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*Mississippi District President Bettye Galloway Receives
2001 National Exchangite of the Year Award*

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A Letter from the President.....

Welcome to a new year in Exchange! Mississippi has set the tone for a very productive year by chartering the first new club in the nation—the Pontotoc Exchange Club—and new members are being inducted daily throughout the district. Membership is the life-blood of any organization, and Exchange is no exception. We need new members to participate in our programs and projects in our communities and to share the camaraderie in our meetings and social functions.

The national class of district presidents this year voted to call themselves the “Lead Dogs,” and I am offering a Lead Dog Pin to each of the first 50 Exchangites in the District who sponsors a new member. In addition, one paid district convention package will be given to the Exchangite who brings in the MOST members as of June 1, 2002. This package will cover all convention events but will not include travel or lodging costs.

Over fifty Mississippians attended the National Convention in Greensboro, and I hope that each of you will begin making your plans now for Minneapolis in July, 2002. Many of our clubs in the district were honored in Greensboro for their accomplishments, but special mention should be made that Laurel brought home the National CARE award! Congratulations, Laurel!

I hope that each club will strive to surpass this year’s record. Let’s set a realistic goal for each club’s membership and then get to work on that goal. If we approach our goals and objectives with a strong positive attitude, we will end the year at the top of the national statistics. And our communities and child abuse prevention centers will be the beneficiaries of this hard work and commitment.

I am asking our District Directors to stay in touch with every club under his/her jurisdiction to help in any way possible. Best wishes for a great year—call me if I can help.

Sincerely,

Bettye H. Galloway

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Mississippi District President



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On the Cover . . .

National President, Gerald Franklin, presents the National Exchangite of the Year award to MS District President, Bettye H. Galloway at the National Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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MISSISSIPPI RECEIVES RECOGNITION AT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Probably the biggest news at the National Convention this year for Mississippi occurred when District President, Bettye Galloway, was named the recipient of the first-ever National Exchangite of the Year Award. A most deserved honor, Bettye was recognized for her commitment to Exchange and for exemplifying the highest ideals of Exchange. This award recognizes an individual who actively participates in recruitment/new club building efforts, club and district leadership, and major club or district committees, projects and fund-raisers. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR FIRST-EVER FEMALE PRESIDENT IN MISSISSIPPI.

Other National recognition went to the following individuals and clubs in Mississippi for 2000-2001:

Individual Membership Award: (25 member pin award)

Franklin Williams Gulfport/Biloxi Exchange Clubs

Club Membership Achievement Award (net increase of 5 +)

Cleveland Exchange Club +5

Greenwood Exchange Club +6

Superior Club Membership Achievement Award (net increase of 8 +)

Biloxi Exchange Club +21

Hancock County Exchange Club +17

Big "E" Award

Grenada Exchange Club

Gulfport Exchange Club

Distinguished Club President Award

Danny Jones Grenada Exchange Club

Janice Marsh Gulfport Exchange Club

Rose Strahan Cleveland Exchange Club

Distinguished District Director Award

Franklin Williams Gulfport/Biloxi Exchange Clubs

CARE Award

Laurel Exchange Club

Charter Club Cornerstone Award

Ole Miss Exchange Club (Bettye Galloway & Jimmy Dickerson, Club Builders)

Club Excellence Award

Biloxi Exchange Club

Cleveland Exchange Club

Greenwood Exchange Club

National Service Award

Batesville, Biloxi, Bogue Chitto, Brookhaven, Byram, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Columbus, Crossgates, Flowood, Greenwood, Grenada, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Houston, Downtown Jackson, North Jackson, Kosciusko, Leavell Woods, L.O.U., Madison County, McComb, Monticello, Northwoods, Oak Forest, Oxford, Pearl, Richland, Vicksburg

Banner Patch Winners (+1 growth and received Celebrate Exchange banner patch)

Grenada, Gulfport, Hancock County, North Jackson, L.O.U., Oxford, Pearl, Richland, Starkville

Superior Rating and Judges Award for National News and Promotion

Mississippi Exchange-O-Gram

Rebecca Middleton, Editor

The only proposed amendment to the National Bylaws called for increasing the quarterly membership dues by \$1 to \$12 per quarter. The amendment passed by the required two-thirds majority vote and will go into effect with the October 1, 2001 billing.

DID YOU KNOW

.....This year's national theme is "PROUD of OUR PAST, FOCUSED on the FUTURE"

.....Augustus "Gus" Parker, Macon, GA, was elected national president-elect over three candidates on the second ballot - CONGRATULATIONS

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT EXCHANGE 81ST ANNUAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations Award Winners!

Louis Wilcox Club Membership Award - 1st Place - Biloxi Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Hancock County Exchange Club; 3rd Place - Northwoods Exchange Club

Royal Gober Club Bulletin Award - 1st Place - North Jackson Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Grenada Exchange Club; 3rd Place LOU Exchange Club

Edward R. North Publicity/Activities Scrapbook Award - 1st Place - North Jackson Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Grenada Exchange Club; 3rd Place - Oxford Exchange Club

Richard H. Bacon Outstanding Club Secretary Award - 1st Place - Jan Carter, Grenada Exchange Club; 2nd Place - John Covington, North Jackson Exchange Club; 3rd Place - Rebecca Middleton, Oak Forest/Madison County Exchange Club

Homer Edgeworth Membership Award - 1st Place - Franklin Williams, Biloxi Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Nathan Whitehead, North Jackson Exchange Club; 3rd Place (Tie) Glenn Taylor and Jim Chance, both from the Byram Exchange Club

Dorman Harvey Attendance Award - 1st Place - North Jackson Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Bogue Chitto Exchange Club; 3rd Place - Brookhaven Exchange Club

David D. Patty Outstanding Club President - 1st Place - Danny Jones, Grenada Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Kathy Jones, North Jackson Exchange Club; 3rd Place - Corky Smith, Oak Forest Exchange Club

Porter Fortune Exchangite of the Year Award - Dolly Marascalco, Grenada Exchange Club

Billy Jo Sills Spirit of Exchange Award - 1st Place - Grenada Exchange Club; 2nd Place - Byram Exchange Club

Steve Meisburg Service Award - 1st Place - Grenada Exchange Club; 2nd Place - North Jackson Exchange Club; 3rd Place - Pearl Exchange Club

A.C.E. Award - Jamie L. Sells, submitted by Grenada Exchange Club



The Grenada Club served as enthusiastic and wonderful hosts for this year's District Convention!!

Awards cont'd

Youth of the Year Award - Seth Clemmer, submitted by North Jackson Exchange Club

Golf Tournament - 1st Place Team - Ken Sullivan of North Jackson Exchange Club and Carl Latham of Grenada Exchange Club; Closest to the Hole - Kelly McDonald, Brookhaven Exchange Club; Longest Drive - Ken Sullivan, North Jackson Exchange Club; Shortest Drive - Eric Lantz, Grenada Exchange Club

Amateur Talent Contest - 1st Place (Tie) - "The Village People", Grenada Exchange Club and the Clown Unit, Oak Forest Exchange Club

AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT BY-LAWS

Submitted and approved by the General Membership of the 2001 MS District Convention on Saturday, June 2, 2001. The amendment will change the wording of Article IX, Section 4, to read:

"All delegates listed in Section 3 of this Article shall be entitled to vote on any question submitted at any convention provided the delegate is registered on the rolls of the convention no later than noon on the day immediately preceding the day in which an election is scheduled for District Officers and/or members of the Board of Directors. There shall be no voting by proxy."

The purpose of this amendment is to achieve greater participation of District members at conventions and to eliminate last minute registrations solely for the purpose of voting for District Officers and/or members of the Board of Directors.

MS DISTRICT CONVENTION

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Bettye Galloway, Gerald Franklin & Mickey Boyette



Family Night Crowd



Johnny Middleton, Ms District Secretary



"Let's have a drawing" Troy Nickelson



Harry Robinson, Ms District President Elect & Tommy Barrett, Division II Director



Jimmy Dickerson, Division I Director & Alvin Brown, Division VII Director



Tommy Barnett, "Village People"



Alvin Brown, Kathy Jones, Director Division V , & Luther Roan, MS District Treasurer

ECHO Program to Assist New Clubs

Exchange has initiated a new program to assist new Clubs from their first meeting through their second anniversary. Called the ECHO (Exchange CHarter Outreach) Program, a support team made up of Exchangites and district officers will be involved extensively as a support team and serve as mentors for the new club. Prior to the Permanent Organization Meeting (P.O.M.) for a new club, club builders will receive an ECHO Program packet which will give an overview of the program, a Mentor Commitment Form, and various checklists and forms.

The support team and National Headquarters will regularly evaluate the new club's progress and be prepared to assist as necessary. This should be a very positive step to ensure that new clubs receive the support they need to get a good start in Exchange.

Congratulations to the following recipients of the "Broom Scholarship" at Delta State University for the Fall 2001 school year: Jenny Gladden, Cleveland, majoring in Accounting; Megan Little, Cleveland, majoring in Special Education; Bobby Kent, Boyle, majoring in Wildlife Biology/Civil Engineering; Jonathan Lindsay, Columbus, majoring in Music Education. The Broom Scholarship is presented annually to students attending Delta State that are recommended by the Exchange Club of Cleveland to be deserving of such an award.

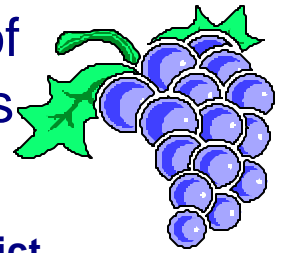
NECROLOGY

**In Loving Memory of
Gordon Beeler
Exchange Club of Oxford
Exchange Club of Bogue Chitto**



Do you wear your Exchange Club LAPEL PIN on a daily basis or to Club meetings? Put it on and wear it PROUDLY. After all, WE ARE America's Service Club!!

From the Land of Hanging Grapes



The Mississippi District Exchange Family has a NEW CLUB

At 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2001, the Pontotoc Exchange Club held its Permanent Organizational Meeting (POM) with 21 members in attendance. Sponsored by the Oxford Exchange Club, club builders Pete Brummett, Mickey Boyette, and Bettye Galloway made Mississippi first in the nation to build a new club this year!

The Pontotoc Club will meet the first and third Thursday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce at 6:00 p.m. Club President, Elaine Mitchell stated, "We were not only impressed with the Exchange Club's philanthropy for abused children, but wanted to be a part of Exchange's efforts to promote patriotism." The Club Charter Banquet will be Tuesday, August 7, with National President Ken Roberts and his wife Leda attending. WELCOME PONTOTOC to the WONDERFUL world of EXCHANGE.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, October 27th, Exchangites across America will unite again for the 3rd National Day of Service. Exchange Clubs are encouraged to select a project from Exchange's Programs of Service or some other activity that will benefit their community. It's not too early to plan NOW.



During September, Exchange Clubs and CAP centers nationwide will have the opportunity to help to raise awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome. In conjunction with Baby Safety Month, The National Exchange Club Foundation is conducting a national campaign to promote Shaken Baby Syndrome awareness or SBS.

Thousands of children are injured each year from SBS and almost 25 percent of those die as a result. It is estimated that 25 to 50 percent of parents are not aware of the harmful consequences of shaking a baby.

Exchange Clubs can request Shaken Baby Syndrome brochures free from the Foundation by calling the Supply Department and placing an order. All clubs in Mississippi need to help educate the public about SBS. Call and request brochures today to keep this terrible tragedy from occurring in our communities. You'll be glad you did.

THE WAGER IS ON

When District President, Bettye Galloway attended National Leadership Training earlier this year, each district was paired with another district, comparable in projects and Exchange population to compete against each other during the year. Mississippi is paired with South Carolina and the WAGER has been made. The district that has the highest net percentage increase in membership as of May 1, 2002, wins. The loser is obligated to attend the winner's District Convention in 2002 at his or her own expense and be introduced as a LOSER at their convention. WE DO NOT want our District President nor Mississippi referred to as LOSERS. Don't you know a friend, co-worker, or neighbor that you can introduce to Exchange and ask

OCTOBER is "CRIME PREVENTION MONTH"

them to join you at a Club meeting? Let's all join together so we can welcome South Carolina District President Fenton Miller to Mississippi next June and show him that we are WINNERS IN EXCHANGE!

LAUREL CLUB WINS CARE AWARD

Each year, the National Exchange Club Foundation honors individual Exchange Clubs who sponsor innovative and effective child abuse prevention projects. This year, the CARE (Child Abuse Reduction Effort) Award for projects related to an Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (less than 50 member category) went to the Laurel Club. CONGRATULATIONS to Laurel for receiving this well-deserved honor and

The North Jackson Club has been very busy since July 1st. They have already earned the **National Service Award**, which means they have sponsored projects in all four service areas; Community Service, Americanism, Youth and Child Abuse Prevention plus two additional projects. Way to go!

KUDOS to Rebecca Middleton for her awards at the National Convention as editor of the Exchange-O-Gram this past year. Rebecca received a **superior rating** and **judges award for national news and promotion** for the EDIT award. The EDIT logo is proudly displayed on the back of the Mississippi Exchange-O-Gram with the years that it has received National recognition and awards.

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live, through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and its national project... the Prevention of Child Abuse.

DISTRICT CANDIDATES 2002 - 2003

The following Exchangites have formally filed as of the date of this publication for the following District Offices for 2002-2003.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT-ELECT

JOHNNY MIDDLETON—Has been a member of the Exchange Club of Madison County and Oak Forest since 1996; currently serving as District Secretary, 2001-2002; served as District Secretary 2000-2001; served on club level as chairman or member of all club committees; served on club Board of Directors; served as club President-elect and as club President; National Distinguished Club President, 1998-99; served as host club of 1998 District Convention; served as host club for 1999 Inter-Club meeting; New Club Builder 1999-2000, Exchange Club of Madison County; currently serving second term as Club Treasurer of Madison County; served on 1999 District Awards Committee and Best Club Bulletin Committee; member of Liberty Baptist Church; Human Resources Manager for security company.

FRANKLIN WILLIAMS—Has been a member of Exchange since 1984 and is currently a member of the Gulfport Exchange Club and the Biloxi Exchange Club; serving second term as Club President of the Biloxi Club (2000-2001 and 2001-2002); served twice as Club President of the Gulfport Exchange Club; served as Division IX Director 1990-1991 and 2000-2001; served as District President 1991-1992; has served on club level as chairman or member of all club committees; served as Credentials Committee Chairman for the MS District the last 2 years; served as committee member of all Division IX committees; Deacon of the First Baptist Church, Long Beach for 15 years; Southern Baptist Lay Minister for 26 years; Sunday School Teacher for 41 years.

DISTRICT SECRETARY—No candidate to date

DISTRICT TREASURER—No candidate to date

DISTRICT DIRECTOR, DIVISION VI

FREDERICK "FREDDIE" AHREND—Has been a member of Exchange since 1998; currently serving second term as President of the Pearl Club; has served as Club Treasurer; chairman of the Finance Committee of the Pearl Club; member of all club committees; member of First Baptist Church of Brandon; practicing Attorney.



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