

DOVIA Mississippi  
January 24, 2013 @ MS Museum of Natural Science  
**“Strategic Planning for 2013”**  
**Meeting Notes**

Thank you all for a great meeting this morning at the Museum of Natural Science! Thanks, too, to our host Ann Peden for the wonderful breakfast!

**PRESENT:**

- Cynthia Armstrong
- Fran Baker
- Michele Baker
- Caitlin Brooking
- Krista Estes
- Michael Gentry
- Deirdra H. Glover
- Sharon Kendrick
- Mary Kitchens
- Jay-Tea Leggett
- Becky Olthof
- Ann Peden
- Chrystelle Thames

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

According to the December 2012 report, DOVIA has \$1,924.06 in the bank.

**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

It’s January, which means it’s 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).

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

The book we discussed this morning (“finding your tribe,” “playing instead of working”) is [Finding Your Way in a Wild New World: Reclaim Your True Nature to Get the Life You Want](#), by Martha Beck (2011). Available at Amazon in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle editions

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[Volunteer Mississippi](#) (formerly the MS Commission for Volunteer Service) hosts the annual GIVE Awards Ceremony which will take place on April 22, 2013 – a luncheon at the MS Museum of Art ([general information about GIVE here](#)). GIVE Awards nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013. [Complete a GIVE application by clicking here](#).

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

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The Rainforest and “Got Fish?” exhibits at the [Mississippi Museum of Natural Science](#) open 1/26/13. For info on either program, see the website or contact [Ann Peden](#).

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The 13th Annual Crossroads Film Festival is April 12-14, 2013 @ Malco Grandview Theater in Madison, MS. [www.crossroadsfilmfestival.com](http://www.crossroadsfilmfestival.com). Also consider membership in the Crossroads Film Society and support indie film in Mississippi! [www.crossroadsfilmsociety.com](http://www.crossroadsfilmsociety.com)

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Want to see some real "Game Players" at work? Mark your calendar for February 28, 2013 - join us for the 2nd annual "[MINIT-2-WINIT](#)" Games to benefit your own [Mississippi Boychoir](#)! Celebrities will play hilarious games while you enjoy appetizers and the cash bar. Check out the Silent Auction of items to fit every taste and budget. Artistic Director Lelon Thompson will sing, and of course, you'll hear the boys themselves; this family-friendly event is a MUST SEE! Tickets are \$45.

\*CONFIRMED FOR 2013 \* HRH Jill Conner Browne, best-selling author & Sweet Potato Queen, will emcee the event! Celebrity Judge is Hon. Robert Gibbs!\*

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The [Mississippi Department of Archives and History](#) has an extensive [Calendar of Events](#) including museum tours, lectures, sneak-previews, and the *History Is Lunch* series. Check it out to find great things to do throughout the year!

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[Mississippi's Toughest Kids](#) has purchased land! CONGRATULATIONS! For information on MTK, visit the website or contact [Mary Kitchens](#).

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Sharon Kendrick ([Sunnybrook Children's Home](#)) has received donations of toddler clothing and flip flops in assorted sizes. Sharon offers other organizations the opportunity to use some of the donations. [Contact Sharon here](#).

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May 6-7, 2013 – statewide conference on nonprofit management and volunteerism (exact title TBA); 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
- Mississippi Grantmaker's Association

DOVIA Mississippi will assist with several workshops on volunteer management – if you'd like to assist on this planning team, [contact Michele Baker](#)