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The Fourth Quarter Is Upon Us . . .

This is the quarter that all good teams come together with a winning attitude. At the present time we are behind even though we have worked hard to get our District to grow. I want to thank all of you for your help and support.

For those of you who were not able to attend our Mid-Winter Conference, you missed an informative meeting. Pam Sudlow, President-elect of the National Exchange Club, was our special guest and keynote speaker. Mickey Boyette did an outstanding job in his presentation of the Mississippi clubs that have been lost by giving up their charter. To get our attention, Mickey had all the attendees pass in single file to the front of the conference room where he had on display headstones representing each disbanded club since 1989. This was a wake up call for all of us to do our part in growing and keeping Exchange alive in Mississippi.

We have an opportunity in the communities that do not have an Exchange club to build a new club. All of us have friends in nearby communities, so let's give them the same opportunities that we have had in Exchange. There is still time to complete that new club building project before this year ends.

What is Exchange? Exchange is active, concerned Americans uniting to serve America. Exchange is a group of business and professional men and women working together to help make our nation a better place. Exchange is a diverse assortment of beneficial Americanism, Youth, and Community Service programs and projects, which enhance the lives of countless Americans, young and old. Exchange has as its National project the Prevention of Child Abuse, which helps children lead normal, happy lives. Exchange is a place to create new and lasting friendships with dynamic men and women who care about their communities and their country. Exchange is a feeling of personal satisfaction and accomplishment obtained through unselfish service to others. Exchange is the proud testimony to the great American tradition of volunteerism. Exchange is a shared obligation to work toward the fulfillment of the highest social, religious, and business ideals known to man and woman. Exchange is *America's Service Club*, and we are proud of the ninety plus years of serving America.

Let's finish the game on a positive note with 30 to 40 new members and be prepared to POM some new clubs in the fourth quarter. Thanks to everyone for your help to grow our Mississippi District.

Now is the time to get ready for our District Convention on the Gulf Coast June 5th through June 8th. See you there.

Yours in Exchange,

Harry G. Robinson

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2002-2003 District President





National Exchange Club Foundation



Preventing Child Abuse . . . Serving America

The NEC Foundation, the fund-raising and investment arm that supports the programs of the National Exchange Club, also serves as the primary overseer for Child Abuse Prevention Centers across the nation. The Board of Trustees, at its January meeting in Birmingham, adopted the following guidelines for giving and recognition to be known as the 2-4-6-8 Program:

2 FUNDS FOR SUPPORT---Annual fund---for today’s needs; Endowment fund---for tomorrow’s needs

4 AREAS OF NEED---Child Abuse Prevention, Youth Programs, Americanism, Unrestricted

6 TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS---Cash, Wills, Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds/Marketable Items, Real Estate, Life Insurance, Trusts and Annuities

8 METHODS OF DONOR RECOGNITION---Century Club, Medallion Club, Sustaining Member, Heritage Society, Berkey Fellow, Major Donor, Hall of Fame, Court of Honor

Century Club---Minimum Contribution of \$100.

Medallion Club---Minimum cumulative contribution of \$500. Medallion levels are cumulative at \$500 levels and are numbered I through XX. Donors who exceed the \$10,000 level become Major Donors.

Sustaining Member---Initial gift of \$100 and states in writing his/her intention to make minimum annual gift of \$100.

Heritage Society---Persons who make a written commitment of their intention to include the NEC Foundation in wills, bequests, term life insurance, life estate agreements, charitable gift annuities, trusts, etc. As gifts are received, they are recognized as appropriate under the Berkey Fellowship, Medallion, Major Donor, Court of Honor, and/or Hall of Fame.

Berkey Fellow---An individual making a lump sum gift of a minimum of \$1,000.

Major Donor---Cumulative gifts that reach the levels as follows:

Diamond I	\$10,000 to \$24,999	one diamond
Diamond II	\$25,000 to \$49,999	two diamonds
Diamond III	\$50,000 to \$99,999	three diamonds
Diamond IV	\$100,000 to \$499,999	four diamonds
Diamond V	\$500,000 to \$999,999	five diamonds
Diamond VI	\$1,000,000 and up	six diamonds

Hall of Fame---Guidelines currently under revision.

Court of Honor---Guidelines currently under revision.

Clubs and individuals who support CAP Centers are asked to send those contributions directly to the respective centers and not through the NEC Foundation. Club gifts at the appropriate level sent to the Foundation for general Child Abuse Prevention and other Foundation programs will earn Medallion credit and/or other appropriate recognition.

Bettye H. Galloway

Trustee, National Exchange Club Foundation

The Future Is Now

Recently, Dee and I attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Exchangite Tommy Young and his lovely wife, Mary Ann. As we traveled the back roads of Georgia for a change of scenery, I saw a thought-provoking sign on the side of the road. The sign, in front of a beautiful forest of pine trees, said, "The Future Is Now ... Plant It!" The Georgia Forest Commission placed the sign there. You might ask, "What does that have to do with Exchange?" My answer is quite simple: The future of Exchange is now and we must plant it, through growth in recruiting, retention and new club building.

"Believing and Achieving" can only be accomplished with the commitment and dedication of Exchangites throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. With our Stand Up America membership campaign continuing through March 15th, I urgently challenge all Exchangites to participate in what was a very successful membership effort last year. Combined with our great start of eight new clubs in the Rocky Mountain, Southwest, Ohio/West Virginia, Michigan, Puerto Rico, Indiana and Connecticut Districts, we will achieve positive growth. Several districts have new club building projects nearing completion and others in various stages of development. We must move these projects from "the back burner" to "the front burner" and turn up the heat.

Most all of us make New Year's resolutions for a variety of reasons. My Exchange New Year's resolution was made in July 2002, and it was to pursue with all my "heart and soul" the goal of achieving positive growth during the "Parker's Patriots" year. As we reassess the first half of the year, may each of us redefine our determination and commitment to make our vision for Exchange become a reality, one of not only expanding Exchange across America, but also serving our communities with a new energy and enthusiastic volunteerism.

Have you accepted the challenge to invite someone to be a part of Exchange? Have you accepted the challenge to build a new club this year? Have you gotten involved in a service project in your community? Do you have pride in Exchange to the point of bragging about your club to non-members? If you answered "no" to any or all of those questions, I ask that you make a commitment to yourself and your club to raise your level of dedication to Exchange and make a difference in your community. I've always believed that through Exchange one can give back to the community.

In the world of sports, Most Valuable Players are referred to as "impact players." Every team has players who step up during crunch time and make significant contributions to help their team reach the top. Each one of you can be that Most Valuable Player, or should I say, "impact member" of Exchange. I read recently the U.S. star athlete Wilma Rudolph, winner of three gold medals in the 1960 Rome Olympics, was asked which medal was her favorite. "My favorite gold medal?" she responded. "That's an easy question. It was the relay, because I won that with my Tennessee State Tigerbelle teammates and we could celebrate together." When we "Believe and Achieve" as a team and work toward the greater good of Exchange, we will all celebrate when we win the race for positive growth.

As one of my fellow "Parker's Patriots" stated in a Christmas card to me "GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN IN 2003!" Believing and Achieving---It Can Be Done.



Your Believing Patriot,

Gus Parker

Gus Parker
2002-2003 National President

Necrology

Robert Harold Kersh – Flowood
Vernon Herring – Bogue Chitto
Glen “Mr. Billy” Boyle – Grenada
Sidney E. Doyle – Oxford
Norma J. Hodge – Flowood
T. M. Waller – Starkville

In Loving Memory

COVENANT OF SERVICE

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life’s noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

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;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

Mission Statement

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.

You’re Invited

What: 83rd Annual MS District Convention

When: June 5-8, 2003

Where: President Broadwater Towers East
2110 Beach Blvd
Biloxi, MS 39531
Phone: 1-800-THE-PRES
1-228-385-3500

Why: To celebrate Exchange in Mississippi

Hosts: The Exchange Club of Biloxi
The Exchange Club of Gulfport
The Exchange Club of Hancock County



Remember...

Bring your club banners and plenty of door prizes to the convention.

NOTICE

The deadline for submitting for the Mississippi District Youth of the Year Award and the Mississippi District A.C.E. Award has been extended until April 15, 2003. All club entries are to be sent to:

Bill Rice
District Secretary
3369 Patterson Drive
Pearl, MS 39208-3637

EXCHANGE



Uniting For A Better
AMERICA



WELCOME STAND UP AMERICA MEMBERS

The newest members to join our Exchange family as of March 14, 2003, during the "Stand Up America" campaign are as follows:

Member	Club
Marshall Staehling	Biloxi
Jerry Beard	Columbus
Andre Cannady	Columbus
Thomas Kesler	Columbus
John Owings	Columbus
Scott Perkins	Columbus
Steven Stanley	Columbus
Bobby Watkins	Columbus
Beth Durham	Columbus
Keith Stovall	McComb
Ryan Temple	McComb
Jane Galloway	Madison County
Wayne Hart	Madison County
Garry Claypool	North Jackson
Olaf Daugeleit	Oak Forest
Florence Porter	Richland
Randy Porter	Richland
Brecca Hoffman	Richland
Mark Hoffman	Richland
Rayna Legendre	Richland
Jefferey Peeples	Richland
Shelia Womack	Richland
Jamie Creel	Richland
Michelle Creel	Richland
Stephen Newell	Richland
Tiffany Newell	Richland
Mike Nichols	Richland
Connie Peterson	Richland
Keith Peterson	Richland
Matthew Shaw	Richland
Stacy White	Richland

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of the children of Sunnybrook Children's Home, Linda and I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all of the attendees for their donation of \$911 at the Inter-Club meeting of Divisions IV, V, and VI on February 15th. Exchange represents everything that is great about America!! The Exchange Clubs of Mississippi and all around this great nation have lightened the burdens of countless children, and have provided these "little ones" with a ray of hope. You will really never know this side of heaven what a positive difference Exchange has made in the lives of our children! May God bless you!

Terry Moore
Executive Director
Sunnybrook Children's Home

THEN & NOW

What are the five biggest behavior problems in our schools? The results from 100,000 high school administrators surveyed are as follows:

1950

5. Tardiness
4. Skipping class
3. Chewing gum in class
2. Talking out of turn
1. Practical jokes in class

2000

5. Opposition/defiance to teachers
4. Teenage pregnancy
3. Drug/alcohol abuse
2. Assault of teachers
1. Multiple shootings of students and teachers

Terry Moore

The National Exchange Club ★ 85th Annual Convention



DISTRICT CANDIDATES, 2003-2004

(This list contains the names of candidates who have formally filed as of the date of this publication).

District President-elect

James Q. "Jimmy" Dickerson---Active member of Batesville Exchange Club since 1996; served on all Programs of Service committees either as Chairman or committee member; served his local club on the Board of Directors, as Club Treasurer, as Club Secretary, as Club President-elect, and as Club President; currently serving his 2nd term as Division I Director on the District level; Chairman of the Exchange Family Center Board of Directors; member of Batesville Church of Christ, Bible class teacher, Treasurer and Church Elder; Engineer with Mississippi Department of Transportation.

District Secretary---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

District Treasurer

Luther Roan---Mississippi District Treasurer, 1991-2003; Active member of Leavell Woods Exchange Club since 1978; member of Alta Woods Baptist Church; active with Leavell Woods Youth Association, Boys and Girls Club and past City Councilman for Jackson; Sales

District Director, Division I

Bettie T. Puckett---Active member of L-O-U Exchange Club since 1998; served on all Programs of Service committees; currently serving as President of L-O-U club; member of Mayor's Disability Awareness Committee; member of the Board of Directors of the Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Mississippi; Executive Director of Equal Opportunity and Regulatory Compliance, Student Disability Services and ADA Coordinator, University of Mississippi.

District Director, Division III---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

District Director, Division V---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

District Director, Division VII

Alvin Brown---Actively involved in Exchange since 1992 as a member of the Brookhaven Exchange Club; Served on various Programs of Service Committees; served on club Board of Directors, as Club President-elect, and as Club President; presently serving 2nd term as Division VII Director; ordained Baptist deacon; retired

District Director, Division IX---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

As stated in the Bylaws of District Exchange Clubs, Article X, Section 3, "all suggested candidates for the office of District President-elect, Vice President(s), District Secretary, District Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors must be forwarded to the District Secretary or the Immediate Past District President not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date designated for the annual convention." Section 4 states, "nothing contained in these Bylaws shall be construed as limiting the right to make further nominations from the floor of the annual convention, except anyone nominated from the floor must be registered and in attendance at the convention as a delegate." Section 5 continues, "no person shall be nominated for any office who is not fully cognizant of the duties of that office and without consenting to such nomination being first obtained." Section 6 states, "should any District Director desire to seek another office at the end of the first year of a two year term, a letter of resignation must be submitted to the District Board of Directors for action at its pre-convention meeting. The resignation must be accepted and shall take effect when his/her successor is installed." Section 7 concludes, "No person may be a candidate for two offices at the same convention."

WELCOME TO THE BOARD

The Mississippi District Exchange Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of John Miller of the Richland Exchange Club to fill the position of Division IV Director.

John joined the Exchange Club of Oak Forest in 1998 and served on the Board of Directors. In September 2000, he joined the Richland Exchange Club where he also served on the Board of Directors and as Club President-elect. He is currently serving as Club President of the Richland Exchange Club. John was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Richland Economic Development Association for the 2003-2004 year.

John is well versed in Exchange and should bring some new and innovative ideas to the Board of Directors as we work together to insure the future of the Mississippi District.

John and his wife Jane (also a member of Exchange) have three children and are actively involved in the First Baptist Church of Richland.

As stated in the Bylaws of District Exchange Clubs, Article VII, Section 3, "In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Director, the Board of Directors shall elect a member in good standing of an Exchange Club in good standing within the division to fill the office for the unexpired term. If the position is not filled by a member within the division, the District Board shall elect a member in good standing from any Exchange Club within the district."



CELEBRATE EXCHANGE AND
NATIONAL INDUCTION WEEK,
MARCH 23-29, 2003.

DISTRICT REPORT ON CLUB'S PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

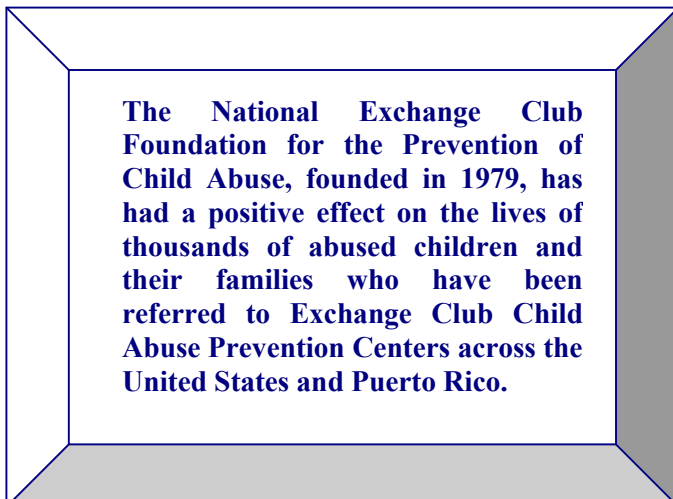
(Applications received as of March 12, 2003)

CLUB	COM SVC	YOUTH	AMER	CHILD ABUSE	FUND RAISING
BATESVILLE * x	8	6	3	1	2
BILOXI # *	20	5	11	7	2
B. CHITTO # *	8	5	4	1	2
B'HAVEN # x	10		9	2	
BYRAM #	4	3	1		14
C'DALE					1
CLEVELAND	3		2	1	
COLUMBUS *x	3	1	4	2	
CROSSGATE *x	5	6	1	1	5
D'TN JXN					
FLOWOOD					
G'WOOD x	1		1	1	
GRENADA # *	12	1	5	2	
GULFPORT # *x	3	5	23	6	2
HANCOCK # * x	6	5	1	2	1
H'BURG					
HOUSTON #	2	16		2	1
KOSCIUSKO					
L-O-U #	8	1	2		2
LAUREL					
L'VEL WOOD					
MADISON # * x	13	1	3	7	1
MCCOMB *	4	1	3	1	
MERIDIAN					
MONTICELLO*x	5	3	4	3	1
N. JXN # *	7	9	4	3	27
N'WOODS	2		1	2	11
OAK FOREST#x	5		3		1
OXFORD * x	4	3	3	6	
PEARL # *	2	1	2	1	1
PONTOTOC * x	2	2	2	5	2
RICHLAND # *	15	5	7	4	22
S'VILLE					
TUPELO					
VICKSBURG *	2	1	2	2	

Indicates Program Development Meeting

* Indicates National Service Award

x Indicates National Day of Service



Welcome New Members

The following members have joined our Exchange family since July 1st (as reported to National as of March 14, 2003). Welcome each and every one.

- Batesville---Belinda Morris, Karen Dunn
- Biloxi---Tamlyn J. Parker, Barbara Loechie
- Bogue Chitto---Peter Dipaolo, Carolyn Dipaolo, Patricia Burse-Sias
- Brookhaven---Mike McKennon
- Clarksdale---James H. Raper, Rhonda L. Young, Will Sledge, Bobby Sanford, Rebecca Bell, James Jennings, Willie Clemmons, Michele Fondren, Amber Malatesta
- Cleveland---Jamal D. Farmer, Drew M. Warren, Gloria Cranford
- Columbus---James Lawrence, Scott J. Bell, Roy Dean Vaughn, James A. Robertson, Jr., Denise H. Sibley, John D. Acker, Walter O. Land, Ernest R. Berry, Jr.
- Crossgates---Dick Weddle, William Hatcher
- Greenwood---George Smith III, Danny Cordell II, Tim Cook, David Habig, Sonny Bowie, Richard Kimmel, Danny W. Cordell, II, Randy L. Moss, Will Gnemi, Lewis Jones, Jr.
- Grenada---Mary L. Smith, James L. Jones, Thomas R. Taylor, Becky C. Adams, Joe Max Blakely, Shauna Witt, Benny Burris, Rebecca Burris, Dr. Bill Denton, Lloyd McGonagill, Dr. Robert Pitcock, Dr. Timothy Williams
- Gulfport---Authur A. Scafide, Karen C. Gouin, Darnell R. Iachino
- Hancock County---Debbie Harris, Avra E. O'Dwyer, Laurie A. Henry, Ralph L. West, Jr., Angela K. Myers, Angela Bourgeois, Angela Pannell, Cecilia Howe
- Hattiesburg---Paul Ruff, Dale Brackman, Sam A. Lee, Bobby Deen, Karl Ficken, Scott Angle, Michael Davis
- Houston---Donald Cossey, Jr., James Carnathan, Sam Hall
- Downtown Jackson---Suzanne Davis, Jon Stephen Kennedy, Fred E. Bourn, Vernon E. King, David Jesiolowski, David J. Francis, James Chustz, Leonard A. Grantham, Chad Franks, Joseph Fulcher, Samuel Lee, Mike McCain
- Kosciusko---Shirley M. Nell
- Laurel---John R. Fuller, Dr. Paul Pickering
- L-O-U---Patricia E. Aschoff, Reba L. Bland
- McComb---Marsia Lampton, Jay Lamar Patton, Clarence E. Johnston
- Madison County---Marketta Moore, Velma Dilworth, Marcus Dilworth, Barbara Brown, Otis Jordan, Jr.
- Meridian---Kenneth Richardson, Albert Harper
- Monticello---Samuel Milano, Ramona Dickson, Michael Wilson, Victoria Wilson, Gloria Turnage, Laura Reynolds, Billy Monk, Rose Ward
- Oak Forest---Nancy Bishop
- Oxford---Edward Furr, Preston Taylor, John Crawford, Margaret E. King, Ronnie Windham
- Richland---Phillip Dunn, Christopher Bates, Valerie Bates, Tanya Crain, Shonia Martin, Jeffrey Lee, Carol Lee, Robert Hancock, William Vance, William Martin, Angela Davis

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