

# MILE MONTHLY MESSAGES

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## Director's Message

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Hi MILE Participants and Supporters,

Another great year has come to a close and I can't think of a better way to end than with the marvelous final program we were able to enjoy on April 12<sup>th</sup>. It was tremendously gratifying to me to see so many smiling faces as you came up to receive your MILE Program Certificates and have your pictures taken with your respective teams. Please look further down in this May Monthly Message Newsletter to see yourselves with your teams. There are a number of other pictures herein that were taken throughout the program that night. Enjoy the memories of this festive occasion, but also reflect back on the many valuable interactions you had with your respective mentor or protégé. And please remember that this mentoring relationship does not have to end now or any time in the near future. If you have bonded as the program intends, then you both may have a friend for a lifetime. But also remember that these types of relationships have to be nurtured. Make your pact now, if you haven't done so already, to keep in touch – even in close touch – with one another so that the bond you have formed is not broken.

Now looking to the future. As you probably know, we have been in a heavy recruiting mode for some months already. Over 130 prospective student protégés attended our information sessions and more than 120 of them applied and were interviewed for next year's MILE Program. The interviews went extremely well and perhaps 110+ students will be participating in MILE next year. What does that mean? One of the most important implications is that WE NEED MENTORS! So if you mentors have not re-upped for next year then please consider doing so immediately. If you have friends, colleagues, and work mates you think might be great mentors, please pass their contact information on to me and I will get them invited to one of our mentor information lunches (see the luncheon schedule below). Please help us keep the momentum going so that our seventh MILE Program year is even better than the ones before.

Take care and have a wonderful summer.

Dr. Bob

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**[Mile-Program.com](http://Mile-Program.com)**



## Ken Edmundson

Ken Edmundson is a multi-level business thinker. He is the founder, Chairman, and CEO of the Edmundson Northstar Business Research and Training Institute, a firm recognized with unique skills in the development of business strategy, leadership, and management training, as well as customized individual assessments for companies across a multitude of industries. Ken is also creator and chairman of ShortTrack CEO, the first business management system designed by CEOs for leadership teams of mid-market companies.

Ken also serves as Chairman Emeritus of LEDIC Management Group, a company that he has been intimately involved in helping to start, grow, and develop over the last 20 years. He led LEDIC's growth to be one of the most

successful multifamily real estate property fee management companies in the US. For seven years, he held the highly respected position of Chair for Vistage International, the world's largest member organization for CEOs. Ken is a highly trained and sought after mentor and trainer for CEOs of mid-market and emerging companies.

Ken is the author of five books on business. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Debbie, for 42 years and they are the parents of 3 grown daughters, two son-in-laws, one soon to be grandchild, and 5 grand dogs.

## February Meeting



MILE mentors and protégés networking before the dinner.



MILE mentors and protégés getting ready for a delicious dinner.



Jeremy Calhoun asking a question to Ken.



John Chen, Yanan Zheng, Qian Wang, and Dr. Bob.

## Mentor Spotlight: Trevor Beahm



Trevor Beahm joined the MILE program in its pilot year in 2007. During that time, he had the opportunity to meet and network with powerful leaders within the Memphis business community. He learned valuable skills and made connections that eventually led him to his job at masterIT with MILE mentor and masterIT CEO Michael Drake. Trevor serves as a Technology Consultant helping businesses better leverage technology.

“The MILE program was such an amazing experience for me as a student, so I always knew I wanted to give back to the MILE program one day as a mentor. The program allows students insight into the business world, outside of the book knowledge they receive in

classes. The networking and communication skills I learned in the MILE program are the same ones I utilized when I started my job search after graduation. After severing as a mentor over the last year, I have learned that the benefits are reciprocal. The knowledge and insight you receive from your protégé is equally rewarding as a mentor.

# Team Pictures



**Team One**

Anant Gupta, Jeremy Calhoun, Gary Wiseman, Trevor Beahm



**Team Three**

Maari Slate, Yanan Zheng, Brandon Craig



**Team Five**

Bob McBride, Aaron Blackstone, Joseph Couch



**Team Two**

Steve Green, Bettina Roberts, Anna Crabb, Renee DeGutis



**Team Four**

David Kabacoff



**Team Six**

Lisa Lyons, Keith Yarmovich, Layne McGuire, Jim Brasfield



# Team Pictures



**Team Seven**

Derek Eckert, Jason Keen, Maggie Harris, Qian Wang, Daniel Nash



**Team Eleven**

Mateta Brooks, Megan Gabehart, Kenecia Bryant, Sheila Whalum, David Sanders, Nil Mishra



**Team Fifteen**

Jasmyne Meeks, Melissa Wainwright, Jared Deter, Joy Bowen, Briona Jackson



**Team Eight**

Natasha Mayton, Renea Brown, Kathy Tuberville, Elnora Granville



**Team Twelve**

Rachel Halliburton, Saira Salahuddin, Ellen Robbins, Verlinda Henning



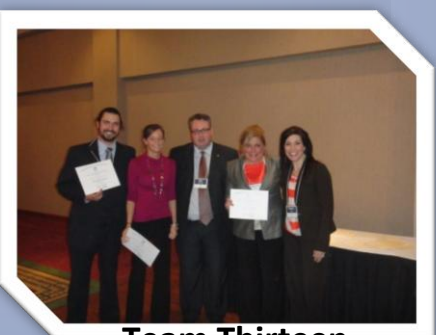
**Team Sixteen**

Victor Funes, Molly Polatty, Laura Terranova, Sarah Maurice



**Team Nine**

Carli Morris, Anna Maria Bischof, Rita Pomtree, Cherry Blanton



**Team Thirteen**

Timothy Deloach, Katie Curle, Dan Bamrick, Suzanne Reese, Heather Fox



**Team Ten**

Nighat Rooziman, Taylor Benson, Kevin Morgan, Jeannie Mandelker, Amber Munchow, Stephanie Drouillard, Gary Jenkins



**Team Fourteen**

Minsoo Kim, Tracie Langley, Matthew Hotz, Chuck Molinski, Jeffrey Nevels, Anita White



# MILE

## MILE 2013-14 Schedule

<b>Orientation:</b>	<b>Sept 14 9 AM</b>	<b>UM University Center Ballroom</b>
<b>Meeting #1</b>	<b>Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 5 PM</b>	<b>Wilson HI Ballroom</b>
<b>Meeting #2</b>	<b>Oct 25 3:30 PM</b>	<b>UM University Center Ballroom</b>
<b>Meeting #3</b>	<b>November 14 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Wilson HI</b>
<b>Meeting #4</b>	<b>Jan 23 or 30 , 2014 5 PM</b>	<b>Wilson HI</b>
<b>*(Thursday night program with LPBC) Both dates reserved at this time.</b>		
<b>Meeting #5</b>	<b>February 28, 2014 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Wilson HI Ballroom</b>
<b>Meeting #6</b>	<b>April 11, 2014 5 PM</b>	<b>Wilson HI Ballroom</b>

### SCHEDULE FOR MENTOR INFORMATION LUNCHEONS: MAY 2013

\*ALL LUNCHEONS TO START AT 12:00 NOON AND RUN UNTIL 1:15 PM

\*\*Please email [mile@memphis.edu](mailto:mile@memphis.edu) or call 678-4551 to let us know what day you will be attending

THURSDAY	MAY 9	OWEN BRENNAN'S – POPLAR AT RIDGEWAY
MONDAY	MAY 20	OWEN BRENNAN'S
THURSDAY	MAY 23	JIM'S PLACE GRILLE – HOUSTON LEVEE, COLLIERVILLE
TUESDAY	MAY 28	OWEN BRENNAN'S
WEDNESDAY	MAY 29	CAPRICCIO GRILLE: PEABODY HOTEL DOWNTOWN

### SCHEDULE FOR MENTOR INFORMATION BREAKFAST:

\*BREAKFAST TO START AT 7:30 AND RUN UNTIL 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY	MAY 22	WILSON HOLIDAY - INN-CENTRAL AVENUE (UM)
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Have a good  
Summer!