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Bud Jones, AGJ Systems and Networks, will be guest speaker for May meeting

Bud Jones is Chief Executive Officer and one of the three original partners at AGJ. He was named as one of the top 40 business men under 40 by the Mississippi Business Journal in 2007 and as one of the top ten businessmen under forty by the Sun Herald in 2006. He actively serves on the board of directors for the South Mississippi Contract Procurement Center and the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Renaissance Biloxi Small Business Advisory Council, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum Brick Committee and on various Biloxi and Biloxi Bay Chamber committees. Mr. Jones is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, a Microsoft Certified Professional + Internet, Citrix Certified Administrator, Certified Document Imaging Architech, and an A+ certified engineer. Bud is a

Navy veteran that served during both Desert Storm and the Bosnian Conflict.

AGJ Systems and Networks Inc., is a Veteran owned small business located in Biloxi, Mississippi. AGJ

has been recognized as the Harrison County Development Commission's Commercial Small Business of the Year for 2004, the Mississippi Business Journal's Commercial Small Business of the Year for 2005, and the Gulf Coast's Chambers Tapestry Technology Award winner for 2005 and 2006. Today AGJ has over 650 clients throughout the Gulf Coast, the United States and Australia.



A Note of Thanks to our Troops

By: Hannah Silkman
Community Service Chair

Thank you to everyone who collected children's books last month for the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children in Jackson. We were able to send approximately 70 books that will be given to children at their upcoming doctor's visits.

In May and June, we will be writing notes of thanks to our troops overseas. We will supply you with notecards at our next two meetings, and ask that while you eat and converse, you write a short note to thank our troops who have sacrificed life here in the United States with their families to defend our country many miles from home. I will be mailing these to the troops to arrive around the Fourth of July.

If you have any questions about this, or other upcoming service projects, please email me at
Hannah.Silkman@cancer.org.

Next PRAM Meeting
Monday, May 14 at 12 noon
Great Southern Club
Sunset Room
(15 floor, One Hancock Plaza in downtown Gulfport)

All PRAM members are welcome to submit news to ImPReSSions. Please e-mail Judy Isbell (judy.isbell@usm.edu) or Charmaine Williams (charmaine.williams@usm.edu) two weeks prior to any meeting.

President's Letter

Dear PRAM Mississippi Beach,

I can't tell you all how proud I was to get back "home" to the Great Southern Club last month for our April meeting. I was equally proud of the outstanding response from our membership with over 50 in attendance. I would also like to again thank our guest speaker, Ms. Heather Marsh of Ad-In Advertising for speaking to our group on short notice.

You will not want to miss our next monthly meeting, Monday, May 14th, with guest speaker Mr. Bud Jones of AGJ Systems and Networks. AGJ is a local design group that has been working with the board of directors under the leadership of Jerry Taranto to get our web site up to date and user friendly. I know you will find the new website to be a great improvement and an asset to our membership.

In closing, please be sure and take a look at the PRism award winners in this issue of ImPRessions. I was fortunate to be at the awards luncheon and I can tell you that the MS Beach Chapter was well represented.

Yours in PRAM,

Ron Barnes



2007 PRAM Award Winners

PRism Awards

Special Public Relations Program (Short Term) \$5,000 - \$10,000

Godwin Group, Hancock Bank for NASDAQ Opening Bell

Web Site over \$1,000

Godwin Group, Louisville Slugger for Louisville Slugger Web Site

Potpourri

Shelia White and Judy Isbell for Katrina: One Year Later

Award of Excellence

Special Events and Observance (Short Term)

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Katrina & Biloxi: One Year Later Observance

Direct Mail Program over \$1,000

Ron Barnes, Melissa Bryant and April Lollar for Member Handbook

Print Advertising over \$500

Godwin Group, Hancock Bank for Hancock Bank Rebuild Initiative

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for We're Reviving the Renaissance

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Help Protect our Waterways

Lorri Freeman, Amanda Parker, Melissa Bryant and April Lollar for Hurricane Katrina Anniversary Ad

Specialty Item over \$2.00 each

Godwin Group for Louisville Slugger New Business Box

Web Site under \$1,000

Keith Guillot for Guild Hardy Architects Web Site

Web Site over \$1,000

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Storm Recovery News E-mail Campaign

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Official Web Site for the City of Biloxi

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Katrina & Biloxi Web Site

Certificate of Achievement

Special Public Relations Program (Long Term) over \$10,000

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Katrina & Biloxi Photo Album & DVD

Special Events and Observances (Short Term)

Shelia White for Southern Miss & Singing River Hospital Partnership

Annual Report over \$2,000

Ron Barnes, Melissa Bryant and April Lollar for "Strength in Numbers"

Publication External Audience over \$2,000

Godwin Group, State Farm for State Farm insert

Direct Mail Program over \$1,000

Ron Barnes, Melissa Bryant and April Lollar for Proxy Self-Mailer

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for State of the City: One Year Later

Print Advertising over \$500

Godwin Group, Mississippi Power Company for I Have the Power

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Katrina & Biloxi: One Year Later

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for Help Make History

Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi for City Hall is Open 24/7

Feature Story of Series

Kristie Aylett, APR for TCC's Information Center

Kristie Aylett, APR for Brite Graduate Leads Urban Ministry

Video Program/Production-Advertisement

Godwin Group, Hancock Bank for Hancock Bank Rebuild Initiative

Web Site over \$1,000

Godwin Group, MedjetAssist for MedjetAssist Web Site

Godwin Group, SmartSynch for SmartSynch Web Site

Godwin Group, Wesley Medical Center for Wesley Medical Center Web Site

Potpourri

Keith Guillot for What is LEED?



Members of the PRAM Mississippi Beach Chapter gathered around the "Peavey Chopper" on Thursday, May 12 at the Peavey Electronics Headquarters in Meridian. PRAM members that attended the conference were treated to a social and performance hosted by Peavey Electronics. The Peavey Chopper was built by Orange County Choppers in Orange County, New York.