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BE POSITIVE FOR THE NEW MILLENEUM

LYNN RIVERE TO LEAD EXCHANGE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

Lynn Rivere was installed as the 79th President of Mississippi Exchange by National President Robert D. Harb at an impressive ceremony on Saturday, June 5th during the Annual District Convention in Gulfport. "Be Positive!" is the message that Lynn will carry to every club and every Exchangite in the District as he undertakes the job of keeping Mississippi at the forefront of America's service club.



*Mississippi District President Lynn Rivere
and National President Robert D. Harb*

Lynn received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and his master's degree from William Carey College. He is retired from the Mississippi public school system. Having previously served the District as Secretary and member of the Board of Directors for several years, Lynn has a thorough knowledge of the procedures and regulations associated with the administration of District affairs and asks that club problems or concerns be immediately brought to his attention. He has pledged to visit every club in the District during the year, and asks that clubs invite him when they have a problem, a question, or would just like to have someone discuss Exchange.

President Rivere's wife, Ellene, is also an active Exchangite and is currently Secretary of the Monticello Exchange Club. She plans to be at her husband's side as he leads the Mississippi District into the new century.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS—1999-2000

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JOHN TONEY--District Director, Div VIII (Laurel); 12 Kimberly Drive, Laurel 39440 (601-428-8725)
KELLY BISHOP--District Director, Div IX (Gulfport; Ricky) 15414 John Clark Road, Gulfport 39503 (228-832-3596)

"Sometimes we're too busy trying to give our kids the things we didn't have that we forget to give them things that we DID have!"

Mike Parker
Member, US Congress, 1988-1998

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE IN OCTOBER

Each Exchange Club in the Mississippi District is encouraged to plan for a special National Day of Service on October 23, 1999. The National Exchange Club will conduct a special recognition program for those who recruit three or more new members during 1999-2000

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My Fellow Exchangites:

As we begin our new year of Exchange, I feel quite humble to be given the honor of serving as President of the Mississippi District. To be in the position held by some of our Past District Presidents overwhelms me. I can only promise you that I will do my very best to bring dignity and honor to this office.

As we enter the new millennium, I envision hope for the future. For this to materialize, I will need the help and cooperation of each Exchangite and each club. Let's work together—putting side petty grievances—and be a team!

First, let me congratulate Thomas White, Immediate Past President, for a super year. He has raised the goals for us to strive to achieve this year. Again, congratulations, Thomas, on your accomplishments!

To grow, we must reach out to someone who may be looking for a way to work for the community. All he or she needs is an invitation to attend a meeting and to be asked to join Exchange. We must focus on finding communities where clubs can be formed. It only takes one key person to get a club started. Let's all look diligently for that key person. If you have a prospect, please call me, and I will be glad to assist in any way. We have collegiate clubs established with energetic workers. Why stop there? Let's keep the trend going. Let's organize more collegiate clubs. We need younger people who will become leaders of tomorrow for Exchange.

We must not forget a very critical problem: membership retention. We must find solutions to keep our active members, and we can do it! When members miss a meeting call them to let them know they were missed, and encourage them to attend the next meeting. If members miss two meetings in a row, call on them personally and try to find out the problem. That one visit may be what it takes to keep them in the club.

I commend the work that each of you is doing. We are all working for the same goals and causes. Remember, BE POSITIVE, and BE PROUD TO BE AN EXCHANGITE! May you have a successful year, and God bless each of you.

Thundering to Action,

Lynn Rivere
Mississippi District President

WELCOME NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1999-2000

PRESIDENT--Robert (Buffalo Bob) Harb, Haverhill, MA
PRESIDENT-ELECT--Gerald Franklin, Bellaire, TX
TREASURER--Steven Douglas, Southern Chester Co., PA

MISSISSIPPI WELCOMES 4 NEW CLUBS!

Mississippi Exchange ended the year with great achievements in membership recruitment, retention, and new club building. Beginning July 1st, 1998, with 35 clubs and 1210 members, Mississippi ended June 30th, 1999, with a total of 1340 members and 38 clubs, having added Magee (sponsored by the Richland club with Jim Chance and Luther Roan as club builders), JCJC (sponsored by the Laurel club with club builders Don Hall and Eddie Loper), Bogue Chitto (sponsored by the Brookhaven club with club builders Judy Burns and Dwayne Burns) and Winona (sponsored by the Grenada club with club builders Thomas White, Mickey Boyette, and Mark Bookout)! It should be noted that the Bogue Chitto Exchange Club held its Permanent Organizational Meeting just eight days after discussions first started, and, not to be outdone, the Winona Exchange Club held its Permanent Organizational Meeting at 5 pm on June 30th! Thanks, club builders, for a job well done!

DOWNTOWN JACKSON SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE!

At its regular meeting on June 21st, the Downtown Jackson Exchange Club presented a check for \$40,000 to the Exchange Club Parent/Child Center of the Metro-Jackson area. This gift represented the net proceeds from the club's annual Drawdown and Golf tournament at the Bay Pointe Country Club. Way to go, Downtown Jackson!

The COVENANT OF SERVICE, eloquently expressing Exchange philosophy and ideals, was written in 1923 by Thomas L. Bailey, who later became governor of Mississippi and National President of Exchange. It first appeared in the July 1923 issue of *The Exchangite* magazine, but was not officially adopted until 1927. Only one of three men ever to serve two terms as National President, he was elected in 1925 and again in 1926. He was a charter member of the Exchange Club of Meridian, Mississippi (1921), and a prominent attorney. He rose to become Speaker of the House of Representatives holding that post for 12 years. He became Governor of Mississippi in 1944, and he was serving as Governor when he died in 1946.

GET INVOLVED--MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held on January 22, 2000, and the 80th Annual District Exchange Convention will be held in Vicksburg the first week of June. Mark your calendar now, and make plans to join with other members across the district for fun and fellowship in Exchange. Plans are already underway for both events. The Mid-Winter Conference is an educational seminar and the Annual Convention is a family-oriented weekend dedicated to fun, fellowship, and Exchange

CHILD ABUSE JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T SEE IT DOESN'T MEAN IT ISN'T THERE

BOGUE CHITTO 3RD NEW CLUB IN MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

On Friday, June 18th, Mississippi District Exchange added its third new club for 1998-1999 when the Exchange Club of Bogue Chitto held its Permanent Organizational Meeting. Sponsored by the Brookhaven Exchange Club, club builders Dwayne and Judy Burns reported twenty paid members on Friday evening, and the club has continued to add members. At the Charter Banquet on Saturday, July 24th, the club, under the guidance of President Judy Burns, had grown to a membership of thirty-five!



Bogue Chitto chose an innovative method to advertise for and recruit new members



21ST CENTURY SHOULD USHER IN SURGE IN MEMBERSHIP

President Rivere is beginning his Exchange year with the challenge to "BE POSITIVE." Positive thinking should be applied to all programs and projects of Exchange, but, primarily, the position should be applied to enhancement of membership.

The Mississippi District gained a net of 130 members last year, reversing the downward trend of many years. This year should show an even greater increase in membership.

With all the exciting opportunities available in Exchange, the prime focus of all clubs should be on recruiting new members and, just as important, retaining the members who are recruited. Put new members to work, get them involved, and make them feel that they are a necessary part of the organization. Keep them too busy and too interested to get bored, and they will keep coming!



SEVERAL CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE ALREADY INSTALLED NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR

HAS YOURS?

REMEMBER

**Mississippi Exchange
needs a few more good
men and women..."To serve in unity
with those seeking better conditions,
better understandings, and greater
opportunities for all."**

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

1921	EH HIX	MERIDIAN
1922	JW BROOM	JACKSON
1923	FM TATUM	HATTIESBURG
1924	JOSEPH GIBSON	McCOMB
1925	WH BOOSEY	MERIDIAN
1926	LO CROSBY	PICAYUNE
1927	LO CROSBY	PICAYUNE
1928	THOMAS E HAND	JACKSON
1929	FRANK McDONALD	MERIDIAN
1930	ASHTON TROMER	HOUSTON
1931	HENRY N LEVY	VICKSBURG
1932	DAVID D PATTY	COLUMBUS
1933	WALKER WOOD	JACKSON
1934	HUNTER L SCALES	STARKVILLE
1935	DH GRIFFIN	MERIDIAN
1936	JP BALCH	COLUMBUS
1937	JT WALLACE	HATTIESBURG
1938	ALLEN THOMPSON	JACKSON
1939	JS HICKMAN	HOUSTON
1940	L ROSS MOORE	LAUREL
1941	WE McGEE, Jr	COLUMBUS
1942	J CLIFF WATTS	MERIDIAN
1943	LEONARD MELVIN	LAUREL
1944	S C MEISBERG	JACKSON
1945	GQ SHEELY	STARKVILLE
1946	YE TRAVIS	COLUMBUS
1947	BJ MILLING	PHILADELPHIA
1948	DELMAR SIMMONS	JACKSON
1949	ANDREW GAINEY	MERIDIAN
1950	WALTER BIVINS	LEAVELL WOODS
1951	FELTON L BRUBBS	PHILADELPHIA
1952	JC MAULDIN	COLUMBUS
1953	HENRY HOLIFIELD	HATTIESBURG
1954	HENRY HEDERMAN	JACKSON
1955	WH JOHNSON, Jr	DECATUR
1956	*PORTER FORTUNE, Jr	HATTIESBURG
1957	ROY D BURROW	LAUREL
1958	TW HICKMAN, Jr	BROOKHAVEN
1959	WILLIAM A CLARK	GREENWOOD
1960	GRANVILLE WALTERS	LAUREL
1961	ROYAL N GOBER	GRENADA
1962	JAMES M SPELL	JACKSON
1963	DORRIS W RIVERS	STARKVILLE
1964	GEORGE B HOLMES	BROOKHAVEN
1965	HOMER EDGEWORTH	LEAVELL WOODS
1966	WAYMON WATKINS	McCOMB
1967	QD SPRUILL	JACKSON/NORTHWOODS
1968	LOUIS E WILCOX	COLUMBUS
1969	LY LE V COREY	MERIDIAN
1970	BRUCE B ROGERS	GREENVILLE
1971	CHARLES E TREAS	OXFORD
1972	DONALD B HALL	LAUREL
1973	JAMES T DAWSON	MERIDIAN
1974	*EDWARD R. NORTH	JACKSON/NORTHWOODS
1975	WILLIAM WHITWORTH	MERIDIAN
1976	ROBERT G HOWELL, Sr	OAK FOREST
1977	*BILLY JO SILLS	MADISON
1978	G ROY ANDREWS	CLARKSDALE
1979	TOMMY BARRETT	GRENADA
1980	DOUGLAS McDONALD	CLEVELAND/GREENVILLE
1981	MILTON BRADLEY	CLEVELAND
1982	DORMAN HARVEY	MONTICELLO
1983	TROY NICHOLSON	JACKSON/NORTHWOODS
1984	RICHARD LOVELESS	GULFPORT
1985	LARRY RATFIELD	JACKSON/NORTH
1986	PAUL KRAUSE, Jr	JACKSON/NORTH
1987	RODNEY JOHNSON	JACKSON/OAK FOREST
1988	KENNETH SULLIVAN	JACKSON/NORTH
1989	BENJAMIN RICE	PEARL
1990	JAMES JACKSON	GREENWOOD
1991	JERRY W JONES	GRENADA
1992	FRANKLIN WILLIAMS	ORANGE GROVE
1993	ROY McMANUS	JACKSON/OAK FOREST
1994	THOMAS SMITH	JACKSON/NORTHWOODS
1995	MICKEY BOYETTE	GRENADA
1996	JIMMY JOHNSON	GULFPORT
1997	JIM CHANCE	LEAVELL WOODS
1998	THOMAS WHITE	GRENADA

*Also served as National President; Mississippi Governor Thomas L. Bailey served two terms as National President.

CHANGES TO DISTRICT AWARDS CRITERIA

A resolution passed at the 1978 Mississippi District Convention directed the President to appoint a committee to study the names of and guidelines for district awards. This committee report, accepted by the District Board and presented to the 1999 convention delegates, was ratified in part: Certain criteria [deleting national convention attendance for points for outstanding club secretaries, etc.] were ratified at the convention, but the delegates chose not to change the names of the awards. New District Awards Manuals will be provided to each club with the new criteria to be effective July 1, 1999.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September	Baby Safety Month
September 1 – November 30.....	Join the Club Campaign
September 4.....	District Board Meeting
September 6	Labor Day
September 11.....	Rosh Hashanah
September 20	Yom Kippur
October.....	National Crime Prevention Month
October 3-9.....	National Fire Prevention Week
October 11.....	Columbus Day
October 23	Exchange National Day of Service
October 24.....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
October 31	Halloween
November.....	One Nation Under God Month
November 1	All Saints Day
November 1	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
December 4	District Board Meeting
December 4	Hanukah
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26.....	Kwanza
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
January 17.....	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
January 22	District Board Meeting
January 22	Mid-Winter Conference
February	National Community Service Month
February 14.....	Valentine's Day
February 15	Presidents Day
March 4	District Board Meeting
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 27, [1911].....	Birthday of Exchange
April.....	Child Abuse Prevention Month
April	Volunteer Recognition Month
April.....	Daylight Savings Time Begins
May	National Freedom Shrine Month
May 8	Mothers Day
May 30.....	Memorial Day
May 31	District Board Meeting
June 2-4.....	Mississippi District Convention, Vicksburg
June 14	Flag Day
June 19	Fathers Day
June 30	Exchange Year Ends
July	82 nd National Convention, Phoenix



KOSCIUSKO GOING STRONG!

Immediate past president Beverly Kelly has announced that the Kosciusko Exchange Club totally earned the National Service Award by 12 noon on July 1, 1999! Way to go, Beverly--please tell us your secret!

Submitted to and approved by the General Membership of the 1999 Mississippi District Convention on Saturday, June 5, 1999

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the convention motel facilities are of the utmost importance for a successful convention, **BE IT RESOLVED**, therefore, that the District Secretary be instructed to prepare and send a written communication to the Holiday Inn Beachfront, Gulfport, MS, expressing our thanks for the cooperation and conduct of personnel and management in the preparation of the physical facilities and in food services; and

WHEREAS, the persons and participation of the National Exchange Club Representatives are most valuable to each Exchangite and the convention as a whole, **BE IT RESOLVED**, therefore, that the District Secretary prepare and send a written communication to the National Exchange Club extending thanks and appreciation for the attendance and valuable participation of National President-elect Robert "Buffalo Bob" Harb; Regional Vice President, Region 6, Mickey Boyette; and National VOD Representative Ken Sullivan with appropriate distribution to those who have led the Mississippi District Exchange Club during the year; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 convention has been motivational and informative, **BE IT RESOLVED**, therefore, that the District Secretary prepare and send a written communication to the Gulfport Exchange Club extending thanks and gratitude for its efforts as host; and

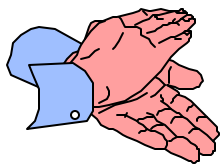
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District President express appreciation for planning and conducting the Convention to the District Officers and Directors at the next Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a lack of knowledge of the current situation of the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs and of the activities by the general membership and club officers, **BE IT RESOLVED**, therefore, that the convention in session request an increased awareness and effort by the District Officers and Board Members to inform fully the membership of activities, functions, Board action, and programs through timely bulletins and appropriate communications with at least four (4) *Exchange-O-Grams* mailed to each member of Mississippi Exchange before the next convention, and **BE IT RESOLVED** to urge clubs to invite District Directors, and that the District Directors be the **PROGRAM** at least two (2) times during the year; and **BE IT RESOLVED** that recognition of our Exchangites who have passed on during the year be recognized at the opening session and at the One Nation Under God breakfast so that there is sufficient time to honor our departed Exchangites; and **BE IT RESOLVED** that the District President appoint a Long-Range Study Committee to study the programs, activities, and District Meetings of the Mississippi District and report recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Resolutions Committee: Tommy Barrett, Grenada,
Chairman; Don Hall, Laurel; Bill Rice, Pearl

ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT AWARDS—OAK FOREST WALKS AWAY WITH AWARDS!

Homer Edgeworth Membership Award--Harry Robinson, HOUSTON; 2nd Jaime Aldy, Holmes CC
Louis E. Wilcox Club Membership--HOUSTON
Thomas H. Bailey Youth of the Year Award--LAUREL



Royal N. Gober Club Bulletin Award--OAK FOREST; 2nd Lafayette-Oxford-University; 3rd, Grenada
Edward R. North, Jr., Publicity/Activities Scrapbook--OAK FOREST; 2nd Gulfport; 3rd N Jackson/Grenada
Dorman Harvey Convention Attendance Award--GRENADA; 2nd N Jackson; 3rd Oak Forest
David D. Patty Outstanding Club President Award--Beverly Kelly, KOSCIUSKO; 2nd John Middleton, Oak Forest; 3rd Jaime Aldy, HCC
Porter L. Fortune, Jr., Exchangite of the Year Award--Rebecca Middleton, OAK FOREST; 2nd Jan Carter, Grenada; Tonya Threet, Kosciusko
Billy Jo Sills Spirit of Exchange Award--OAK FOREST; 2nd Grenada; 3rd N. Jackson
Talent Award, Youth--Jody Chance (Half Chance)

Talent Award, Adult--The Bouffants, GRENADA; 2nd Clown Unit, Oak Forest; 3rd Elvis and Little E, Cleveland
Steve Meisburg Service Award--GRENADA; 2nd Holmes CC; 3rd Oak Forest
Richard H. Bacon Outstanding Club Secretary Award--Rebecca Middleton, OAK FOREST; 2nd Jan Carter, Grenada; 3rd, N Jackson
Presidential Eagle Awards--Bettye H. Galloway; Kelly Bishop

NATIONAL BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD
For clubs with 50 or more members for 1997-1998:
OXFORD INFO EXCHANGE
Editor: Arledia Bennett
The Exchange Club of Oxford, Mississippi
Submitted by the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs

NECROLOGY

F. Kent Stribling--North Jackson

-----in loving memory----

KUDOS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI EXCHANGE-O-GRAM

The *Mississippi Exchange-O-Gram* received the "Judges Award In National Competition for the EDIT Award Presented to Bettye H. Galloway, Mississippi District Exchange Club, for achieving outstanding marks in NATIONAL NEWS AND PROMOTION during the period 1998-1999 as part of the overall competition among district bulletins." In addition, the *Mississippi Exchange--O-Gram* earned a "Superior Rating in National Competition for the EDIT Award Presented to the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs' Bulletin and its editor during the period 1998-1999 for achieving a superior rating in the overall competition among district bulletins, scoring high in appearance, content, writing, Exchange promotion, new ideas and improvement." Along with these honors, the *Mississippi District Exchange-O-Gram* is authorized to display the EDIT logo for the coming year.

WINONA POMs AT LAST MINUTE....

In what may have been one of the last official acts of the 1998-1999 Exchange Year, the Exchange Club of Winona held its Permanent Organizational Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on June 30, 1999, just hours before the midnight end of the year. Ricky Price was elected Charter President while Janice McGee was elected Treasurer. Winona, organized by Thomas White, Mickey Boyette, and Mark Bookout, and sponsored by the Grenada Club, serves as a showcase club with thirteen white males, three African-American males, six white females, and two African-American females. Perhaps Winona, Mississippi, could give some pointers to Exchange clubs across the country....

THE HARBS VISIT MISSISSIPPI

Braving the heat, the humidity of the Gulf Coast, and the enthusiasm of Mississippians at Convention, National President Robert W. "Buffalo Bob" Harb and his first lady Cindy joined with Exchangites for every session at the 79th Annual Mississippi District Convention in Gulfport in June. President Harb instilled in those present the desire to go forward to a good year in 1999-2000. Thanks for coming, Bob and Cindy, and keep your eyes on Mississippi as we FEEL THE



THUNDER!

MORE KUDOS--Indicative of the hard work performed by dedicated Exchangites in the Mississippi District during the year is the fact that thirty-two of thirty-eight Mississippi clubs won the National Service Award, and six of nine District Directors won the National Distinguished District Director Award.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We often take Exchange education lightly and assume we know all about our great Exchange club. That may be true for many, but new members certainly need knowledge about our history, organization, programs of service, and local goals. How do we accomplish this? There are several actions that a director can take to lead local clubs to these accomplishments. The president of each club must establish bold programs to assure that knowledge of Exchange is provided. Knowledge is one of the important factors in retention of members. Each president is asked to provide the following:

1. A Program Development plan must be presented to the Board and to the leadership. In addition to the plan being presented to the Board, at least two regular meetings should be utilized to develop the plan. The club should be led to accept and to implement the plan.
2. Each new member needs to attend a new member orientation session.. This orientation should cover history, the National Exchange Club, the Mississippi District Exchange Club, the local club, dues, meals, projects, fund-raising, membership, and assignments. There should be at least two orientation sessions each year of about an hour and a half each.
3. At least once each quarter, there should be a club business meeting where all the club's business is presented to the membership for information and/or action. This certainly will assist in the information needed by club members and will serve as a good educational tool.
4. A short educational thought or item can be used effectively at each meeting. Committee reports are especially important since all club members need to have knowledge of service projects.
5. The District provides a Mid-Winter Educational Conference each year. This year the conference will be held in Jackson on January 22, 2000, and the conference is being announced early in order to stimulate interest and attendance, especially for new members. This year's theme will be

"How to...and how not to...."

Mark your calendar and make your plans now to attend the Mid-Winter Educational Conference, in Jackson on January 22, 2000.

Royal N. Gober, Chairman

NATIONAL CONVENTION A HUGE SUCCESS.....

El Conquistador Resort and Country Club, Las Croabas, Puerto Rico, was the setting for the 81st National Exchange Convention held on July 14-17, 1999. The Mississippi District, as usual, was well represented, and Mississippians attending included Mickey and Donna Boyette, Thomas and Virginia White, Lynn and Ellene Rivere, Luther Roan and his daughter Jennifer, Bettye Galloway and her daughter Leigh, Dwayne and Judy Burns, Elaine Smith, Ken and Diane Sullivan, Jim Chance, L. J. and Linda Smith, Charles and Betty Butler, Mary Elizabeth Hardy, Kathy Jones, Harry and Ila Mae Robinson, Jaime Aldy, Jeannie Todd, Greg and Lorraine Phillips, Bob and Mary Payne, Johnny and Rebecca Middleton, Gordon Beeler, J.D. Sneed, E. A. Garcia, and Kelly Bishop and her son Garrett.

Mississippi came home with more than its share of national awards--INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD--Jaime Aldy--Holmes CC, Beverly Kelly--Kosciusko, Harry Robinson--Houston (10 members); and Bettye H. Galloway--Oxford (25 members); CLUB MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD--Batesville, Grenada, Houston, Pearl, Richland, Holmes CC, and L-O-U; CLUB SUPERIOR MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD--Grenada, Houston, and Richland; DISTINGUISHED CHARTER CLUB PRESIDENT AWARD--Walter Nixon, L-O-U; and Donna Arnold--Byrum; STAR DISTRICT PRESIDENT AWARD--Thomas White; CHARTER CLUB CORNERSTONE AWARD--Byrum; DISTINGUISHED CLUB PRESIDENT AWARD--Doyle Sibley--Batesville; Dwayne Burns--Brookhaven; Jaime Aldy--Holmes CC; Mark Bookout--Grenada; Harry Robinson--Houston; C.M. Hardy, Jr.--North Jackson; Johnny Middleton--Oak Forest; E.A. Garcia--Laurel; Benjamin Rice--Pearl; Marlon Sowell--Richland; Paula Miller--L-O-U; DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT PRESIDENT AWARD--Thomas White; CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD--Batesville, Grenada, Houston, Pearl, Richland, Holmes CC, and L-O-U; DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT DIRECTOR AWARD--Bettye Galloway--Div I; Tommy Barrett--Div II; L.J. Smith--Div IV; Charles Butler--Div V; Carl Hancock--Div VI; and Dwayne Burns--Div VII; NATIONAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROJECT AWARD (YOUTH)--Laurel; NATIONAL BEST CLUB BULLETIN AWARD--Arledia Bennett--Oxford; BIG "E" AWARD--Brookhaven, Grenada, North Jackson, Oak Forest, Laurel, Richland, L-O-U; and the NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD--Batesville, Brookhaven, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Columbus, Greenwood, Grenada, Gulfport, Hancock County, Hattiesburg, Houston, Jackson, Leavell woods, North Jackson, Northwoods, Oak Forest, Kosciusko, Laurel, McComb, Meridian, Monticello, Oxford, Pearl, Richland, Starkville, Tupelo, Vicksburg, Flowood, Holmes CC, L-O-U, Byram, and Bogue Chitto! Special notice should be given to Mark Miller of L-O-U who was the recipient of the NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD for his efforts and contributions to the Exchange subscribers e-mail list-serv.

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTION SITES:

- 2000 82nd—Phoenix, Arizona, Point Hilton Resort
- 2001 83rd—Greensboro, North Carolina, Holiday Inn
- 2002 84th—Minneapolis, Minnesota, Hilton Hotel

Start making plans now to attend the National Convention in Phoenix next year!

NATIONAL EXCHANGE--PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

At the National Convention in Puerto Rico, two amendments were presented to the convention delegation:

Amendment No. 1: "The National Board of Directors shall charter Business Leads/Networking Clubs in communities where a need for such a club is established to further the growth of Exchange..."

AMENDMENT No. 2: "...The following individuals shall be voting delegates [at the National Convention]: Members of the National Board of Directors; Past National Presidents in good standing in a club in good standing; Members of the National committee on Jurisprudence and Laws; District Presidents-elect; District Secretaries, District Treasurers and Immediate Past District Presidents...."

On motions duly made and seconded, both Amendments were adopted. It should be noted that a previously submitted Amendment No. 3 to change the quarterly per capita dues of \$11.00 to \$30.00 was withdrawn by the submitting Exchange prior to the convention.

MISSISSIPPI ENDS 1998-1999 EXCHANGE YEAR ON TOP!

The Mississippi District started the year on July 1, 1998, with 1210 members and finished the year on June 30, 1999, with 1340 members, a 130-member or a 10.7% net increase for the year. Four new clubs were built--Magee, JCJC, Bogue Chitto, and Winona, ending the year with a total of 38 clubs.

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROJECT AWARD

The Exchange Club of Laurel (E.A. Garcia, President), was selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Service Project Award (Youth) for its "Farm League Baseball" program. Laurel's program is structured to provide training for 6, 7, and 8 year olds, and has been a program of the Laurel Exchange Club for approximately 30 years.



National President Bill Deason Presents Award to E.A. Garcia, Laurel President

The season is scheduled for each team to play 14 games and a single elimination tournament. Club members and parents run the concession stand throughout the season, and all profits from the stand fully fund the program. Trophies are presented to the winning team at a club meeting after the tournament. Laurel's program has become very positive in influencing the lives, character, and quality of young people in the community.

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Spouse: Judy	Bogue Chitto, MS 39629	longwayte@aol.com
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