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## MS District Convention Welcomes National V.P. Dan Robinson



Dan L. Robinson, a charter member of The Exchange Clubs of Arvin, CA; Lamont, CA; and The Route 66 Exchange Club of Claremont-Cucamonga, CA, was elected Regional Vice President, Region 1, of The National Exchange Club at the organization's 2001 annual convention in Greensboro, NC. He is a retired secondary school administrator.

Robinson joined The Exchange Club of Arvin in 1957. On the club level, he has served numerous times on the Board of Directors and has chaired many club committees. He served as Club President in 1961 and again in 1993.

Regional Vice President Robinson has also been active on the district level. He served on the California-Nevada District Exchange Clubs' Board of Directors from 1994 to 1997, served as President-elect in 1997-98, and served as District President in 1998-99. From 1996-98, he also served as chairman of the district's Retention, Recruiting, and New Club Building Committee. He built the Exchange Club of Lamont, CA, in 1995.

For The National Exchange Club, Robinson currently serves as Chairman of the New Club Building Subcommittee of the National Growth Committee. He also serves as a Volunteer Field Representative and was an Eagle Forum presenter at Exchange's 1999 National Convention.

Active in his community, Regional Vice President Robinson has worked with local Parent Teacher Associations and has held leadership positions with the Kern County Counselors Association, the California Association of School Counselors, and the California Association of Secondary School Principals.

He attended Fresno State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree. He and his wife, Dora, reside in Bakersdale, CA. They have three grown children.

## From Your District President. . .

Thanks to all of you, we have had a fun time since July 1, 2002. Unfortunately, we have not had a good year membership wise. At last count, our district was down by 60 members, and since the last report from National, we have lost another club in our district. Dave Nershi, Executive Vice President of The National Exchange Club, has notified us that the Exchange Club of Flowood has voted to surrender its Charter. All of us should be disappointed.

We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the game, yet it is not too late to build some new clubs and increase our membership. The way for this to be accomplished is by working as a team, not two or three players, but the entire team, including the second and third team players. With everyone working together, we can be successful in all our goals. Let's be a team player.

Thanks to all for the great honor you bestowed upon me by letting me serve as your District President for this past year. I shall be forever grateful to everyone.

I hope to see all of you at our District Convention in Biloxi June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us.

Respectfully yours,

*Harry G. Robinson*

Harry G. Robinson  
Mississippi District President  
2002-2003



## Tommy Joe Breaux Comes to District Convention

Tommy Joe Breaux, the famous Cajun humorist, will be the guest speaker at the Club Presidents' Luncheon on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at the District Convention. Tommy Joe has been making people laugh with his Cajun stories almost all his life. "I learned a lot of anecdotes from my GranPa Gilbear when I was little," says Tommy Joe. "He would talk about the crazy people who lived in his hometown, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Now, telling stories is a way of keeping my granpa alive."

Tommy Joe got his big break when a radio station broadcast live from the auto parts store where he worked. He started entertaining the disc jockeys and they put him on the air. Thus began a career of live and recorded performances that has produced five audiotapes and one videotape, in addition to the *Cajun Humor from the Heart* book and accompanying audiotape. Tommy Joe also appeared on TNN's "Nashville Now" and his humor has been in *Country America* magazine four times.

The stories in *Cajun Humor from the Heart* are family oriented and "garonteed" to tickle the ribs of anyone, whether or not they are familiar with the Cajun people.

Currently a resident of Biloxi, Mississippi, Tommy Joe gives live performances in the area and records his stories for WMI-AM in Biloxi. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks. He is also Chairman of Fundraising for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Multiple Sclerosis Society, having been diagnosed with the disease in 1986. A portion of the proceeds from *Cajun Humor from the Heart* will go to that organization for direct patient care. Books, tapes, and videos will be available for purchase at the convention.

### Please bring to the District Convention

- ❖ Club banner
- ❖ Plenty of door prizes
- ❖ Club scrapbook
- ❖ Club entries for District awards
- ❖ Your talent for Family Night Talent Contest
- ❖ A "First Timer"



## Proclamation by the President of the United States

Our nation has an important responsibility to create a caring environment in which our children can flourish and reach their full potential. As we observe the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Child Abuse prevention Month, we recognize the significant progress we have made to increase the safety and security of our children. We also renew our commitment to protecting our most vulnerable citizens from harm. Child abuse and neglect are national tragedies, and we must work together to eradicate them.

Every day, thousands of children are mistreated by their parents, guardians, relatives, or caregivers. On average, three children a day die as a result of abuse and neglect, and countless others remain silent, their pain unnoticed and unreported. These children face challenges that no child deserves, and young people who have experienced abuse may grow into adults who are self-destructive and damaging to our communities. To help these children become healthy and happy adults, parents and caregivers must provide them with love, security, emotional support, and a strong connection to their extended families and communities.

To help ensure the safety and well-being of our children, my Administration is committed to supporting and strengthening families. In the last year, we have worked with faith-based and community organizations to promote healthy marriages, responsible fatherhood, and partnerships that seek to prevent child abuse and neglect. We also worked with the Congress to reauthorize the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program. This year, we are asking the Congress to fully fund this program at \$505 million, an increase of more than 65 percent. In addition, we are working with the Congress to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This important legislation will provide funding to States for child abuse prevention activities and other vital programs.

Every child is a blessing. Through the cooperation of Federal, State, and local governments, faith-based and community organizations, schools, law enforcement, and health and human service agencies, we can develop and enhance successful prevention strategies that protect our young people. In addition, we must continue to recognize the spirit of compassion in individuals and community groups across our Nation that offer care, guidance, and support for our young people, parents, and caregivers. By working together, we can put hope in our children's hearts and ensure healthy and safe lives for all our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. I encourage all Americans to join together to support strong families, protect our children from abuse, neglect, and maltreatment, and make our Nation a more promising place for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

*George W. Bush*

## *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  
Bob Peterson – Brookhaven

*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.



**Grenada Honors Dolly Marascalco**

The Exchange Club of Grenada honored one of their own on April 17, 2003, at their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Book of Golden Deeds Award Banquet. Dolly Marascalco, pictured above with Committee Chairman Mickey Boyette and her husband Frank, was honored for her many years of unselfish contributions within the Grenada community.

Dolly’s community involvement, activities, and accomplishments include: Past President of the Grenada Business & Professional Women’s Club, Past Director of the Grenada County Chamber of Commerce, Member and Vice President of the Grenada Tourism Committee, Chairperson of the Grenada County Republican Party, Member and Wish Grantor of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi, and Public Relations Chairperson of the Grenada Medical Complex.

Dolly was the first female elected as Club President of the Exchange Club of Grenada. She was voted Outstanding Club President of the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs in 2000 and National Outstanding Club President of the National Exchange Clubs in 2000. Dolly is currently serving as District Director of Division II for the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs.

### The Night of the Child Drawdown and Dinner Party

Exchange clubs within the Jackson Metro area are joining together to sponsor a drawdown to benefit the Exchange Club Parent Child Center in Jackson. The event will take place Tuesday, May 6, 2003, 6:00 PM, at the Mississippi Agricultural Museum on Lakeland Drive next to Smith Wills Stadium. Tickets are \$100.00 each and may be obtained from any local Exchange club member.

## DISTRICT REPORT ON CLUB'S PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

(Applications received as of April 17, 2003)

CLUB	COM SVC	YOUTH	AMER	CHILD ABUSE	FUND RAISING
BATESVILLE * x	11	6	3	1	2
BILOXI # *	21	9	12	7	2
B. CHITTO # *	10	5	4	1	2
B'HAVEN # x	11		11	3	
BYRAM #	4	3	1		19
C'DALE	3	4	1	1	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	6	1	2	
GRENADA # *	26	9	10	4	3
GULFPORT # *x	3	6	27	8	2
HANCOCK # * x	10	9	1	3	1
H'BURG	2		1		
HOUSTON #	2	16		2	1
KOSCIUSKO					
L-O-U * #	14	2	5	3	3
LAUREL *	3	1	5	3	
L'VEL WOOD					
MADISON # * x	14	7	4	8	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	4	3	6	
PEARL # *	2	1	2	1	1
PONTOTOC * x	2	2	2	5	2
RICHLAND # *	16	6	7	4	33
S'VILLE					
TUPELO					
VICKSBURG *	2	1	2	2	

# Indicates Program Development Meeting

\* Indicates National Service Award

x Indicates National Day of Service

On September 17, 1949, the Freedom Shrine project was adopted at Exchange's 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The first Freedom Shrine was dedicated on May 26, 1950, at the Santa Monica High School in California. To date, nearly 11,000 have been presented.

*MAY IS FREEDOM SHRINE MONTH*

## Welcome New Members

The following members have joined our Exchange family since July 1<sup>st</sup> (as reported to National as of April 17, 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, Michael Boler

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, Charles Murrah, Jr.

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., Beth Durham, John Owings, Scott Perkins, Andre Cannady, Bobby Watkins, Jerry Beard, Steven Stanley, Thomas Kesler, Louisa Russell

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, Anthony Leach, Marlene Lockett, Connie Kirk

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, Ruben Rodriguez, Joseph Sciafani

Kosciusko---Shirley M. Nell

Laurel---John R. Fuller, Dr. Paul Pickering

L-O-U---Patricia E. Aschoff, Reba L. Bland, Janet Shaw

McComb---Marsia Lampton, Jay Lamar Patton, Clarence E. Johnston

Madison County---Marketta Moore, Velma Dilworth, Marcus Dilworth, Barbara Brown, Otis Jordan, Jr., Barney Comans, Wayne Hart, Jane Galloway

Meridian---Kenneth Richardson, Albert Harper

Monticello---Samuel Milano, Ramona Dickson, Michael Wilson, Victoria Wilson, Gloria Turnage, Laura Reynolds, Billy Monk, Rose Ward, Wanda Caudill, Charles Caudill, Andres Monk

North Jackson---Garry Claypool

Oak Forest---Nancy Bishop, Olaf Daugeleit

Oxford---Edward Furr, Preston Taylor, John Crawford, Margaret E. King, Ronnie Windham, Marilyn Charlton

Pearl---Ramesh Gajjar

Richland---Phillip Dunn, Christopher Bates, Valerie Bates, Tanya Crain, Shonia Martin, Jeffrey Lee, Carol Lee, Robert Hancock, William Vance, William Martin, Angela Davis, Connie Peterson, Mike Nichols, Tiffany Newell, Stephen Newell, Keith Peterson, Michelle Creel, Jamie Creel, Stacy White, Matthew Shaw

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Nathan Whitehead**---Actively involved in Exchange since 1999 as a member of the North Jackson Exchange Club; served as member of the Americanism, Youth, and Prevention of Child Abuse committees; served as Chairman of the One Nation Under God and the Proudly We Hail committees; Immediate Past Club President; actively involved with March of Dimes and Big Brother; member of Park Place Baptist Church; Realtor

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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."



### Have You Earned Your "3 to Achieve" ?

- .. Each member who recruits 3 members will earn the distinctive "3 to Achieve" pin
- .. Each club that finishes the year with a net +3 membership will earn the special "3 to Achieve" banner patch and receive special seating and recognition at the National Convention in Birmingham
- .. Each District can become a Star District by:  
building 3 new clubs with a net gain of one club  
OR  
having a net gain of members equal to the number of clubs in his or her district (25 clubs in the District/ +25 membership at year's end)



# 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mississippi District Convention Registration



(Must be postmarked by May 27, 2003)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member of The Exchange Club of \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Delegate ( ) Yes ( ) No *Voting delegates MUST be registered by 12 noon on Friday, June 6, 2003*

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Mail form and remittance to: **Luther Roan, District Treasurer**  
344 Dellwood Drive  
Jackson, MS 39212

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult Event Package

<u>Single Event Tickets</u>	<u># of Tickets</u>		<u>Package Price</u>	<u>Individual Tickets</u>		
National Representative Reception	_____	@	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	Advance Registration, All Events	\$ 120.00
Club Presidents Luncheon	_____	@	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	Registration at the door, All Events	\$ 130.00
Family Night / Talent Contest	_____	@	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00		
ACE / Youth of the Year Luncheon	_____	@	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	Advanced Registration	\$ _____
Installation Banquet	_____	@	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	Single Event Tickets	\$ _____
One Nation Under God Breakfast	_____	@	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	Children's Package	\$ _____
					Golf Tournament	\$ _____
Single Event Tickets	Total # _____		\$ _____	\$ _____		

### Children Event Package \$ 35.00 (Price includes all events)

Friday---Trip to NASA (Any one 18 years or older must have a valid ID), lunch in the Rocketeria, swimming party (Lifeguards from the YMCA provided), Family night dinner  
Saturday---Children's Bingo, trip to J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium, Lunch at McDonald's, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Pizza party (pizza, movies, popcorn, drinks) during Installation Banquet (Child care provided)

### Golf Tournament \$ 30.00

Jerry Bracey of the Gulfport Exchange Club will chair the golf tournament this year. The event will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2003, at 1:30 pm at the President Broadwater Golf Club. Conveniently located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Earl Stone designed course offers four sets of tees ranging from 5395 yards to a challenging 7100+ yards which insure a pleasant test to golfers of all levels. Ever changing winds off the Gulf can make club selection an exacting science, where success is more a triumph of brains over brawn.

### Spouse Activities (Open)

Spouse's Bingo will be Friday, June 6, 2003, from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. A complete list of area events will be in the Convention Registration Bags.

### Hotel Registration Information

Although a block of rooms has been reserved for the 2003 District Convention, individual hotel reservations should be made directly with the President Broadwater Towers East at 1-800-THE-PRES or at 1-228-385-3500. Room rates are \$ 79.00 per night. Advise the reservation staff that you will be attending the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs Convention.

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