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## HARRY G. ROBINSON LEADS MISSISSIPPI IN 2002-2003



National President Augustus "Gus" Parker is shown presenting the presidential gavel to Mississippi District President Harry G. Robinson at the conclusion of the National Leadership Conference in Toledo, Ohio, February 21-24, 2002. President Robinson and his fellow district leaders have named themselves "Parker's Patriots". Their theme for the 2002-2003 year is "Believing and Achieving---It Can Be Done."

Floyd Culver, National Vice President, Region 8 installed Harry G. Robinson as the 82nd President of the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs, on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> during the 82nd Annual District Convention in Jackson. President Robinson has been actively involved in Exchange for over 25 years. He served as President of the Houston Exchange Club in 1998-1999 and was recognized as a National Distinguished Club President that year. President Robinson then served as Division III Director and was recognized as National Distinguished District Director in 1999-2000. President Robinson, a Public Accountant, is a Past President and Executive Board member of the Pushmataha Boy Scout Council, Chairman of the Local Development Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Economic Development Association, and a past Mayor of Houston. President Robinson and his charming wife, Ila Mae, (also an active member of Exchange) have committed themselves to enhancing Exchange in the Mississippi District during the upcoming year.

## FROM YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

As all of you know, our year began July 1, 2002. We had our Club Officers Orientation Training Session at the District Convention in Jackson on May 31<sup>st</sup>. It would be great if all club officers would make a special effort to attend the District Convention for the training they need for their new year. Training is the most important thing the new officers can do for their clubs. Our District Officers had their training session on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was done by our own VFR and new Vice President Region 6 Ken Sullivan of the Exchange Club of North Jackson.

July 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of a new year in our Mississippi District. The National Convention was about 3 weeks later than usual and has caused some delay in getting things going in our District. We have some clubs that need to file their Officers report with National.

Ila Mae and I attended the National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, with 27 other Exchange members from the Mississippi District. I know that everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Bettye Galloway who had a great year and who issued a challenge to us to do as well to keep up the growth pattern she has set for all of us to follow in the year 2002-2003.

To be successful as a District, we all must work as a TEAM. Be team players and work to grow our Mississippi District to be one of the best in Exchange.

Let's have a lot of fun and promote a new Exchange Club now.



Harry G. Robinson

### 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.**



## Which Tool Are You?

*By Billy Jo Sills, Past National President from Mississippi*

**Congratulations are extended to the following Exchangites and Exchange Clubs for a great job during the 2001-2002 Exchange year:**

**Coma Lawrence Individual New Club Membership Award**  
Cassidy Overby, The Exchange Club of Pontotoc

**Homer Edgeworth Individual Membership Award**  
John Miller, The Exchange Club of Richland

**Louis E. Wilcox Club Membership Award**  
The Exchange Club of Richland

**Royal N. Gober Club Bulletin Award**  
The Exchange Club of North Jackson  
Mary Willoughby, Editor

**Edward R. North, Jr., Publicity/Activities Scrapbook Award**  
The Exchange Club of Oxford

**Dorman B. Harvey Attendance Award**  
The Exchange Club of Grenada

**Richard H. Bacon Outstanding Club Secretary Award**  
Jan Carter, The Exchange Club of Grenada

**David D. Patty Outstanding Club President Award**  
Jimmy Holmes, The Exchange Club of Richland

**Billy Jo Sills Spirit of Exchange Award**  
The Exchange Club of Oxford

**Porter L. Fortune, Jr., Exchangite of the Year Award**  
Danny Jones, The Exchange Club of Grenada

**Meisburg Service Award**  
The Exchange Club of Grenada

**Thomas H. Bailey Youth of the Year Award**  
Glen Ulrich (Sponsor-The Exchange Club of North Jackson)

**District A.C.E. Award**  
Latasha Bodet (Sponsor-The Exchange Club of Grenada)

**District Amateur Talent Contest**  
Youth Division---The Richland Kids  
Adult Division----The Oak Forest Clown Unit

**District Plaque of Appreciation**  
Mickey Boyette, The Exchange Club of Grenada

Exchangites sometimes are like the tools found in the shop of a carpenter. Each tool has a particular function, but when they are compared to people, we may not like what we discover. For instance – Are you a hammer? The hammer is loud, boisterous, can scar and mar whatever it touches.

The plane just does surface work. It has to be pushed and pushed in order to accomplish something. There is no depth to what it does.

The sandpaper goes in circles. Most of the time it goes against the grain. It is always rubbing the wrong way. The saw is no better. It is always cutting and cutting. It takes something whole and rips it apart. It leaves a mess of its actions that has to be cleaned up by someone else. The screw has to be constantly turned around – can't seem to stay on course.

On and on we go, but let's stop with the vise. The vise just sits there quietly doing its job. It is steady. . . .firm. . . .solid with a good grip on things.

I hope some day someone will say of me, "B.J. is a vise." Which of the tools match your philosophy? What kind of Exchangite are you?

### 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.

**Augustus M. "Gus" Parker  
Installed as  
National Exchange Club President**



Augustus M. "Gus" Parker, a member of the Exchange Clubs of Macon, Ga., and Houston County, Ga., was installed as President of The National Exchange Club at the annual convention held July 31-August 3, 2002, in Minneapolis, MN.

Parker, an Exchange member for over 30 years, served on the National Board of Directors as a Regional Vice President and as Exchange's National Treasurer.

As National President, Parker's duties include presiding at the National Convention and at all meetings of the National Board of Directors, as well as general supervision over the interests and affairs of The National Exchange Club. He serves a one-year term from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003.

Active in his community, Parker has been a board member of the Children's Hospital – Medical Center of Central Georgia and a volunteer for the Cherry Blossom Festival, the United Way and other organizations.

President Parker and his wife, Dee, are members of Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Parker holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Education degree from Mercer University and an Educational Specialist degree in School Administration from Georgia State University. Parker served his country as a Reserve Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Corp from 1944 to 1945.



**Pamela M. Sudlow  
First woman President-elect of  
The National Exchange Club**



Pamela M. Sudlow, a member of the Exchange Clubs of South Bend and LaPorte, Ind., was elected as the first woman President-elect of The National Exchange Club at the annual convention held in Minneapolis, MN. The National Exchange Club voted in 1985 to include women in the organization. Since then, many women have risen to various leadership positions within Exchange. Sudlow is the first to rise to the position of President-elect, which is voted on by the convention delegates.

Sudlow was elected Regional Vice President, Region 7, of The National Exchange Club in 1997 and re-elected in 1999. She has chaired the National Technology Committee and served as a Volunteer Field Representative. For the Northern Indiana District Exchange Clubs, Sudlow served as District Director in 1990-1992, President-elect in 1992-1993, and President in 1993-1994.

Owner of Horsin' Around Town Ranch and Creative Solutions, Sudlow holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Indiana Institute of Technology. Sudlow also attended Indiana University South Bend and Purdue North Central.

Sudlow's community activities include Exchange membership since 1987, 4-H volunteer leader, Salem Chapel Music Director and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of LaPorte County.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO MISSISSIPPI'S OWN**

Bettye H. Galloway, who was elected as a Trustee of The National Exchange Club Foundation  
and to  
Ken Sullivan, who was elected as National Vice President, Region 6.

# Mississippians



Uncle Sam introduces National President Ken Roberts at the opening session of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Minneapolis.



Mississippi Delegates.



Arthur "Clay" Gould from Northwoods Exchange Club was the oldest "1<sup>st</sup> Timer" at a National Convention.



Bettye Galloway carries the Mississippi flag in the procession of state flags at opening session.



The Lettermen share a moment with District Leaders.



Ken Sullivan of the Exchange Club of North Jackson was elected National Vice President Region 6.



Bettye Galloway and Mickey Boyette were recognized as new club builders of the Pontotoc Exchange Club.

# IN MINNEAPOLIS



National President Ken Roberts recognized Franklin Williams as National Distinguished Club President.



Bettye Galloway being congratulated by the delegates after being elected Trustee of The National Exchange Club Foundation.



Delegates from Mississippi and Puerto Rico enjoying a good time at the Mississippi Hospitality room.



Carl Hancock receives the National Distinguished District Director Award from Ken Roberts.



John Miller accepting the Big "E" Award on behalf of the Richland.



Mississippi District President Harry Robinson and First Lady Ila Mae Robinson.



National President Ken Roberts presents the National A.C.E. Award to Latasha Bodet of Grenada.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Service

(July/August 2002 issue of *The Leader's Digest*)

It's time to start planning your community service project for this year's National Day of Service! October 26, 2002, will mark The National Exchange Club's 4<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of Service. This is Exchange's largest community service event as hundreds of clubs participate in community projects across the country.

It's easy to get involved with the National Day of Service. Just choose a community service project from Exchange's Program of Service or any other service project that meets your community's needs. Call National Headquarters for any supplies or additional information you need to make your National Day of Service project a real success.

The following are a few project ideas that your club can do for the National Day of Service:

## CRIME PREVENTION

- .. Junior Police
- .. Blue and Gold Award
- .. Alarm for Life
- .. My Day in Court
- .. Child ID
- .. Raise money for local Burn Units or Fire Stations

## YOUTH PROJECTS

- .. Sponsor a Bicycle Safety Class
- .. Have a Halloween party for disadvantaged or hospitalized children
- .. Volunteer to read to children at a library or in a classroom
- .. Sponsor an EXCEL Club
- .. Start a Youth of the Month/Year program
- .. Collect winter apparel for disadvantaged children

## AMERICANISM PROJECTS

- .. Dedicate or rededicate a Freedom Shrine
- .. Pass out American flags at a football game
- .. Sponsor a Milestones of Freedom Quiz
- .. Visit a Veteran's Home
- .. Collect worn flags and hold a disposal ceremony
- .. Get Out the Vote

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECTS

- .. Report Card Inserts
- .. Blue Ribbon Campaign
- .. Hold a Halloween party at your local CAP center
- .. KidCode
- .. Organize a community Safety Fair
- .. Distribute brochures for Shaken Baby Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

## OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS:

- .. Conduct a recycling awareness program
- .. Organize a "Trick or Treat" day with a local nursing home---provide the candy and help the costumed children trick-or-treat door to door at the home
- .. Adopt-A-Highway
- .. Contact your local Parks Service and organize a Tree-Planting Day
- .. Senior Home Safety Check



## Exchange to honor NYC heroes on October 26

As part of this year's National Day of Service events, Exchange will conduct a National Blue and Gold Wounded in Service Award program in Battery Park, New York City. The event, called "Service and Sacrifice," will recognize law enforcement officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Exchange will honor each unit that lost an officer or firefighter during the attacks with a Blue and Gold medallion, an Exchange emblem and an inscribed plaque all mounted within a handsome cherry-wood shadow box.

Plans call for an exciting national event to include National President Gus Parker, local dignitaries, Exchangites from across America, as well as musical entertainment and a Project GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE. Family members who lost loved ones will be invited to attend as guests of honor.

To date, generous members, clubs and districts have donated more than \$20,000 for the project. The goal is to raise \$60,000 to cover the cost of the awards and other program expenses.

"This is a special opportunity for Exchange to pay tribute to some extraordinary American heroes," said Executive Vice President David Nershi.

Funds donated should be sent to The National Exchange Club Foundation for disbursement for this event. The NEC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, to which donations are tax-deductible.

Individuals, clubs and districts participating in this project will be listed in *Exchange Today* and a printed program for the event. Clubs will also receive a special Blue and Gold banner patch. The greatest reward, however, is knowing that you have helped honor these true American heroes.

Send your donations to The National Exchange Club Foundation, 3050 Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606-1700. Please write "Blue and Gold Award" in the memo field of the check, and indicate if it is a club, district or individual donation.

## 2001-2002 National Award Winners

(As reported by The National Exchange Club  
at the National Convention in Minneapolis)

### Individual Membership Award

10 member pin awards

John Miller, Richland  
James Holmes, Richland

Vicki Fioranelli, Cleveland  
Culley Turner, Richland

### Leadership Pin Winners

*6 members recruited as of June 30, 2002*

Sharon Holmes  
Randall Walters  
J.D. Sneed

Savannah Holmes  
Linda Graffeo  
Harry Robinson

*4 members recruited as of June 30, 2002*

C.W. Puckett  
Dianne Olin

Eddie Sheffield  
Alvy Dawsey

### 100% Membership Award

Biloxi  
Greenwood  
Grenada  
Hancock County  
Houston  
Collegiate-Ole Miss

McComb  
Monticello  
Oxford  
Richland  
Flowood

### Club Membership Achievement Award

(net increase of 5 or more)

Biloxi  
Hancock County  
McComb  
Monticello

Oxford  
Richland  
Madison County

### Superior Club Membership Achievement Award

(net increase of 8 or more)

Biloxi  
Monticello

Oxford  
Richland

### Big "E" Award Winners

Biloxi

Richland

### Distinguished Club President Award

George Estock, Jr., Oxford  
Franklin Williams, Biloxi

### Distinguished District Director Award

Carl Hancock

Jimmy Dickerson

### Club Excellence Award

Biloxi  
Hancock County  
McComb  
Monticello

Oxford  
Richland  
Madison County

### National Service Award

Batesville  
Biloxi  
Brookhaven  
Columbus  
Crossgates  
Greenwood  
Grenada  
Gulfport  
Hancock County  
Hattiesburg  
Houston  
Levell Woods  
North Jackson  
Northwoods  
Oak Forest  
Kosciusko

Laurel  
McComb  
Monticello  
Oxford  
Pearl  
Richland  
Vicksburg  
Flowood  
L-O-U  
Byram  
Bogue Chitto  
Madison County  
Pontotoc

## Welcome New Members

The following members have joined our Exchange family since July 1<sup>st</sup> (as reported to National as of July 31, 2002). Welcome each and every one.

Batesville---Belinda Morris, Karen Dunn  
Bogue Chitto---Peter Dipaolo, Carolyn Dipaolo  
Columbus---James Lawrence  
Crossgates---Dick Weddle, William Hatcher  
Greenwood---George Smith III, Danny Cordell II, Tim Cook  
Hancock County---Debbie Harris  
Hattiesburg---Paul Ruff  
Downtown Jackson---Suzanne Davis  
McComb---Marsia Lampton  
Madison County---Marketta Moore  
Meridian---Kenneth Richardson, Albert Harper  
Monticello---Samuel Milano  
Oak Forest---Nancy Bishop  
Oxford---Edward Furr, Preston Taylor, John Crawford

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NATIONAL BABY SAFETY MONTH



National Exchange Club  
Foundation

"Babies are fragile. Please don't shake  
a child."

### FROM THE EDITOR

All clubs and members are encouraged to submit newsworthy items of your activities and projects to the District Bulletin Editor for publication in future issues of the Mississippi District *Exchange-O-Gram*.

The deadline for submitting articles for the November issue is October 31, 2002.

Rebecca R. Middleton

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