Dr. Dvorak has a long history of promoting the value of technology-based economic development and will do an outstanding job of helping to bring quality, high paying jobs to the people of Mississippi.
- d. Dr.Dvorak will also bring about a coordinated effort to pull together all of our resources, coordinating among MTI, ITD, the MS Development Authority,

other existing entities and the private sector.

Closing

- Future of Mississippi is bright
- I am listening to the people of Mississippi
- We all have to work together
- I am working to make Mississippi an even Better place to live, work and visit
- America's State of Promise, where promises are fulfilled