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National President-elect Pam Sudlow to highlight Mid-Winter Conference

Pamela M. Sudlow, a member of the Exchange Clubs of La Porte and South Bend, IN, was elected as the first female President-elect of the National Exchange Club at the organization's 2002 annual convention in Minneapolis, MN. Sudlow will assume the presidency of the 30,000-member service club organization in July 2003. She is the owner of Horsin' Around Town Ranch and Creative Solutions.

Sudlow joined the Exchange Club of La Porte in 1987 and served as its Charter Secretary. She went on to serve as her club's President in 1989-90. For the Northern Indiana District Exchange Clubs, Sudlow served as District Director in 1990-92, President-elect in 1992-93 and President in 1993-94. She also served as the district's Vice President of Public Relations in 1996-98.

For the National Exchange Club, Sudlow currently chairs the Leadership Development Committee, is a member of the Personnel Committee, and serves as a Volunteer Field Representative. She was elected Regional Vice President, Region 7, of the National Exchange Club at the organization's 1997 annual convention in News Orleans, LA, and was re-elected at the 1999 convention in Puerto Rico.

Active in her community, Sudlow has been a member of the La Porte Chamber of Commerce Business Retention and Expansion Committee, involved in the area's Big Brother/Big Sister program and has served as a volunteer leader for 4-H. She has also been involved in the La Porte Little Theatre Club and the La Porte County Builders Association and has served as Vice President of the La Porte County Child Abuse Prevention Council, Inc. In addition, Sudlow is music director for the Salem Chapel United Methodist Church.

Sudlow has a Bachelor's degree in business management from the Indiana Institute of Technology and attended Indiana University South Bend and Purdue North Central. She and her husband, David, have two children, Ben and Brittany.

Mississippi's Mid-Winter Conference will be held this year at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center (at the Coliseum), 400 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, MS, on Saturday, January 25, 2003. Those requiring overnight accommodations may contact the Clarion at (601) 969-2141. In order to receive the reduced room rate, advise the Clarion that you are with the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs. The registration desk will open at 8:00 am and the conference will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Scheduled educational sessions are to include the following: Membership Recruiting, Membership Retention, New Club Building, and a Board Meeting scenario. Cost for the Mid-Winter Conference is \$25 per attendee, payable to the MS District.

Dear Fellow Exchangites:

We have some good news and some not so good news. The good news is we are on target to have 3 or 4 new clubs by December 31, 2002, in our District. A lot of people are working on these potential sites. The other good news is we have had two months in a row of positive growth in the Mississippi District thanks to all of you and your support. The sad news is that our membership growth for the year to date is down -14 members, a decrease mind you, which is not good.

We had the opportunity to visit with the Richland Club to assist Club President John Miller with the installation of 10 new members. If every club had an increase such as this, our District would have had an increase of 360 new members. What a day of celebration this would be for all of us in our District! We all know someone or a friend that would appreciate our invitation to be a member of EXCHANGE. Invite someone today.

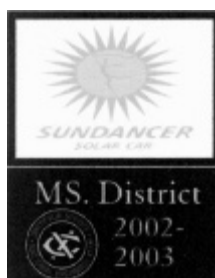
We have clubs that need to do Operation Turnaround to bring their clubs up to the suggested minimum of 25 members. The opportunity is there for all of us. Let's all work hard to GROW our membership and spread the good news about Exchange.

Believing and Achieving – It *Can* Be Done.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Robinson

**Harry G. Robinson
2002-2003 District President**



Mississippi Exchangites:

As the cool of autumn surrounds us and the days grow short, there is an excitement in the air. Some say it is the time for football and all the competitiveness of that sport, some say it's the time for re-uniting with family after a long summer of everyone doing their own thing, and I say it's time for Exchange.

I am reminded of the great coach Vince Lombardi in his memorable speech on motivation. He said, "Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do things right once in a while; you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing."

I encourage you to go and do the important things right. Get in the habit of spending time in your faith, family, profession and volunteer activities. Concentrate during November on your Club's One Nation Under God Program; celebrate this as a family event. Focus on the crime and fire prevention projects of your club and the National Exchange Club.

Get in the habit of inviting others to share the excitement of Exchange with you and your club. We are continuing to grow. Many clubs are showing a positive trend. Many clubs need to get excited about growing by recruiting new members. Some clubs need to concentrate on retaining members. There are several exciting New Club Building projects ongoing in the Mississippi District. I encourage each and every one to invite a new member into Exchange, concentrate on strengthening your home club, and consider getting involved in New Club Building. This is the responsibility of every Exchangite.

Prepare now to be a part of the Mid Winter Educational Conference that President Robinson and your Board of Directors are planning. Set your sites on participating in the Inter-Club meeting planned for the spring of 2003. Put on your best effort to win several of the District awards at our District convention in June. Put out your best effort, that's all that's asked of you. I paraphrase Coach Lombardi by saying "I firmly believe that any man and woman's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that we hold dear, is that moment when we have worked our hearts out in a good cause and lie exhausted on the field of battle – victorious!" Let's go win this year for Exchange! Our national President Gus Parker says, "Believing and Achieving – IT CAN BE DONE."

Sincerely,

Ken Sullivan

**Ken Sullivan
Region 6 Vice President 2002-2004**

Dear Fellow Exchangites:

As we pause and reflect on our many blessings this holiday season, we should all be grateful for having the opportunity to serve our communities through Exchange.

As Dee and I have traveled across America over the past few months, we have been consistently impressed by the multitude of worthwhile ways in which our Exchange Clubs are making a positive difference. I know that during the holiday season, many of your clubs will be doing even more to benefit those in need.

We very much appreciate all that you do to live up to our motto of "Unity for Service." At this challenging time in our nation's history, we as Exchangites have a unique opportunity to help move our country forward. Each of us must pledge to do our best to support our government and build pride in our great nation. Please join with me in serving our communities, recruiting members and building new clubs, for a stronger Exchange Club means a stronger America.

On behalf of the National Board of Directors, the National Headquarters staff, Dee and myself, I extend sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

Believing and Achieving – *It Can Be Done.*

Sincerely,

Gus Parker

Gus Parker
2002-2003 National President

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.



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 Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

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



In Memoriam



SIDNEY E. DOYLE
1906-2002

Sidney Eugene Doyle, 96, a charter member of the Exchange Club of Oxford and Past District Director, died October 18 at Baptist Memorial Hospital after a short illness. A sister, Virginia Sellen of Seattle, Washington, and one nephew survive him. He was married to Berniece Stuart Doyle who preceded him in death in 1990. Doyle was a retired University of Mississippi professor and Head of the Department of City Planning.

Doyle was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner, a Vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, past officer of the Retired Teacher Association, and last surviving charter member of the Rough Riders. For the last two years he had been a resident of Azalea Gardens Retirement Center.

He will be missed by his many friends in Oxford and in Exchange throughout the District, who remember him as always being cheerful, energetic, loyal and devoted to them and to Exchange.

One of Sidney's favorite quotations is by an anonymous author:

*If of thy worldly goods though art shorn,
And from thy slender store
Two loaves, alone, art left to thee,
Then sell one, and with the dole
Buy thee hyacinths to feed thy soul.*

Rest in peace, dear Sidney. God bless and keep you.

Charles E. Treas
Charter President
The Exchange Club of Oxford

Necrology

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

In Loving Memory

Dr. Hugh Ward Inducted Into Court of Honor

On Friday, September 20, 2002, six exceptional Exchangites were inducted into The National Exchange Club Court of Honor during a special ceremony at National Headquarters. The inductees were Stephen W. Baber, Elmer M. Barr, James M. Brown, M.H. “Bud” Edell, George Seely Johnston, and Dr. Hugh G. Ward.

Dr. Ward joined the Exchange Club of North Jackson, MS in 1959. He served the club in various club officer positions and was instrumental in improving and beautifying Parham Bridges Park. He spearheaded several community development efforts and helped organize a drive to build a permanent police precinct building for the City of Jackson. He also helped to establish a veterinary school at Mississippi State University.

Dr. Ward was an active member of the Riverwood Bible Church and served as president of the Mississippi Veterinary Association.

Induction into the Court of Honor is one of the highest levels of achievement for any Exchange Club member.



Dr. Hugh G. Ward

EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS 9/11 HEROES IN BATTERY PARK, NEW YORK CITY

With the Statue of Liberty standing tall in the background and the angelic voices of the Brooklyn Youth Chorus filtering through the brisk autumn air, The National Exchange Club presented three separate service awards to representatives of the New York City fire, police and port authority departments for the National Day of Service on October 26.

In conjunction with Make a Difference Day, more than 200 people gathered in New York City's Battery Park as The National Exchange Club conducted *Service & Sacrifice*, an event to honor and recognize the New York City police officer and firefighter victims of September 11, 2001.

In the formal ceremony president of The National Exchange Club Gus Parker presented the historic Blue and Gold Wounded in Service Award to Inspector Kathy Ryans of the New York City Police Department, Inspector Larry Fields of the New York/New Jersey Port Authority, and Daniel Shacknai, Deputy Commissioner for Inter-governmental Affairs, New York Fire Department.



Tom Ahrend of Pearl, Bettie Puckett of L-O-U, and Bettye Galloway of Oxford represented Mississippi at the *Service & Sacrifice* ceremony in New York City. (Not pictured were Jim Worthing of Grenada and Allison Ward of L-O-U).

Following the ceremony the specially designed Blue and Gold Wounded in Service awards, each in a cherry wood shadow box, were delivered to every firehouse, police station and Port Authority unit that lost a member during the terrorist attack.

“We were both honored and humbled to present these awards during our *Service & Sacrifice* ceremony,” said Dave Nershi, Executive Vice President of The National Exchange Club. “It is a small

token that we hope will help to heighten the awareness and level of respect these brave members of our country deserve.”

The Brooklyn Youth Chorus, directed by Dianne Bekun provided inspirational music including “America the Beautiful,” “Amazing Grace” and “God Bless America.” Flags were distributed to attendees and onlookers as part of the Exchange Club’s GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE project.

The National Exchange Club raised and sent more than \$17,000 for victims’ families after the attacks and raised another \$40,000 for this event.

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---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

District Secretary---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

District Treasurer---NO CANDIDATE TO DATE

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.

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

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

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

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."

Add more fun to the Mid-Winter Conference-

Bring plenty of door prizes.

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2003

Start making your plans now for the 83rd Annual District Convention to be held June 5-8, 2003, at the Holiday Inn Biloxi Convention Center. The convention will be co-hosted by the Biloxi Exchange Club and the Gulfport Exchange Club.

INTER- CLUB DATES

Inter-Club Meeting, Division IX

Friday, February 7, 2003---co-hosted by Biloxi Exchange Club and Gulfport Exchange Club.

Inter-Club Meeting, Divisions IV, V, VI

Saturday, February 15, 2003---hosted by Madison County Exchange Club.

Inter-Club Meeting, Divisions I, II, III

Saturday, March 01, 2003---hosted by Houston Exchange Club.

Inter-Club Meeting, Division VII

Saturday, March 8, 2003---hosted by Bogue Chitto Exchange Club.

Inter-Club Meeting, Division VIII

NOT SCHEDULED



Members of the Exchange Clubs of Oak Forest and Madison County are shown above with the children and staff of Sunnybrook Children's Home, Ridgeland, MS, on October 26, 2002. These two clubs observed our National Day of Service by donating two American flags to the children's home: one to be displayed in the facility's classroom and one to be flown on the flagpole at the entrance to the grounds.

REMEMBER . . .

Children are the only future
the human race has . . .

Treat them well!

DISTRICT REPORT ON CLUB'S PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

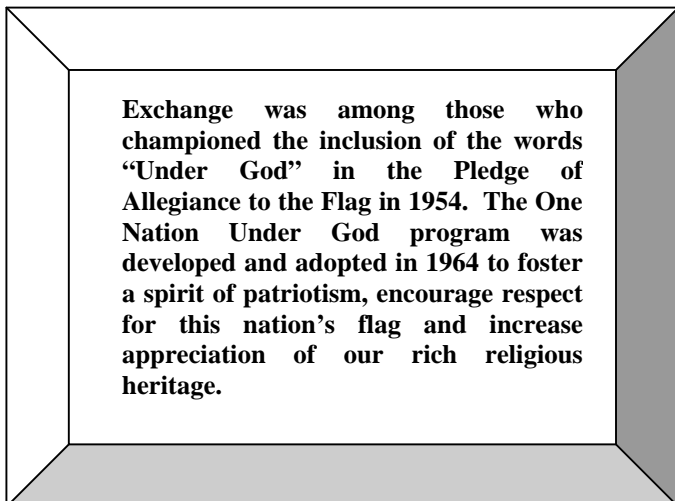
(Applications received as of December 13, 2002)

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

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 November 27, 2002). 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
- Clarksdale---James H. Raper, Rhonda L. Young, Will Sledge, Bobby Sanford
- Cleveland---Jamal D. Farmer, Drew M. Warren
- 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
- Grenada---Mary L. Smith, James L. Jones, Thomas R. Taylor, Becky C. Adams, Joe Max Blakely
- 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
- Hattiesburg---Paul Ruff, Dale Brackman, Sam A. Lee, Bobby Deen, Angela Bourgeois, Angela Pannell
- Houston---Donald Cossey, Jr.
- Downtown Jackson---Suzanne Davis, Jon Stephen Kennedy, Fred E. Bourn, Vernon E. King, David Jesiolowski, David J. Francis, James Chustz, Leonard A. Grantham
- 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
- 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



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