



MISSISSIPPI EXCHANGE-O-GRAM

Volume XXIII

March, 2006

Number 2



The Exchange Club of Louisville, Mississippi

The Mississippi District Exchange Clubs through the co-sponsoring clubs of Houston and North Jackson proudly announce the Permanent Organization of the Exchange Club of Louisville on January 12, 2006. New Club Builders of this first new club for the year 2006 were Harry Robinson of the Houston Exchange Club and Ken and Diane Sullivan of the North Jackson Exchange Club. Pictured above are: Board Member Joseph McCain, Board Member Taylor Tucker, Club Secretary Jessica Kiefer, Charter Club President Judy Jones, and Club Treasurer Grant Mayo.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Exchangites:

This year so far has certainly been one for the books. Katrina has forever left her mark on all of us in one way or another. But you know, we are surviving and will survive as long as we keep our faith. I have just come from Toledo, Ohio, the "charm school" of Exchange, and I'm here to tell you that EXCHANGE is alive and on the move. This next year is going to be exciting! So, my challenge to each of us is to get on the bandwagon because if we don't, we will be left behind.

I want to say thank you to Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, and VI for their super duper Inter-Club meetings that have been held so far. They were informative and the fellowship was outstanding. These clubs said they liked the new time on Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and they each kept the meetings on time. Division VII will have had their Inter-Club Meeting on March 4, 2006 at the Days Inn in McComb and Divisions VIII and IX will have had theirs on March 18, 2006 at the Koch Cellulose Plant in New Augusta by the time you receive this message. These two meetings are scheduled at the new times, also.

I look forward to serving as your District President come July 1, 2006. We are going to work on unity, integrity, fun/fellowship, and membership. There will be some exciting things that will be happening, but they won't happen without all of you. Exchange is the best organization that you can belong to and yes, it is work, sometimes, but the blessings that you receive are worth far more than silver or gold and think how much better your community is because of you and your involvement.

So let's continue to ignite the "SPIRIT OF EXCHANGE".

Unity for Service,
Ruthie Williams, President-elect
MS District Exchange Clubs

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.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT EXCHANGE CALENDAR 2005-2006

April.....	National Child Abuse Prevention Month National Volunteer Recognition Month
April 15.....	Club Officer Election Reports due to National
April 22.....	District Board Meeting, Jackson
May.....	Freedom Shrine Month
May 15.....	Deadline for National Outstanding Service, Fund Raising, and Public Relations Awards
May 29.....	Memorial Day
May 31.....	Deadline for National CARE Award
June 1.....	Deadline for National Convention Credential Cards
June 22.....	District Board Meeting, Jackson
June 22-25.....	86 th Annual Mississippi District Exchange Convention, Jackson, MS
June 25.....	Last Day for Online Applications for National Service Awards
June 30.....	Club Activities Summary Due to National
June 30.....	End of Administrative Year



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.



Date: **Thursday, July 13, 2006**
 Time: **6:00pm – 9:00pm**
 Where: **Sparkman Auditorium**
 Mississippi Agricultural Museum
 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS

- **Win \$10,000**
- **Music**
- **Great Food**
- **Door Prizes Galore**

Ticket Price: \$100

Each ticket admits two (2) people to
 The Night of the Child Drawdown Dinner
 Party

Limited to 500 tickets

**Benefiting The Exchange Club
 Family Support Center of Metro
 Jackson**

**Dedicated to the prevention of
 child abuse**

**For tickets contact:
 Joe Bennett
 601-944-1055 or
 any member of a Metro Jackson
 Exchange Club**

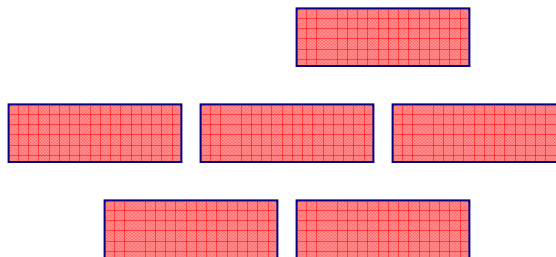
UNITY FOR SERVICE



**The National Exchange Club
 88th National Convention
 July 26-29, 2006
 Buena Vista Palace * Orlando, Florida**

Reservations for the 88th National Exchange Club Convention may be made direct with the Buena Vista Palace at 407-827-3333. Reservations must be received by June 16, 2006.

BUY A BRICK – LEAVE A LEGACY



An improvement project is being planned for your national headquarters. Buy a brick and help build the front driveway. With a \$ 100 gift, a brick will be inscribed with your name. There are three lines on each brick with 14 characters per line for your name. (This includes spaces, punctuation, etc.) Please make your checks payable to NECF and order your brick today. This is the perfect opportunity to leave your mark on Exchange !



FROM YOUR REGION 6 VICE PRESIDENT

Ken Sullivan

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you during a most challenging period for our state and District. We today witnessed the six-month anniversary of the most significant weather related disaster to strike this nation in recent memory. I have been moved by the resilience, determination and heroic activities of the citizens of our state who have proved the worth of the people of Mississippi. We are Strong, United and Thankful. The National Exchange Club has done a fine job in assisting our local Child Abuse Prevention Centers across the Mississippi District.

Great things are planned for the near future. Springtime is the time for rebirth and the awakening of nature. We in Exchange go through a similar process as we elect our leadership team for the next year. It is critically important that your Club elects officers in March or early April and reports those election results to the National Exchange Club before April 15, 2006. This will enable our incoming District and National officers to build a strong leadership team. This will only strengthen our programs of service and our organization as a whole.

Inter-club meetings are going on right now. President-elect Ruthie Williams has initiated a new format that is being well received. Planning is going forward for an exciting District Convention in June. We are still in a positive position for membership growth. Some of our newest Clubs needs additional members. So if you know anyone in Crystal Springs, Louisville, Perry County, and the Orange Grove area of the Coast, let President Miller and/or President-elect Williams have those names. March is membership month so put on a Rush Party or other local emphasis in your club to bring in some new members and grow your club and Exchange. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month so begin now to plan and implement those special programs you will have for the support of our National project. Get your nominations and entries for District Awards competition in shape, as we will have a great time at our District Convention with our special National Representative, Margie Miller, RVP 10, from Charleston, South Carolina.

The National Convention will be in Orlando, Florida. The Convention Hotel is on the Disney property and there will be extra time in the Exchange Convention agenda for families to enjoy the resort atmosphere of the region. This could be the largest attended Convention in many years. The rates are great and the Convention Hotel will be sold out soon. So, make your reservations today.

I look forward to seeing everyone real soon.

Ken

**Ken Sullivan, RVP6
The National Exchange Club**

AROUND OUR DISTRICT

News from The Exchange Club of Crystal Springs
By: *Linda Phillips, Club Secretary*

The Exchange Club of Crystal Springs, MS had a bumpy start thanks to Katrina, but on January 11, 2006, we had our first official meeting and we are pumped, delighted and eager to help serve our wonderful community. Our President is James Phillips, our Club Secretary is Linda Phillips, and our Club Treasurer is Donna Wells. We have honored two "Student of the Month" recipients and we will be awarding our third certificate at our next meeting. We are making up for lost time and it is so exciting to recognize our youth and applaud their achievements. We have partnered with our school system and have joined their "Adopt A Class" program. Once a month one or more of our members will go to a classroom and participate in some way. The options are up to us. Two of our principals, Ms. Jones, Crystal Springs High School and Ms. Haynes, Crystal Springs Elementary, are very active and have helped to make this wonderful opportunity happen. We know this will be a great learning experience for us all. We will operate a "Food Booth", at the annual Tomato Festival, which will take place on the last Saturday in June. This will be our first major fundraiser and we know it will be a success. Come on out and join us that day and visit our beautiful city. We may have had a bit of a slow start, but we are off and running now and there will be no stopping us. The Exchange Club of Crystal Springs is dedicated to Building A Better Stronger America.

Pictured below:

Exchange members from Divisions IV, V, and VI attended the Inter-Club Meeting on February 18, 2006, hosted by The Exchange Club of Ridgeland. A great time was had by all.



BROOKHAVEN EXCHANGE HONORS GOLDEN DEEDS RECIPIENT



Brookhaven Exchange Club members and guests were out in force Friday night, January 20, 2006, to recognize the club's Golden Deeds recipient for 2006 at the club's annual banquet held at the Thames Center. Ted Evans is shown above presenting this year's award to Paul B. Jackson. Evans said Jackson was a person who believes in God, church, and family. He is a lifetime deacon of his church where he has served on every committee. Jackson has been active in promoting the Brookhaven community for many years and has served on many worthwhile committees of the city and county. His latest project has been in organizing the Military Museum in downtown Brookhaven. Jackson served in the military during World War II. When Jackson learned about a 2-year old boy who was in need of a kidney transplant, he brought the matter to the attention of his Sunday school class. With Jackson's leadership, the class visited with the family and helped them financially. A humbled Jackson accepted his award from Evans and praised the Exchange Club for all of its good works. "I salute the Brookhaven Exchange Club and their members and what it stands for in the community," Jackson said.

Clubs in the Mississippi District are encouraged to submit to the District Bulletin Editor their activities and special events for publication in future issues of the Mississippi Exchange-O-Gram. Articles for the next issue should be submitted by April 30, 2006, in order to meet the publication deadline.

DISTRICT CANDIDATES, 2006-2007

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

District President-elect

John D.Blake---Actively involved in Exchange since 1979 as a member of the Meridian, Hattiesburg, and Gulfport Exchange Clubs; served his local club as Club President-elect and as Club President; served on all Programs of Service committees either as Chairman or committee member; currently serving as Division VIII District Director on the District Board of Directors; New Club Builder of two clubs: Perry County (2004-2005) and Oak Grove (2005-2006); Retired Electrical Engineer with Mississippi Power Company; Mentor with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program; Member of the First United Methodist Church of Long Beach having served as Sunday School Superintendent and Administrative Board member.

District Secretary

No candidate as of this publication

District Treasurer

Luther Roan---Actively involved in Exchange since 1976 as a member of the Leavell Woods Exchange Club; served his local club as Club President-elect and as Club President; Club Chairman of Membership, Hospitality, Youth, Americanism, and Book of Golden Deeds Committees; District Treasurer since 1991; member Alta Woods Baptist Church; member Leavell Woods Youth Association, and Leavell Woods Home Owners Association.

District Director, Division II

No candidate as of this publication

District Director, Division IV

Roger Noller---Actively involved in Exchange since 1998 as a member of the Leavell Woods Exchange Club; served as Club President-elect, Club President; served on all Programs of Service committees either as Chairman or committee member; currently serving on the District level as Director Division IV; New Club Builder of The Exchange Club of Crystal Springs; retired.

District Director, Division VI

Freddy Ahrend---Actively involved in Exchange since 1997 as a member of the Pearl Exchange Club and The Exchange Club of Richland, MS; served on all Programs of Service committees either as Chairperson or committee member; served his local club on the Board of Directors, as Club Treasurer, as Club President-elect, and as Club President; currently serving as Division VI Director; Board member of Southwind Homeowners Association; Member First Baptist Church of Richland; Sunday School Teacher; Attorney .

District Director, Division VIII

No candidate as of this publication

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."

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1979, delegates to the 61st National Convention in St. Louis, MO, adopted Child Abuse Prevention as a national project at the suggestion of Dr. Edward R. North, National President from Jackson, MS. Subsequently, The National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse was established.



Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results.

Author unknown



**MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND
THE 86TH ANNUAL
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT
EXCHANGE CLUBS CONVENTION**

**June 22-25, 2006
Jackson, MS**



**Clarion Hotel & Suites
Jackson North
5075 Interstate Hwy 55 N
Jackson, MS
Ph (601) 366-9411**



**Call the Clarion for
reservations today !
Room rates are \$79.00
per night – this price
includes two buffet
breakfasts each morning.**

WANTED

**Pictures of your club's events/activities for a
special slide presentation at this year's
convention**

**Send to District Secretary Randall Walters
Via e-mail or U S Postal Service
(addresses on back page)**

Convention Costs

**\$119.00 Advance
Registration
On or Before June 5,
2006
Entire Packet**

**\$144.00 Late Registration
After June 5, 2006
Entire Packet**

REMEMBER

**Start now collecting your
door prizes for "Let's
Have A Drawing!"**

**The official convention
registration form will
appear in the next issue of
the Exchange-O-Gram.**

**PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION
VISIT OLD FRIENDS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, HAVE A GREAT TIME**

PRESIDENT
John Miller (Richland)
1929 Cape Cove
Richland, MS 39218
H—601-936-3584
B—601-420-0980
JMi2548038@aol.com

DIRECTOR, DIVISION I

DIRECTOR, DIVISION VI
Freddy Ahrend (Pearl/Richland)
323 Bay Cove
Richland, MS 39218
H—601-936-0028
C—601-573-9566
ahrend0028@bellsouth.net

VOLUNTEER FIELD REP
Mickey Boyette (Grenada)
160 Pebble Creek Road
Grenada, MS 38901
H—662-226-3944
M_boyette@bellsouth.net

PRESIDENT-ELECT
Ruthie Williams (Biloxi/Gulfport)
219 Clower Drive
Long Beach, MS 39560
H—228-865-9974
Ruthie020834@hotmail.com

DIRECTOR, DIVISION II
Tommy Barrett (Grenada)
424 Townes Avenue
Grenada, MS 38901
H—662-226-3205
tsbarrett1@cableone.net

DIRECTOR, DIVISION VII
Alvin Brown
(Brookhaven/Monticello)
2237 Warren Road
Brookhaven, MS 39601
H—601-833-5368
strutbrown@bellsouth.net

REGIONAL FIELD REP
Franklin Williams (Biloxi/Gulfport)
219 Clower Drive
Long Beach, MS 39560
H—228-865-9974
Ruthie020834@hotmail.com

SECRETARY
Randall Walters (Richland)
1911 Cape Cove
Richland, MS 39218
H—601-664-0505
C—601-405-2138
distsec06@bellsouth.net

DIRECTOR, DIVISION III
Harry G. Robinson (Houston)
226 Woodland Circle
Houston, MS 38851-3026
H—662-456-3876
C—662-456-0273
harryg@avrix.net

DIRECTOR, DIVISION VIII
John Blake (Gulfport)
4 Partridge Place
Long Beach, MS 39560
H—228-868-2136
C—228-326-8041
Jdblake2@bellsouth.net

RVP, REGION 6
Ken Sullivan (North Jackson)
83 Sugar Maple
Madison, MS 39110
H—601-856-5215
C—601-421-7848
KSulli8153@aol.com

TREASURER
Luther Roan (Leavell Woods)
344 Dellwood Drive
Jackson, MS 39212
H—601-372-6504
lutherR32@aol.com

DIRECTOR, DIVISION IV
Roger Noller (Leavell Woods)
616 Muirwood Circle
Ridgeland, MS 39157
H—601-853-1655
RLN034@aol.com

DIRECTOR, DIVISION IX
Jimmy Johnson (Gulfport)
121 Yucca Drive
Long Beach, MS 39560-3904
H—228-864-1257
C—228-297-1257
Jimmyj1944@aol.com

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB
3050 Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43606
Phone—800-xchange
Fax—419-535-1989
admin@nationalexchangeclub.com

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Jimmy Dickerson
(Batesville/Hernando)
133 Hemlock Road
Batesville, MS 38606
H—662-563-0977
B—662-563-4541
jamesq@panola.com

DIRECTOR, DIVISION V
Rebecca Middleton (Ridgeland)
223 Walnut Ridge Drive
Ridgeland, MS 39157-4122
H—601-856-7669
C—601-955-7249
jingles@bellsouth.net

BULLETIN EDITOR
Rebecca Middleton (Ridgeland)
223 Walnut Ridge Drive
Ridgeland, MS 39157-4122
H—601-856-7669
C—601-955-7249
jingles@bellsouth.net



**MISSISSIPPI
EXCHANGE-O-GRAM**
Rebecca R. Middleton, Editor
223 Walnut Ridge Drive
Ridgeland, MS 39157-4122

