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National Exchange President to Keynote Mid-Winter Conference



McKenzie C. "Ken" Roberts will be joining Mississippi Exchangites in Jackson for the annual Mid-Winter Conference, January 26, 2002. What a thrill for Mississippi to have national President Roberts join us for this educational conference and day of

fellowship and fun with fellow Exchangites.

A member of the Exchange Club of McMinnville, Tenn, Ken was installed as National President of The Exchange Club at the organization's annual convention in July 2001. Before being elected in 2000 as national president-elect, he served as regional vice president from 1994 to 1998. Roberts, a professional engineer, is the owner of three companies and is a retired ordinance officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Roberts joined Exchange in 1977. For his club, he served on the board of directors, as bulletin editor, president-elect and twice as president. For the Tennessee District Exchange Clubs, he served as director, treasurer, secretary and president-elect before serving as president in 1900-91. Roberts has also served Exchange as a Volunteer Field Representative (VFR).

National President Roberts graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor of engineering degree and has done post-graduate work at the University of Delaware and the University of Tennessee. He and his wife, Leda, have two grown sons and five grandchildren.

Mid-Winter Conference Cabot Lodge Millsaps, Jackson January 26, 2002

9:00 Call to Order	Bettye Galloway
Invocation	Harry Robinson
Americanism	Dave Moore
9:10 Welcome	Bettye Galloway
9:25 Memorials	Ken Sullivan
9:35 Secretary's Report	Johnny Middleton
9:50 Treasurer's Report	Luther Roan
10:00 New Club Building	Mickey Boyette
10:15 BREAK	
10:25 National/District Awards	Johnny Middleton
11:45 Break for Lunch	Bettye
	Galloway
Invocation	Johnny Miller
Keynote Speaker	Ken Roberts
1:00 BREAK	
1:15 Introduction of	
Candidates for 02-03	Bettye Galloway
1:35 Child Abuse Prevention	Janice Marsh
1:50 Community Service	Rose Strahan
2:05 Membership	Thomas White
2:20 Youth	Franklin Williams
2:40 Attendance Award	Harry Robinson
2:55 Invitation to Jackson	Rebecca Middleton
Announcements	Bettye Galloway
Adjournment	

A Letter from the President.....

At the end of November, the Mississippi District led the nation for the fifth month in a row for new members inducted. I am so very proud of all of the clubs who had membership growth and all the members who are working so hard to make the Mississippi District one of which we can all be proud. I hope that each of you will continue your involvement by marking your calendar for Saturday, January 26, 2002, and attending the Mid-Winter Conference at the Cabot Lodge in Jackson for a day of Exchange education and fellowship.

The terrorists acts of September 11th affected every one of us in the Mississippi District. With the attacks in New York and Washington we lost friends and relatives, we lost valuable real estate, and we lost a way of life that we knew and loved. Most of all, though, we lost an age of innocence—never again can we wake in the morning and not have a worry in the world. But the most important thing to remember is that nobody can destroy our faith in ourselves and in this great nation. The first thing we need to do as Exchangites is to look around us and see who we can invite to join Exchange to help do our part to continue to promote democracy and the American way of life. With our four major projects of youth, community service, child abuse prevention, and Americanism, we have the opportunity to be heard, to make a difference in our communities and in our district, and in this wonderful country we call America.

If you are wondering what you can do to assure that this type of thing does not happen again, join me in praying to our God, helping our fellowmen, and waving our flag. And keep on being PROUD AMERICANS and PROUD EXCHANGITES!

Sincerely,

Bettye H. Galloway

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Mississippi District President

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**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER
AND DOOR PRIZES, DOOR PRIZES,
DOOR PRIZES TO THE MID-WINTER
CONFERENCE !**



**LEAD DOG PINS EARNED
FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS
2001-2002**

NAME	CLUB	DATE EARNED
1. Johnny M. Miller *	Richland	7/1/01
2. Rebecca Middleton	Madison County	7/1/01
3. J. D. Sneed	Oxford	7/3/01
4. Tom Ahrend	Pearl	7/15/01
5. Glenn Taylor	Byram	7/16/01
6. Dunnaway Rooks	Pearl	7/19/01
7. Vicki Ferguson	Oxford	8/2/01
8. Vicki Fioranella	Cleveland	8/9/01
9. Faye Allen	Oxford	8/2/01
10. Jackie Fulgham	Cleveland	8/9/01
11. Ken Sullivan	North Jackson	8/13/01
12. Nathan Whitehead	North Jackson	8/13/01
13. Patrick Collins	Biloxi	8/15/01
14. Venecia Allgood	Biloxi	8/15/01
15. Sammy Magee	Oak Forest	8/20/01
16. Leland May	Richland	8/22/01
17. Linda Graffeo	Hancock County	8/22/01
18. Henry Eaton	Pearl	8/27/01
19. Lucille Price	Oxford	9/6/01
20. Martha Thornton	Oxford	9/6/01
21. Savannah Holmes	Bogue Chitto	9/6/01
22. Nina Mitchell	Grenada	9/11/01
23. Kenny Mitchell	Grenada	9/11/01
24. Garilyn Lunsford	McComb	9/24/01
25. Danny Jones	Grenada	10/10/01
26. Kenneth Allen	Monticello	10/11/01
27. Cam Allen	Monticello	10/11/01
28. Shirley Fuller	Monticello	10/11/01
29. Lavalley Massey	Meridian	10/15/01
30. Bennie May	McComb	10/28/01
31. Wardell Herring	Oxford	11/15/01
32. Jimmy Holmes	Richland	11/16/01
33. Randall Walters	Richland	11/16/01

*13 members sponsored this year - WIN A CONVENTION PACKAGE - SPONSOR MEMBERS

LEAD DOG PINS EARNED



Danny Jones of the Grenada Exchange Club presented Ms District President, Bettye Galloway with her official "Ladybug" car tag recently.

Do You Know a ?

Have you ever heard of a guy named Roy D. Mercer? He's a guy that is considered to be a comedian and uses as his catch line, "just how big a boy are you anyway?" No matter what situation he finds himself in, all of a sudden he confronts someone in kind of a schoolyard setting with the line, "just how big a boy are you anyway?"

Roy D. appears to be the guy many of us wish we were, or perhaps he is the guy many of us have been. He's always ready, willing, and able to take someone to task "if" they aren't too big a boy. The "other" guy has got to be just the right size, or Roy D. doesn't want any part of the confrontation.

Years ago as a teenager in church, I remember the pastor using the illustration of the midget who went up to the big 'ol guy sitting on the porch of a local hangout. According to the pastor, this is the conversation that ensued. "Why, if I was as big as you are, I'd go out yonder in them woods, and I'd find me the biggest bear out there and I'd whip him", said the midget. Looking down at the poor little midget, the big 'ol guy on the porch was heard to reply, "Well, you know out yonder in them woods, there's a lot of little bears!"

I suppose there is some of Roy D. Mercer, or some of a little midget in all of us. However, in thinking back over the tragic events in New York and Washington, I'm reminded that no matter how big or small you may be, once the fire that makes us all Americans has been aroused, someone has a fight on their hands.

It makes no difference whether you come from the richest of families, or from the poorest families, we're all Americans, and once you do something terrible to one, you've done it to all of us.

I grew up with a guy by the name of Theo Howard. Theo came from one of the poorest families on our side of town. In fact, Theo's family was one of the poorest in town. Theo was about six-feet-two inches tall, and on his best day probably weighed 165 pounds. Theo finally graduated from high school in 1968. He then began his college career in the Fall of 1968. If didn't take too long for Theo and all the rest of the world to realize he was not cut out to be a rocket scientist.

By second semester in January, 1969, Theo ended his college career and enlisted in the Army. After a crash course in Army ways, he came home and visited with all the guys on the block before he took his big trip across the ocean. Then in January, 1970, Theo's folks answered a knock on their door one afternoon to find a couple of officers from the Army. Those officers informed Mr. & Mrs. Howard that their son Theo has been killed in action in Vietnam a few days before. His body was returned home, and he was given a Military funeral and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Winona, Mississippi.

So what does Roy D. Mercer, or a little midget, or a guy named Theo Howard have to do with all of this? It's really quite simple. You see, there's a little bit of Roy. D. Mercer, or that little midget, or Theo Howard in all of us Americans.

We as Exchangites say it this way:

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine.

There's a song that was played quite a bit a few months back that had in it a line that said, "All gave some; some gave all."

I don't really know how much Roy D. Mercer gave, or that midget, but I know that Theo gave all he had so that we might live in a better world. Before the actions to correct the events of New York and Washington are over, there will be others who will discharge the debt they owe so that others can remain free. Sadly some will give all.

As we look to the days ahead, let's pray for the strength and courage to continue, and let's ask God to bless this nation and its people like never before!

**Mickey Boyette,
National Regional Vice President**

W E L C O M E

New Members!

Club	Member	Club	Member
Biloxi	Rose-Mary Collins	Oxford	Virginia Williams
	Castel Allgood		Glinda Daniels
	Irene Riley		Roger Grant
	Jacqueline Self		Elbrist Mason
	Alvie Sissom		Robbie Ferguson
Bogue Chitto	Donna Horton		Sally Petermann
Brookhaven	Cody Britt		James Petermann
	Lloyd McGowan		Charles Swann
Byram	Will Loftin		Lisa King
	Elizabeth Bryan		Sherry Black
Clarksdale	Keith Albrecht		Debbie Sealy
	Mark Terney	Pearl	J. Minor Pace
Cleveland	Joel Mosby	Pontotoc	Nancy Jo Maxey
	Phyllis Bunn		Kevin Rodgers
Columbus	Kenneth Stripling		Kaye Finley
	Robert Dale		Tracy Robinson
Crossgates	Patrick Pipitone, Jr.		Wanda Rutledge
Downtown Jackson	Adrienne Williams		Michael McGowan
	Carolyn Champlin		Hannah Boatright
	Donna McLaurin		Tracye Crane
Greenwood	Bobby Smith		Steve Mitchell
	Thomas Glass		Carrie Cossey
Grenada	Tiffany Presley		Susan Wilbanks
	Andrew Ray Mitchell		Jackie Lynn Reeves
	Sadie Lindley		Christy May
Gulfport	Michael Gilreath		Rose Roberts
	Gaye Clark		Diane Sewell
	Thomas Philips		Dickey Blansett
Hancock County	Beverly Hartzman		Susan Chapman
	Ron Weatherly		Stefanie Edwards
	Scott Darrah		Leo Mask
	Barbara Rucker		Sandra Rolunski
Houston	Gary Staten		Louvenia Turner
	William Coker		Phyllis High
	Harvey Benvenisk	Richland	John Hoggatt
	Jeremy Harrell		Angela Davis
Kosciusko	Gerry Sanders		Sonya Sutphin
	Joshua McGee, III		Martha Kee
Laurel	Julie Brown		April Puckett
	Jack Collard		Paula Jackson
L.O.U.	Stacey Reycraft		Russell Johnson
	Charles Henegar		Kathy Johnson
	Irene Henegar		Katie Odom
	Michael Melton		Johnnie Davis
	Sharon Melton		Janel Beale
McComb	Bobby Stutzman		Marie Hawking
	Tommy Badon		Melissa Gill
	Max Fenn		Glen Neese
Madison County	Lorene Ricks		Tammy Neese
	Shane Bishop		Traci Scheurer
	Stephanie Morganti		Patricia Ramage
	Kim Springer		Harold Stringer
Meridian	Clarence Blocker		Cathy Stringer
	Cameron Allen	Starkville	Eugene Martin
Monticello	Shirley Fuller	Vicksburg	Patricia Smith
Oak Forest	Wesley Reeves		
	Kelcie Card		
Oxford	Myrtle McElrath		

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The Exchange Club of Northwoods-Jackson donated \$3,000 to The National Exchange Club Foundation in memory of Dr. Ed North, Jr. Their generosity placed the Club in the Foundation's Medallion Club.



Members of the Oxford Club spread Christmas cheer to the Veterans at the Ms State Veterans Home in Oxford at their annual Christmas party. (photo by Arledia Bennett)

Darren Miller of the Starkville Exchange Club has advised that the Starkville Club is assisting the New York relief effort via a direct donation to New York District Exchange so that it can be directed where it is most needed – programs aimed at children's scholarships, etc. If your club is interested in contributing to the New York District for this purpose, contact District Secretary Johnny Middleton @ jingles@bellsouth.net.

DID YOU KNOW

- T **The Exchange Club's third annual National Day of Service included more than 150 Clubs and 2,300 volunteers.**
- T **Operation Turnaround WORKS to help build Clubs that have less than 25 members**



Houston Club members J.C. Wright and T.O. Martin show some of the merchandise the Club offered at its auction/fundraiser for the Exchange Club Family Center in Oxford. The Club presented a check for \$10,000 to the CAP Center from this event. Chickasaw County Sheriff, Jimmy Simmons (background) served as auctioneer for the Club event. (Photo by Dennis Palmer)

NECROLOGY

In loving Memory of those that have recently passed away.....
 Jonnie Nickelson, Northwoods Club
 R.B. Peery, North Jackson Club



The Monticello Exchange Club selected the Laurel Exchange Club's charity to donate \$1,000 to the Child Abuse Prevention Center. Shown (l to r) Don Hall, Jimmie Roberts, CAP Board of Directors, Tammy Fowler, CAP Director, Lynn Rivere, District VII Director, Jo Ann Harvey and Kenneth Allen, Monticello Club. (Photo by Don Hill)

A Holiday Message from McKenzie "Ken" Roberts

Dear Exchangites:

As we gather with our families and friends during this holiday season, we should take a moment to reflect on some of the many blessings we enjoy.

As citizens of these United States we enjoy a higher standard of living with more freedom than any other nation on earth. Yet even as we acknowledge these great blessings, we must also acknowledge that our freedoms were not and are not free; they are a result of great personal sacrifice by many others. Even as you read this, U.S. service men and women are faithfully serving around the world in a struggle to maintain much of what we hold dear.

In these challenging times for our nation, as Exchangites we have a unique opportunity and a special calling to serve our fellow citizens. As *America's Service Club* we must commit ourselves to doing even more for our country and work together to support our government and build pride in our great nation. Now more than ever, America needs Exchange.

This year is allowing me the opportunity to meet dedicated Exchangites across the country and see many impressive Exchange projects in action. I have the privilege of seeing our Americanism, Youth and other service programs provide vital support to the very fabric of our communities. I am privileged to see our child abuse prevention centers making a positive difference in the lives of children.

As we begin the new year, I hope you will resolve with me to seize the opportunity we have to grow Exchange into an ever greater and more successful organization. Our new membership programs provide the tools for your club to grow. The success of your club rests in your hands. Do your best to help expand your own club and build new Exchange Clubs, so that we can reach out and assist greater numbers of Americans.

On behalf of the National Board of directors, National Headquarters staff, Leda and myself, I send sincere wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace, prosperity, and positive accomplishments.

Sincerely,



McKenzie "Ken" Roberts

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "McKenzie Roberts".

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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

LUTHER ROAN—MS District Treasurer, 2001-2002. Has been a member of Exchange since 1979 and currently serves as President of the Leavell Woods Club; committee Chairman of Club Building Committee, Membership Committee, Book of Golden Deeds Committee; GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE Committee and Fund Raising Committee; Member of Alta Woods Baptist Church; active with Leavell Woods youth Association, Boys and Girls Club and past City Councilman for Jackson. He is in Sales.

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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