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MS DISTRICT CONVENTION WELCOMES NATIONAL VP BARB HARMONY



The Mississippi District Exchange Clubs welcome Barbara Harmony, National Vice President, Region 8, to our 84th Annual District Convention to be held in Jackson, MS, on June 24-27, 2004.

Barb Harmony, a member of the Exchange Club of Mount Vernon/Knox County, Ohio, was elected National Vice President, Region 8, of The National Exchange Club at the organization's 2002 annual convention in Minneapolis, MN. She is employed as a senior business analyst and instructor at North Central State College, specializing in the area of small business development.

Harmony joined Exchange in 1987. On the club level, she has chaired many club committees and served as Secretary, Vice-president, President-elect and President.

National Vice President Harmony has also been active on the district level. She served as District Secretary from 1991 to 1998 and served as President-elect in 1998-99, before going on to serve as District President the following year. For the National Exchange Club, Harmony currently serves as a member of the Leadership Development Committee.

Active in her community, National Vice President Harmony is a co-founder and Past Board President of the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Mansfield, Ohio. She also volunteered for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the St. Jude Hospital Bike-A-Thon and is active in her church.

Harmony is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She resides in Mansfield, Ohio, and is the mother of one son, Jared, who attends Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that this Exchange year is almost over. Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that we were gathered together on the MS Gulf Coast in Biloxi celebrating Exchange and gearing up for a 'Trailblazing' year. Now the time has come to gather together once again and celebrate the wonderful world of Exchange and all that has come to pass this year.

This past year I made a statement and issued a challenge; Together We Can, Together We Will Make A Positive Difference in the Mississippi District through Exchange. You took that call to heart and have truly made a positive difference in your communities and in the lives of people around you through Exchange.

But the year's not over just yet. There's still time to complete those service projects, to recruit those new members, and to build those new Exchange clubs. Let's continue to work together and end this Exchange year on a truly positive note.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the honor you bestowed upon me by allowing me to serve as your District President. It has been a rewarding year -- a year that Rebecca and I will look back upon with fond memories.

I encourage each of you to attend this year's district convention and grant Rebecca and me the privilege of personally thanking you for your support and encouragement over the years.

In the words of the King of the Cowboys, Roy Rogers, 'Happy trails to you, until we meet again', at the 84th Annual MS District Exchange Convention, in Jackson, June 24-27, 2004.

Johnny Middleton

**MS District President
2003-2004**



CLUB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Club	As of 7-1-03	As of 4-30-04	+ / -
Batesville	22	24	+2
Biloxi	29	17	-12
Bogue Chitto	22	25	+3
Brookhaven	50	49	-1
Byram	21	22	+1
Clarksdale	36	39	+3
Cleveland	67	62	-5
Columbus	67	74	+7
Crossgates	20	22	+2
Downtown Jackson	45	43	-2
Greenwood	50	46	-4
Grenada	80	68	-12
Gulfport	42	38	-4
Hancock County	54	38	-16
Hattiesburg	23	22	-1
Houston	74	78	+4
Kosciusko	21	19	-2
LOU	23	19	-4
Laurel	37	35	-2
Leavell Woods	17	16	-1
Madison County	23	26	+3
McComb	51	51	0
Meridian	17	17	0
Monticello	44	30	-14
North Jackson	25	25	0
Northwoods	13	12	-1
Oak Forest	19	16	-3
Oxford	66	56	-10
Pearl	21	20	-1
Pontotoc	22	19	-3
Richland	90	109	+19
Starkville	15	12	-3
Tupelo	11	9	-2
Vicksburg	15	11	-4

We're Blazing New Trails

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Those words, penned by Ralph Waldo Emerson, describe very well our approach for this year. The Trailblazers pledged to blaze new trails for Exchange and these dedicated leaders are living up to their word.

The 2003-2004 class of district presidents has put Exchange in a solid position for growth. Our impressive progress is due to our district presidents' fine efforts, as well as our third successful Stand Up America campaign and the promising beginning of the J.E.T. recruiting program.

And then there's the Fun in the Sun program, an exciting travel contest open to every member who has brought in one or more new members this year. Who will win the trip to Orlando, Fla.? It just might be you!

We can't let this extraordinary opportunity go to waste. This is our chance to make a memory. The future of Exchange is in our hands.

We're also blazing new trails with the Dallas Healing Field. When we gather for our national convention this summer, all in attendance will have the opportunity to help on this major fund-raising and public awareness effort for EXCAP, the Exchange Child Abuse prevention Center in Dallas. Imagine the sight of 2,000 American flags and 48 special Blue Ribbon flags, displayed for the entire city to see. In addition to raising funds for this important cause, we're sure to generate some great PR through our efforts. Please see the article on page 7 for further details.

Of course, that is only one of the many special events we're planning for you in Dallas. Our Opening Entertainment Event will feature a Dallas Roundup and Hoe-down, with spectacular singing and dancing acts, dancing lessons and much more. The convention will also feature some top motivational speakers, great optional tour events, and an all-new line-up of educational workshops, including “Free Publicity” presented by Jeff Crilley of Fox-Dallas, which you won't want to miss.

I encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible for the national convention. Plan to stay an entire week with your family and friends and truly enjoy all that Dallas has to offer!

I would like to close with one of my favorite poems, “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth; Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.*

As leaders of this great Exchange Club organization, we have shown the courage to take the road less traveled this year. Exciting times are ahead. We are writing history right now!

*Pam Sudlow
National President*



The following members have joined our Exchange family since July 1st (as reported to National as of April 30, 2004).

Batesville – Adam Pittman, Arthur Chancellor
Bogue Chitto – Wanza McGuffie, Bobby McGuffie, Patrick Foster
Brookhaven – Greg Hoff, Jimmy Furlow, Jason Bush, Anthony Allen, James Keene
Byram – Angela Fields, Wendy Hood, Phyllis Smith, Michael Maldonado
Clarksdale – Pete Berry, Steve Gibson, Allen Shaffer, Doris Miller, Scott Whittemore, Rosemary Dill
Cleveland – Vernon Richard, Laura Connell, Marty Tubbs, DeAnna Starn, Michael Mengarelli, Rebecca Cochran, Collette Ray, Kenneth Behrens
Columbus – Kerry Kerr, James McDougald, John McCall, Maye Harrison, Sid Perkins, Bill Somerville, Fred Haley, Chris Young, Steven Brown, Timothy Heard, Lisa Neese, Mark Nobles, Angela Hanley, Laura Morgan, Justin Casano
Crossgates – William Holeman, Jeffrey Martella, Richard Coupe, William Bishop, Michael Pitts
Jackson – Loretta Davey, Michele Jack, Keith Davis, Tim Wolverton, Lem Montgomery, Patricia Perkins
Greenwood – Mark Jennings, Jerry Singleton
Grenada – Matt Schilling, Mark Fielder, Marina Lott
Gulfport – Kelly W. Kelly, Jeannette Hauptmann, Larry Bates, Mary Benard
Hancock County – Jennifer Benvenuti, Susan Chamberlain, Brenda Ford, Amiee Christie
Hattiesburg – George Parker, Desiree Misenhelter
Houston – Harold Robinson, Holly Raulerson, Luskey Green, Michael Eldt
Kosciusko – Hugh Ballard, Larry Caraway, David Blair, Keith Dale
Laurel – Sherry Lowe, Kenneth Craven, Judi McQueen, Donna Jones
Leavell Woods – Doris Jones, Mary lee Roberts, Lorie Roan, Lee Roan
McComb – Constance Rawlins, Elizabeth Hemeter, Sarah Rushing, Judy Andrews

Madison County – Patricia Hennington, Jodie Varnell, Liz Marshall
Meridian – Jack Massey
North Jackson – Maxine Sullivan, Lyn McCool, Susan Reatschler
Oxford – Shirley Perkins, Sherie Holland, Bettie Puckett, Denise Forsyth, Bobby Jones, Kevin Seddon
Pearl – Sherry Curtis
Pontotoc – Betty Armstrong
Richland – Becky Bradshaw, Dorothy Brown, Paula Jackson, Kristy Dennis, Calli Henley, Tanya Crain, Tammye Hawthorne, Nancy Purvis, Tammy Rankin, Steve Miller, Neida Porter, Mary Fonville, Bettie Gilmer, Kimberly Wilson, Frank Wilson, Gadis Porter, Myrtle Porter, John Fonville, Beverly McCrory, John Byrd, Carolyn Chandler, Dannielle Renfroe, Cyndi Lisonbee, Debra Byrd, Jesse Lisonbee, Addie Wright, Donna Wright, Vincent Milton, Vicki Thomas, Deborah Trigg, Keith McGee, Jennifer Whatley, Heather Nimmo, Chieco Brown, Cindy Pace, Elaine Sims, Richard Whatley, Gregory Tidwell, Doug Reynolds, Cynthia Sullivan, Bobby Everett, Missy Harris, Jason Harris, Shantannae Montgomery, Marcus Ford, C.R. Findley, Dolly Findley, Jill Mooney, Angela Peden
Tupelo – William Richardson
Vicksburg – Susan Rentschler

*Children are the only future
the human race has*

Treat them well !!!



**National Exchange Club
Foundation**

NECROLOGY

James Anderson.....Biloxi
Henry Hederman.....Jackson
George Vickery.....Greenwood
John Lipsey.....Gulfport
Walter Bivens.....Leavell Woods
Nova Tadlock.....Leavell Woods
C.W. 'Bill' Puckett.....L.O.U.
Scott Hubert.....Meridian
Carey Finch.....Monticello
Zane Cowan.....North Jackson
Gadis Porter.....Richland
Wally Flowers.....Vicksburg



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.

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.

The western wear theme at the Mid-Winter Conference was so much fun, we just have to do it again. President Middleton has declared Friday's Family Night gathering at the district convention to be TEX-MEX Style. Once again a 'Trailblazer' award will be given to the club that demonstrates the greatest enthusiasm, visibility, creativity, and attendance.

So, get it together, partners, and come on down to Jackson at the Ag Museum for a rootin', tootin' good time!

WANTED !

Plenty of door prizes for the convention.



The Mississippi District Needs You !

The Mississippi District needs you in attendance at this year's annual convention. Go ahead and make your reservations, pack your saddlebags, and ride on into downtown Jackson, hitch your horse at the Edison Walthall Hotel, and join in the celebration. You'll be glad you did.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS

District Bylaws, ARTICLE X, Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors, Section 3, state *“All suggested candidates for the office of District President-elect...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.”*

Offices to be voted on at the 2004 district convention with excerpted comments from the bylaws are as follows:

District President-elect: *“To serve as a District President or District President-Elect, a member must have served a full term as President of an Exchange Club prior to assuming office.”*

District Treasurer: *“For secretaries and treasurers, a limit of no more than two one-year terms is recommended to develop and enhance leadership in districts.”*

District Secretary: *“For secretaries and treasurers, a limit of no more than two one-year terms is recommended to develop and enhance leadership in districts.”*

District Directors, Divisions II, IV, VI, and VIII: *“Each District Director shall be a member in good standing from any Exchange Club within the division and must have served a full term as an officer of a local Exchange Club, within or outside of the division, prior to assuming office.”*

The bylaws further state that *“...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....No person may be a candidate for two offices at the same convention.”*

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION IN 2004

As of March 20th, the following Exchangites have filed officer nomination forms for election in 2004:

DISTRICT PRESIDENT-ELECT

JOHN MILLER—Exchange Club of Richland.

Club: President-elect, President, Past President, Chairman of Membership, Fund Raising, One Nation Under God, and Excel Club committees.

District: District Director, Division IV.

Other: First Baptist Church of Richland; Richland Economic Development Board; Trustee for Woodmen of the World; Watchman’s Ministry; Richland Citizens Emergency Response Team.

DISTRICT TREASURER

LUTHER ROAN—Leavell Woods Exchange Club

Club: President; Club builder.

District: District Treasurer since 1991

Other: Board of Directors, Jackson CAP Center; Deacon, Alta Woods Baptist Church

DISTRICT SECRETARY

BETTYE H. GALLOWAY—Oxford Exchange Club

Club: Chairman of major committees; President; Board of Directors

District: District Director, Division I; District Secretary; Past District President, Club builder

National: Spokesperson for national class of district presidents, Trustee, National Exchange Club Foundation; National Subcommittee on Retention; National Exchangite of the Year, Berkey Fellow

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

DIVISION II

TOMMY BARRETT—Grenada Exchange Club

Club: Chairman/member of major club committees, President-elect, Club President

District: Past District President, Division II District Director

Other: Active in church and community activities

DIVISION VI

RANDALL J. WALTERS—Richland Exchange Club

Club: Chairman/member of major club committees, President-elect, Club President

Other: Active in church and community activities

DIVISIONS IV and VIII—No nomination form received

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, REGION 6

MICKEY BOYETTE

Member of Grenada, MS, Exchange Club

Endorsed by Mississippi District Exchange

Club: Major committee chairman, Treasurer, President, Sponsored over 50 members

District: District Director, President, Spokesperson for national class of district presidents, Builder of three clubs, Volunteer Field Representative

National: Trustee, National Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse, National Vice President of Region 6, National Regional Vice President Eagle Award, National Public Relations, C.A.R.E. Award, and Marketing Committees, Berkey Fellow

Other: Prevention of child abuse, Leadership Grenada, Heart Association, Grenada PTO, Grenada Youth League, Member of First Baptist Church Adult Choir, Men’s Quartet, Stewardship Committee

KENNETH SULLIVAN

Member of Millington, TN, Exchange Club

Member of North Jackson, MS, Exchange Club

Endorsed by Tennessee District Exchange

Club: Secretary, Treasurer, President, Sponsored over 30 members

District: District Director, District President, Volunteer Field Representative, Builder of one club in Mississippi and one in Tennessee

National: National Vice President of Region 6. Berkey Fellow

Other: Prevention of child abuse, community blood services, church youth activities, local school extracurricular activities, parent support groups.



**84th Annual Mississippi District Exchange Clubs Convention
JUNE 24-27, 2004
Convention Registration Information (must be received by June 10, 2004)**

FINAL CALL

Return completed form to:

**Luther Roan, District Treasurer
344 Dellwood Drive
Jackson, MS 39212**

NAME _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Voting delegate – yes() no() Club _____ Office held _____
(In order to vote, delegates must be registered in person on site by 12 noon Friday)

Adult Convention Package – Advance Registration # Ordered _____ @ \$120

This package includes the Friday Luncheon and Family Night / Talent Contest, Saturday's Youth of the Year / Ace Award luncheon and Installation Banquet, and Sunday's One Nation Under God breakfast.

Receptions are at no charge to attendees.
(Registration at the door will be \$130)

Individual Ticket Prices

Friday Luncheon # Ordered _____ @ \$25 = _____

Friday Family Night # Ordered _____ @ \$20 = _____

Youth / ACE Luncheon # Ordered _____ @ \$25 = _____

Installation Banquet # Ordered _____ @ \$30 = _____

One Nation Under God Breakfast # Ordered _____ @ \$20 = _____

(add \$2 per ticket, if purchased at the door)

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION \$ _____

84TH MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT CONVENTION, JUNE 24-27, 2004, at the Edison Walthall Hotel, Jackson, MS. Reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-932-6161. Advise them that you will be attending the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs Convention. Rooms will be \$85 per night plus tax.

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