

DOVIA Mississippi
March 21, 2013 @ Winter Archives Building
Engaging School-Aged Volunteers
Meeting Notes

Thank you for a great meeting this morning. Special thanks to our hostess, Elizabeth Coleman, for the wonderful breakfast and the stunning view!

PRESENT:

- Carolyn White, speaker
- Gloria Watson, speaker
- Ann Taylor, speaker
- Fran Baker
- Michele Baker
- Doris Bridgeman
- Aimee Burrow
- Elizabeth Coleman
- Krista Estes
- Sharon Kendrick
- Jay-Tea Leggett

BUSINESS MEETING

Currently DOVIA has 11 paid members – gentle reminder that DOVIA memberships are individual and annual. ***In other words, it's time to renew your DOVIA membership for just \$25!*** There's still time to renew your DOVIA membership for 2013! [**Renew \(or join\) today for just \\$25**](#) and get the GIVE Awards luncheon event FREE (a \$30 value).

Treasurer's Report: DOVIA has \$2,110.41 in the bank as of March 20.

ENGAGING SCHOOL AGED VOLUNTEERS

Carolyn White, Jim Hill High School

- Perspective of middle- and high school students
- Seeing a trend towards volunteerism/community service on college applications – she writes rec letters for students outlining their volunteer service
- Age can be a factor; not every location can use the younger students
- Young students feel most comfortable volunteering as a group (be creative in how to access this group talent!)
- Transportation is a factor for students who don't yet have their drivers' licenses
- International Baccalaureate program at Jim Hill stresses volunteering, with an innovative twist – there are 8 learning objectives to accomplish (in whatever creative ways students decide to interpret them) instead of a set number of hours required
- Art students painted pillowcases and donated them to breast cancer center at a hospital

Gloria Watson, Tougaloo College

- Tougaloo College has volunteerism/community service woven into the fabric of the curriculum. This: 1) allows the students to give back, and 2) allows students to explore outside of the academic framework.
- Need 60+ hours to graduate – encourage them to do this as freshman, sophs, and juniors
- Learning outcome → “How can I (the Tougaloo student) make the world a better place?” Community service is the mechanism to allow students to answer this question

- Must get project approved (partnership with a nonprofit or community partner, such as a government agency or hospital)
- 1,200 word reflective essay required explaining the project, must receive at least a “2” (scale of 1-4)
- Projects teach critical thinking and analytical thinking

Ann Taylor, MS Museum of Natural Science

- You must identify the skillsets of potential volunteers
- Formulate a clear idea of what your organization needs/wants, so you can match volunteers with appropriate “jobs” in your organization
- Communication is key – what does the vol expect? What does the organization expect?
- Be creative and think outside the box to engage volunteers! → Take a lesson from the joke: “First one to the top of the tree, wins.” (contestants include a monkey, a bird, and a goldfish in a bowl)
- Document your successes – journal, photos, blogs, drawings...

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Also remember to check out the new DOVIA website (www.doviams.org), and to “like” us on [Facebook](#).

Share volunteer-related success stories (especially those with pictures!) with Deirdra Harris Glover: (press@volunteermisississippi.org)

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MDAH events listing: <http://mdah.state.ms.us/senseofplace/category/events/>
Tougaloo College events listing: <http://www.tougaloo.edu/calendar/index.htm>
MS Museum of Natural Science events listing: <http://www.mdwfp.com/see-visit/events.aspx>
M CVS events listing: <http://volunteermisississippi.org/about/events/national-volunteer-week/>

Partial Listing of Events

March 24, 2013 → Women’s Leadership Forum @ Tougaloo College
 April 6, 2013 → Naturefest @ Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
 April 11-14, 2013 → Crossroads Film Festival @ Malco Grandview Theater, Madison
 April 22, 2013 → GIVE Awards luncheon at the Mississippi Museum of Art
 May 6-7, 2013 → Positioned for Progress Conference @ Jackson Convention Center
 May 13, 2013 → Cruising the Capital on the Trolley, sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History
 May 18, 2013 → 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement and Gala Dinner

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The 14th Annual Crossroads Film Festival is April 11-14, 2013 @ Malco Grandview Theater in Madison, MS. www.crossroadsfilmfestival.com. Also consider membership in the Crossroads Film Society and support indie film in Mississippi! www.crossroadsfilmsociety.com

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May 6-7, 2013 – **Positioned for Progress Conference: Economic Impact Through Community Engagement** @ the Jackson Convention Complex. Registration starts at \$179.

www.positionedforprogress.com/registration

The focus of the conference is the economic impact of collaborations among nonprofits. Partners include: Volunteer Mississippi (formerly the MS Commission for Volunteer Service), Mississippi Center for Nonprofits, Association of Community Action Agencies, and the Mississippi Grantmaker's Association. DOVIA Mississippi is helping sponsor the conference by providing the speakers for a track of 3 workshops.

VOLUNTEERISM AND SERVICE	Volunteer Mississippi & DOVIA Partners	<u>Marketing Made Easy! Just Recognize Your Volunteers!</u> Want quality volunteers and partnerships you can count on? Take home easy tips & techniques that turn volunteer recognition into effective targeted marketing that creates valuable partnerships and presence for your organization.
COLLABORATING FOR IMPACT	Volunteer Mississippi & DOVIA Partners	<u>Join Up Volunteer Managers!</u> <i>Spending Time, Sharing Knowledge & Resources Boosts Volunteer Managers and Their Programs.</i> A Volunteer Manager's job sometimes has high expectations and very little support. Where can you go to discuss ideas, share resources and learn new techniques specifically for volunteer managers? DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers In Agencies) may be just the network you're looking for. Learn about the DOVIA model and how it's working in Central Mississippi.
VOLUNTEERISM AND SERVICE	Volunteer Mississippi & DOVIA Partners	<u>Get More Done with Professional & Skilled Volunteers</u> Wouldn't it be great if you could expand marketing, lead more volunteers, create a newsletter, get help with event planning, take better photos...and the list goes on! There are volunteers out there who have the skills you need to make your program and organization a success. Find out where they are and how to get them.