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RABE, the local chapter of NABE, is a 501c3 organization dedicated to economic education.

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"ECONOMIC ISSUES" LUNCHEON

J. Edward Hill, MD

Immediate Past President, American Medical Association

WHEN: Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 12:00 – 2:00pm

WHERE: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, 701 East Byrd Street

COST: \$15 for RABE members, \$25 for guests, \$10 for full-time students.



"The Economics of Health Care in America, and Specifically in Virginia"

J. Edward Hill, MD, a family physician from Tupelo, Miss., was elected three times to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees (BOT) and became its chair in 2002. Dr. Hill was president-elect in June 2004 and assumed the presidency in June 2005.

Prior to his election to the AMA-BOT, Dr. Hill served the AMA as an alternate delegate and then a delegate from the Mississippi State Medical Association. In 1990 he was appointed by the AMA-BOT to the AMA's Council on Legislation and served as vice chair from 1995 to 1996.

In addition to his active participation in the AMA, Dr. Hill has served in a variety of leadership positions in other medical organizations. He has been chairman of the board of trustees and president of the Mississippi State Medical Association, president of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, an alternate delegate and delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians, and president of the Southern Medical Association.

Born in Omaha, Neb., Dr. Hill was educated in the public schools of Vicksburg, Miss., and received both his BS and MD degrees from the University of Mississippi. He completed his internship while serving four years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, in addition to serving as a general medical officer in a naval destroyer group.

A board-certified family physician, Dr. Hill began his professional career in the rural Mississippi Delta where he practiced for 27 years. In addition to his full-service family practice, Dr. Hill developed and directed a local maternal child health program that resulted in lowering the fetal mortality rate from one of the highest in the United States to below the national average, where it remained. Due to his wealth of medical practice experience and recognition as a role model for young doctors, Dr. Hill was asked in January 1995 to become the director of the Family Practice Residency Program at North Mississippi Medical Center, which is the nation's largest rural hospital. Having stepped down from the directorship in July 2001, he remains on the faculty full time and has an active practice.

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In addition to his busy professional life, Dr. Hill is an active participant and leader in community activities. He has served as president of the Mississippi affiliate of the American Heart Association, chair of the Industrial Development Committee for his local Chamber of Commerce, member of the advisory board for his county Head Start program, president of his local school board and a member of the board of directors of his church.

Dr. Hill and his wife, Jean, are the parents of two daughters and have five grandchildren who also reside in Mississippi.

LUNCHEON DETAILS

RESERVATIONS: Reservations are required! **The deadline is Friday, April 6 at noon.** We ask that everyone please register online at our website, www.RABEva.org. Simply go to the website and click the "Register" link that appears with speaker's photo and information. You may also e-mail your reservation to Adam Haller at adam.haller@rich.frb.org.

PAYMENT: Use your credit card at www.RABEva.org. Members may pay in advance or at the door using on-line, check or cash. Non-members are requested to always pay in advance. Advance payments may be sent by check in postal mail or using the on-line system. All advance payments should be received by RABE at least 2 business days before the meeting.

PARKING: Parking is available in the RMA parking deck nearby. See our site for details.

MEMBER NEWS

Member Survey: Soon, RABE will be conducting a survey of its members to learn what is working well. Please take the time to respond when you receive it.

Submit news to Jackie Hudson, immediate-past-president, at jackie.hudson@vec.virginia.gov.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear RABE members,

On President's Day, three RABE members made the trek up to Washington DC to meet with Jodie Slaughter, President of McKinley Marketing, Inc., who specializes in providing leadership to not-for-profit organizations.

Some of the key lessons learned were: to strengthen and clarify our mission statement, which is to provide educational and networking opportunities for individuals interested in economics and its application to public policy; to reconsider our dues collection process, making it more efficient for a growing organization such as ours; to clearly identify who our target audience is; to identify what value RABE provides that is unique; and to increase participation from all members, possibly by inviting members to join committees. Given that Spring is in the air, why not spring to action and volunteer to make an impact in the Association?

I am proud that RABE was a co-sponsor 13th Annual VCU International Business Forum. Several RABE members attended and had the opportunity to learn from the panel discussion and even contribute to the dialogue during the Q&A. On the co-sponsorship front, RABE is planning on co-sponsoring a break at the Virginia Association of Economists annual conference, to be held in Richmond this year on March 29-30.

Thank you again for making RABE a strong and active organization. We are strong and active due to the effort invested by volunteers. ■

Yours truly,

Adam

Adam J. Haller, CFA
President, RABE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virginia Association of Economists
Annual Conference
March 29-30
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
<http://www.vaecon.org/vae-conference07.html>

NABE events:

Regional Utility Roundtable Teleconference
Wednesday, March 6, 2007 11:00 AM EST
"Automotive Supply Chain Impact"
Brett Vassey, VA Manufacturers Association
Jacqueline Hudson, V.E.C., moderator
<http://www.nabe.com/rt/reg/events.html>

The 23rd Annual Washington Economic Policy
Conference, "An Economic Framework
for Effective Policymaking"
March 12-13, 2007
Washington, DC

"Using Economic Statistics to Understand
Business Cycles"
NABE Professional Development Seminar
April 22-24, 2007
San Diego Marriott La Jolla
See www.NABE.com for details.

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts about Virginia...

Population (2000): 7,567,465
Ranked 12th

Pop Density: 178.8/sq mi
Ranked 14th

Median Income: \$53,275
Ranked 7th

State Bird: Cardinal

State Flower: Dogwood

State Insect: Tiger Swallowtail

State Dance: Square Dance

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia>

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