



Measuring Outcomes...



Achieving Results





Walton and Laura Gresham

Message From The President **WALTON GRESHAM**

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of Delta Council this year. I would like to thank my family, Delta Council members, and friends of this organization and region for their support in working together to achieve results.

My service this year has further reinforced my belief that Delta Council is a unique organization that is making a difference on some of the challenges that the Delta faces — whether in industrial development, agricultural policy, flood protection, workforce training, early childhood education, and the myriad of other issues that the membership of this organization comes together to impact.

Most appropriately, the theme of this year's Annual Meeting, and coincidentally, my goal in business is "Measuring Impacts and Achieving Results." When I moved back and went into the family propane business in 1971, approximately 10-15 people died in home propane related fires in Mississippi every year. Over the next 40-plus years, our propane industry worked with state regulators and improved safety measures and tracked the results each year. After several years, it was determined that over 80% of the accidents occurred after a home owner ran out of gas and then ordered gas into a system that had no pressure on any of the piping and valves, leading to the conclusion that the system needed to be tested before any more gas should be put in the tank so this was made a regulation. The trouble was this was an hour long test done by a certified serviceman in usually the busiest part of the year and could cause a home to be without gas overnight. A man from Tchula named Jimmy Shaw patented a device that could measure a pressure drop in less than 5 minutes. After much testing this device was approved and the state required this test that even drivers could use. Today, almost every propane dealer in the US uses some version of the device that Jimmy Shaw invented. There is no telling how many lives have been saved by measuring an outcome, changing some regulations, and achieving a result that has benefited everyone.

That same process is what drives the work of Delta Council and I want to thank the men and women of Delta Council who work hard at measuring the success or lack of success of programs so we can achieve better results. It is no accident that Delta Council is having an impact and I thank you for your time and dedication.

Today, and in this Annual Report, we celebrate some of the people and our partners that have helped us make an impact. I am also pleased that our friend, U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, is our featured guest for the 80th Annual Meeting of Delta Council. We have worked with Senator Wicker throughout his career. There is no more dedicated public servant in Mississippi that is attuned to the issues than Roger.

Please enjoy the meeting and thank you again for your friendship to the Delta, and Delta Council.

US SENATOR ROGER WICKER PROFILE



- **Native of Pontotoc, Mississippi**
- **Elected seven times to the U. S. House of Representatives from 1994-2007**
- **Represents Mississippi in the United States Senate from 2007 to present**
- **Served in the Mississippi State Senate representing Lee and Pontotoc Counties**
- **Member of the Armed Services Committee; the Budget Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; the Environment and Public Works Committee; and the Rules Committee**
- **Chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower, and the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet**
- **Served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve, before retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.**
- **Member of First Baptist Church Tupelo**
- **Married to the former Gayle Long of Tupelo. They have three children and four grandchildren**

2015 Annual meeting **MAY 29, 2015**



9:00-10:00 a.m.
DELTA 1000 EVENT
"Red/Blue Review"

Featuring, Jere Nash and Andy Taggart, Political pundits and strategists

Location: McPherson Hall

9:00-10:15 a.m.
2015 SALUTE TO DELTA HONOR GRADUATES
The Honorable Tate Reeves, Lieutenant Governor
State of Mississippi, Keynote

Dr. William Bynum, President,
Mississippi Valley State University, Co-host

Location: "Under the Tent" on the East Side of Bologna Center

10:30 a.m.
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Walton Gresham, President

INVOCATION
Reverend Guilianna Gray, Indianola, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Boy Scout Troop 200, Greenwood

PATRIOTIC MUSIC
Bologna Performing Art Center Delta Youth Chorale,
Directed by Whitney Cummins

BUSINESS SESSION
Recognition of Special Guests
Good Middling Recipient
Wear Cotton
Recognition of Honor Graduates, Scholarship Recipient
Introduction of New Officers

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor,
State of Mississippi

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
The Honorable Roger Wicker, Senator,
United States Senate

12:00 Noon
CATFISH LUNCHEON
Location: Delta State University, Quadrangle Lawn

RECOGNITION OF 2015 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor,
State of Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI DELTA 2015

Honor Graduates & Schools

Bolivar

Erin Bridgett, Broad Street High
 Rickeya Brown, Cleveland High
 April Cobb, Cleveland High
 LaKeisha Cotton, East Side High
 Cordarius Curry, Shaw High
 Hannah Davis, Bayou Academy
 Miracle Hurns, East Side High
 Anthony Jackson, John F Kennedy High
 Alyssa Johnson, Shaw High
 Syderrick Maiten, Ray Brooks
 Charkydra McNeal, West Bolivar High
 Faith Nix, West Bolivar High
 Andrew Rogers, Bayou Academy
 Porshia Shelton, John F Kennedy High
 Starr Smith, Ray Brooks
 Aletha Wells, Broad Street High

Carroll

Adiva Herndon, J.Z. George High
 Sarah Mumme, Carroll Academy
 Jean Marie Ramsey, Carroll Academy
 Sergio Rodriguez, J.Z. George High

Coahoma

Michelle Basha, Lee Academy
 Sara Citchens, Coahoma County Agricultural High
 Mikel Cotton, Clarksdale High
 Daeisha Gipson, Coahoma County High
 Shamia Hopper, Clarksdale High
 Bailey Matthews, Lee Academy
 Jutavian Readus, Coahoma County High
 Vera Young, Coahoma County Agricultural High

Desoto

Samuel "Kyle" Brassell, Northpoint Christian School
 Caitlynn Casey, Lewisburg High
 Catrina Curtis, Desoto Central High
 Cyman Davis, Horn Lake High
 Hallie Earwood, Desoto Central High
 John Ross Graham, Hernando High
 Brandi Hellums, Center Hill High
 Alexandria Lewis, Lake Cormorant High
 Brandon McDaniel, Hernando High
 Carson McKinney, Olive Branch High
 Lauren Brooke Mims, Desoto County Academy
 Shelby Oliver, Horn Lake High
 Ashleigh Ricketts, Olive Branch High
 Hayden Marshall Roberts, Desoto County Academy
 Kayla Savage, Lewisburg High
 Benjamin Schreck, Southaven High
 Darian Smith, Center Hill High
 Andrea Sparkman, Northpoint Christian School
 Bethany Starkey, Southaven High
 Carly Wells, Lake Cormorant High

Holmes

Jessica Brownlow, Holmes County Central High School
 Kayla Greer, Durant High

Natavia Hunt, Durant High

Brandon Landfair, Holmes County Central High School
 Payton Netherland*, Central Holmes Christian School
 Lane Spell, Central Holmes Christian School

Humphreys

Jalen Harper, Humphreys Co. High
 Charmaine Kelly, Humphreys Co. High
 Justin Smallwood, Humphreys Academy

Leflore

Emilee Bolden, Pillow Academy
 Kassaedy Bolden, Leflore County High
 Melvin Cook, III, Greenwood High
 Alphonso Ford, Jr., Amanda Elzy High
 Khyla Grant, North New Summit School
 Katherine Gregory, Pillow Academy
 Patrice Otero, Greenwood High
 Staige Roberts, North New Summit School
 Desire Stanley, Leflore County High
 Candace Wright, Amanda Elzy High

Panola

LaQuaisha Gross, North Panola High
 Skylyn Irby, South Panola High
 Tanisha Leland, North Panola High
 Schaefer Liana, North Delta School
 Colby Province, North Delta School
 Lindsey Simmerman, South Panola High

Quitman

Tracy Bledsoe, Madison S. Palmer High
 Jakedria Jones, Madison S. Palmer High
 Greyson Young, Delta Academy

Sharkey/Issaquena

Marlee Anderson, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
 Madyson Clark, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
 Ja'Kyah Green, South Delta High
 James Holmes, South Delta High

Sunflower

Erianna Ball, Gentry High
 Zoe Beckworth, Gentry High
 Nyisha Jones, Ruleville Central High
 Steven Marshall, Indianola Academy
 Tashyra Morgan, Ruleville Central High
 Taylor Morris, North Sunflower Academy
 Rivers Robinson, Indianola Academy
 Anna Tullos, North Sunflower Academy

Tallahatchie

Kentreal Hooper, West Tallahatchie High
 LeeAnn Melton, Strider Academy
 Anfernee Reed, Charleston High
 Hannah Simmons, Strider Academy
 Jaronica Williams, West Tallahatchie High
 Christopher Winford, Charleston High

Tate

Anna Payton Davis, Magnolia Heights School
 Abbey Gordon, Senatobia High
 Bayli Greene, Magnolia Heights School
 Bethany Marie Maxey, Independence High
 Arizona Morgan, Strayhorn High
 Elvontay Newson, Coldwater Attendance Center
 Falyn Ruby, Senatobia High
 Jacob Allen Scott, Independence High
 Dylan Stephens, Strayhorn High
 Marquisha Watson, Coldwater Attendance Center

Tunica

Keiandra Bedford, Rosa Fort High
 Mari-Oakley Hartsfield, Tunica Academy
 Damien Jackson, Rosa Fort High
 McKenzie Murdock, Tunica Academy

Warren

Sarah Davis, Warren Central High
 Amy Dixon, Vicksburg High
 Samantha Hawn, Porter's Chapel Academy
 Jordan Locke, Porter's Chapel Academy
 Laura Jacklyn Phillips, St Aloysius High School
 Maggie Victoria Thomas, St Aloysius High School
 Austin Warren, Vicksburg High
 Kennedy Whitmore, Warren Central High

Washington

Sarah Ballinger, Deer Creek School
 Katherine Bell, Washington School
 Hayden W. Burford, Greenville Christian School
 Jeron Collins, Greenville Weston High
 Kelsie Downs, Leland High
 Kathleen Flanagan, Riverside High
 Mallory Fontenot, Washington School
 Perrionna Gibson, O'Bannon High
 Brannon Hardison, Leland High
 Tamashia Jenkins, Simmons High
 Jazlyn Johnson, O'Bannon High
 Emily Mansour, St Joseph High School
 Megan Partain, Riverside High
 TaMiya Phillips, Greenville Weston High
 Ro'Myrus Preston, Simmons High
 Lindsay Rexrode, Deer Creek School
 Katherine Anne Terracina, St Joseph High School
 Connate Williams, Greenville Christian School

Yazoo

William Clark, Yazoo County High
 Mary Menger Jones, Benton Academy
 Le-Dra Luce, Yazoo City High
 Seward Montgomery Perry, Manchester Academy
 Marshal Alexander Salley, Manchester Academy
 Olivia Shelton, Benton Academy
 Whitley Stiff, Yazoo County High
 Adrienna Williams, Yazoo City High

* In Memoriam

2014-2015

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2015 *Delta Council* *Achievement Awards*



Outstanding Contribution to Cotton Ginning:
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Cary, MS



Outstanding Contribution to Conservation:
ROB COKER
Yazoo City, MS



Outstanding Contribution to Soybean:
CLARK CARTER
Rolling Fork, MS



Outstanding Contributions to Hardwood Forestry:
DR. ANDREW EZELL
Mississippi State, MS



Outstanding Contributions to Research:
DR. RANDY LUTTRELL
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Outstanding Contribution to Rice:
BUDDY ALLEN
Tunica, MS



Outstanding Contributions to Aquaculture:
AUSTIN JONES
Moorhead, MS



2015 Good Middling Recipient
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Indianola, MS



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* Deceased



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2014-2015

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Resolutions

AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

ADVISORY RESEARCH:

- Support for Public Sector Science and Education in Agriculture
- Delta Research and Extension Priorities
- Transgenic and Conventional Plant Varieties
- Cotton Research and Market Development: Non-Wovens
- Mississippi Boll Weevil Program

AQUACULTURE

- Aquaculture
- Catfish

FARM POLICY

- Farm Policy
- Crop Insurance
- Copper Theft
- Peanut Committee Establishment

FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- Hardwoods Research
- Desired Forest Conditions (DFCs)
- Feral Hogs
- Brown Tract

GINNING AND COTTON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory – Stoneville

RICE AND SMALL GRAINS

- Rice
- Mississippi Rice Check-Off

SOYBEAN, WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS

- Soybeans
- Corn

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Delta Heritage Area
- GRAMMY Museum
- Mississippi Delta Developers Association
- Workforce
- Historic Tax Credit: In Appreciation
- Site Development
- Growth and Prosperity
- Delta Regional Authority
- Education and Health Policy:
- Higher Education Funding
- Health Care: Access, Education and Research
- Early Learning
- Adult Literacy

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

- Highway Development
- Future Needs: The Next Mississippi Road Program
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Bridge Replacement and Repair
- Expanded Four-Lane Highway System (Vision 21)
- Delta Rail Service

NATURAL RESOURCES

FLOOD CONTROL

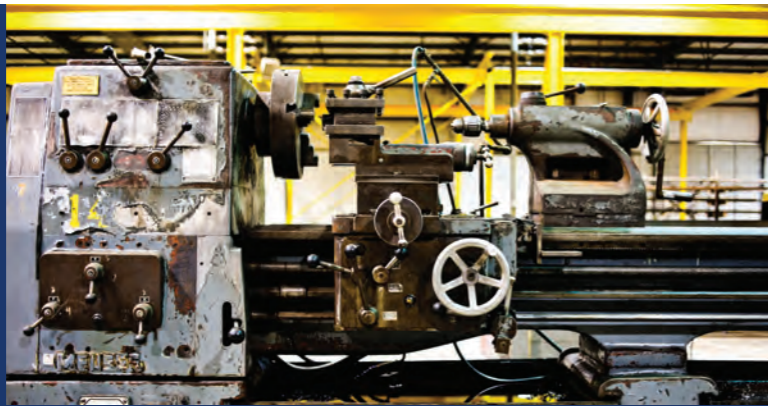
- Flood Control
- Flood Control Reservoirs
- Mississippi River Levee Enlargement
- Yazoo Basin Flood Control
- Upper Yazoo Project
- Hillside Watersheds
- South Delta Flooding
- South Delta Environmental Education Center
- Drainage Districts
- Carter-Rocky Bayou Levees

SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

- Water Balance
- Waters of the U.S.
- Water Resources Research Center
- NRCS Programs: Water Supply/Water Quality Initiatives
- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- Conservation Programs–USDA–Wetlands Reserve
- Program Enrollment Caps
- Agricultural Chemical Water Study
- Water Resources of the Delta



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for those that do a little extra



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“I've always been impressed with Delta Council's commitment to success through a regional approach and the constant efforts undertaken to preserve the Mississippi Delta and to improve and enhance the well-being of everyone who resides in this very special place. It only took one visit there for me to recognize the strong connection people feel toward the Delta and why they are so proud to be from the area and work so hard to protect it. Delta Council played a big part in my understanding that kinship.”

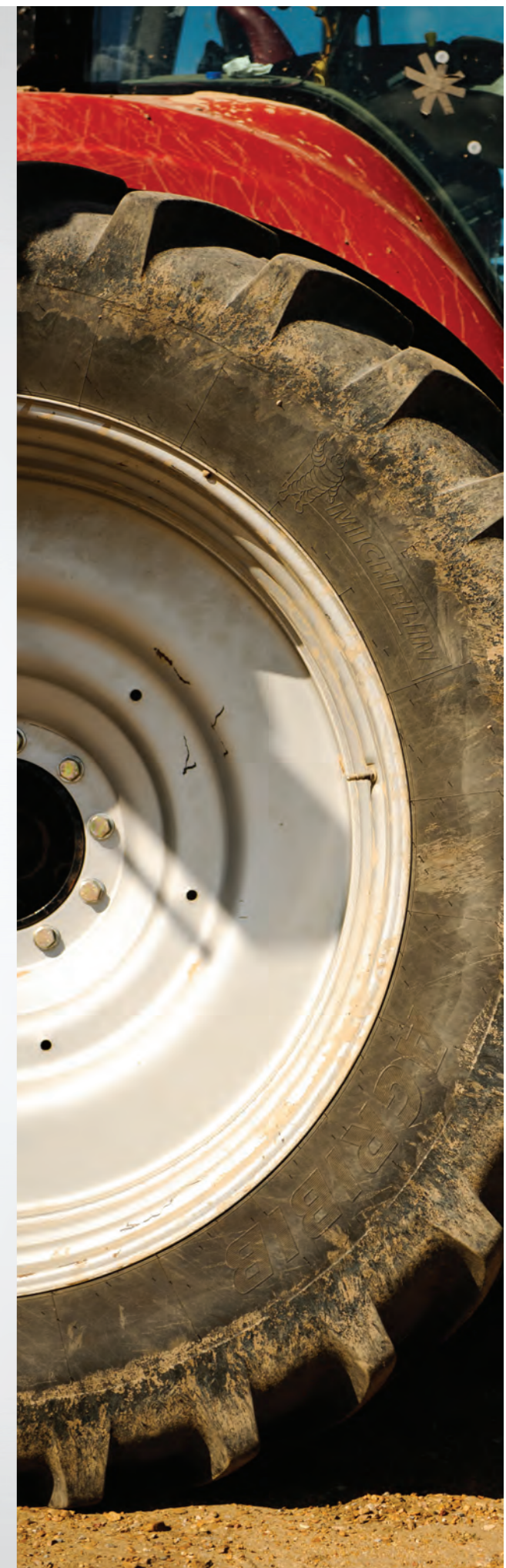


Ben Mosely
 VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
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“Working with the people of the Delta has brought me a renewed appreciation for what can be accomplished by a geographic area population focused on their similarities and common challenges while acknowledging, and considering, their differing opinions. Delta Council has impressed me as the investigator, motivator, and advocate giving Delta challenges, issues, and opportunities a platform from which to be addressed. I have come to understand, and admire, Delta Council's national reputation as a premier facilitator of improvement and advancement.”



Don Underwood
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 MS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION



“ The industrial and community development of the Mississippi Delta is of tantamount importance to the Mississippi Development Authority. Whether it is site development activities, workforce training opportunities, heritage tourism development, or existing business support, we can always count on the Delta Council Development Department to be a trusted cooperator and ally to make positive things happen in the region and in the State of Mississippi. ”

Marlo Dorsey
CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER
MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



“ I have worked all of my career with NRCS in the Mississippi Delta. The great partnerships that the Mississippi Delta has formed through the efforts of Delta Council, has enabled NRCS to achieve our mission in the Delta of “Helping the People Help the Lands. ”

Kevin Kennedy
AREA CONSERVATIONIST
NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

“ The landscape of the Delta has changed significantly over the past decade with a historic shift of acreage from cotton to soybeans and corn. Growers have been successful in responding to global demand by diversifying their production. During this transition, Delta Council has continued to be a valuable asset to all of our region's growers by positioning the Delta for maximum success in the production and distribution of all of our crops while simultaneously promoting the most efficient use of the Delta's resources. ”

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“ Growing up in a small town and moving to the Mississippi Delta has been the perfect marriage. I feel I have returned to my roots here. In my brief time at MVSU, I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support from organizations such as Delta Council. The partnerships we've built to continue the everlasting legacy of Valley will help sustain the university for generations to come. ”



Dr. William Bynum
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“ It continues to be an honor to work with Chip Morgan and the Delta Council members on conservation and natural resource opportunities in the Delta and the State of Mississippi. The combined efforts with the Delta Council and our Washington Congressional delegation earlier this year negated the proposed closures of Lake George, Muscadine and Sky Lake WMA's. In addition, The Right to Hunt & Fish was achieved by the collective work of the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen Caucus, the Delta Council and other conservation minded stakeholders. These efforts display that working together can and will achieve positive successes for the sportsmen and sportswomen of Mississippi. ”



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