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KATIE SMITH

WILL BRING FUN AND EXCITEMENT TO OUR ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Mississippi Exchangites are in for a treat at this year's Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for January 20, 2007, at Eagle Ridge Conference Center. Katie Smith will be the National Representative and featured speaker for this event.

Katie, a member of the Owatonna and Spring Valley Exchange Clubs, served as the Minnesota District President in 2002-2003. That same year she earned the Distinguished District President Award and the National Exchangite of the Year Award. As a

club builder she is a member of the XTEAM and has served on several District and National Committees. She is currently serving on the National Growth (ROAR) Committee. She also serves as one of the 12 certified Trainers for the National Exchange Leadership Excellence program.

Katie joined Exchange in 1996 and has served on the club board of directors including Club President-elect and Club President. As president she earned the Distinguished Club President Award in 1999-2000. She continues to be very active in both her clubs and serves on multiple committees, having most recently chaired the Membership, Education and Celebrate Exchange Committees. On the District level she has also been very active. She holds the title of Vice President and VFR and serves as the Chairperson of the Growth and Education Committees. She won both the Club and District Outstanding Exchangite Awards during 2002-2003. You may also know Katie as "Lena," the one who plays that funny stumpfiddle at District and National Conventions.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Champion Igniters,

You have really caught the "Spirit of Exchange" and are "Lighting the Fire Within" in the Mississippi District. You are number one in the Nation for September and October. We chartered the first club for the new year at Saucier, clubs are gaining new members, and clubs are participating in our Programs of Service like never before. On December 8th, there will be a new club chartered in Poplarville, and on the same day at noon, a new club will be POM'd in Purvis. See what I mean! ! There is much more to be done, so look around and see who you can ask to join our great organization or where a new club might be needed to improve the quality of life in a community. There are several locations being considered as new club building sites.

Our Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for January 20, 2007 at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS. I expect every club in our district to be represented with their officers and club members. You are in for a treat, as we have Katie Smith coming from Minnesota to be the featured speaker at the conference. She is a VFR and is dynamic. She will be doing something along the Mardi Gras theme and making Exchange fun. Katie will probably be bringing a special musical instrument with her! I don't want excuses, I want participation. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR JANUARY 20, 2007.** The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. I have said that we would have at least 125 in attendance, or MORE! My integrity is at stake, so don't let me down. Remember, if you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed. There will be door prizes, breaks, lunch, and fun. You will not be bored.

My sincere thanks for all you are doing in your clubs to Light the Fire Within. Without you we wouldn't have *Unity, Integrity, Fun/Fellowship, or New Members*. Lord, help me to love others as you love me.

Keep the Flame Growing,

Ruthie Williams
District President 2006-2007
MS District Exchange Clubs

From Your Region 6 Vice President...

Mighty Mississippi just keeps on rolling! Earlier today I had the privilege to join your district officers and directors for their mid-winter board meeting here at Eagle Ridge Conference Center. What a joy it was to be with the number one leadership team in all of Exchange! Let me assure you, President Ruthie and her team are eXCited and on fire! From everything I can observe, the rest of Mississippi Exchange is feeling the energy and responding likewise. Just as I have congratulated each of the leadership team, let me also congratulate each and every Exchangite in this great district. What you have accomplished thus far is absolutely awesome! As I have attended board meetings, club meetings and a charter banquet I have quickly fallen in love with the state of Mississippi and all the wonderful, friendly Exchangites I have met. You have made me feel like family and I do appreciate it. I look forward to meeting and getting to know even more of you. Mississippi is on the move and the sky is the limit. I encourage you to keep rallying behind your district officers and directors to keep the momentum going and ride the wave to growth and service leadership for all of Exchange. Club presidents - keep your members focused and moving forward. Communicate with one another. Fun and Fire are the key words – *light the fire within!*

Dennis Norwood
Region 6 Vice President
The National Exchange Club

REMEMBER TO S.E.E.



SHARE
THE
EXCHANGE
EXPERIENCE



**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT EXCHANGE
CALENDAR
2006-2007**

November.....One Nation Under God Month
 November 7.....Election Day
 November 11.....Veterans Day
 November 11.....District Board Meeting, Eagle Ridge
 November 15.....IRS Form 990 due
 November 23.....Thanksgiving Day
 November 30.....Stand Up America ! ends
 December 25.....Christmas Day
 January 1.....New Year's Day
 January 20.....Mid-Winter Conference, Eagle Ridge
 February.....National Community Service Month
 March 1 – April 30.....Great American Rush Party
 March 27.....95th Birthday of Exchange
 April.....National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 National Volunteer Recognition Month
 April 15.....Club Officer Election Reports due to National
 May.....Freedom Shrine Month
 May 15.....Deadline for National Outstanding Service,
 Fund Raising, and Public Relations Awards
 May 1.....Deadline for A.C.E. / Youth of the Year
 Nominations to District Committee Chairpersons
 May 28.....Memorial Day
 May 31.....Deadline for National CARE Award
 May 31 – June 3.....87th Annual Mississippi
 District Convention, Lake Tiak-O'Khata
 June 1.....Deadline for National Convention
 Credential Cards
 June 14.....Flag Day
 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
 Awards & Blue Ribbon Campaign Funds deadline
 Activities Summary due

Unity for Service

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.

Exchange History

In 1923, The Exchange Club Covenant of Service was written by Meridian, MS, Exchangite, Thomas L. Bailey. The Covenant of Service was officially adopted in 1927 as the philosophy which characterizes the individual Exchangite.

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.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

One of the most popular youth projects in Exchange is Youth of the Month/Year. This program recognizes exceptional high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement, and leadership. All clubs in the Mississippi District are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile project. As we all know, our youth of today are tomorrow's future.

The 2006-2007 Youth of the Year essay theme is "*Lighting the Fire Within*". The Mississippi District deadline for submission of candidates is May 1, 2007, to District Youth of the Year Chairman, Jerry Bracey. Jerry's address is 1904 Stuart Ave, Ocean Springs, MS, 39564.

The Mississippi District Youth of the Year Chairman will notify the President of the club which submitted the winning entry; the winner and his or her parents will be notified by the club; and the nominated youth must agree to be present at the Mississippi District Annual Convention and agree to being entered into National competition. If elected by National, the winning youth must also agree to attend the National Convention. The winner of the Mississippi District competition will be announced at the District Convention Youth of the Year Luncheon. The winning candidate will be presented with a plaque from the Mississippi District and the District's award of \$1,000.

The National Youth of the Year will receive a scholarship of \$10,000.



MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



Gather the whole gang and come to Eagle Ridge!

What: Mississippi District's Annual Mid-Winter Conference
(A day filled with fun, fellowship, and Exchange education.)

When: Saturday, January 20, 2007

Where: Eagle Ridge Conference Center
1500 Raymond Lake Road
Raymond, Mississippi

Time: 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 registration fee per attendee
(registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Please
Door prizes
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Have a



bring:
for

“Let's
Drawing”

Deadline: Club Secretaries
Please notify District Secretary Johnny Middleton, no later than January 12, 2007, of the number of members from your club that will be attending. This information is critical for meal service.



**WARMEST WISHES
FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY
AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Your Mississippi District Board

(Attendees requiring overnight accommodations may contact Eagle Ridge at (601) 857-7100.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 87th Annual Mississippi District Exchange Convention will be held at Lake Tiak-O'Khata on May 31, 2007 through June 3, 2007. Start making your plans today to attend. Your District Board is planning a great time for all.



89th National
Exchange Club
Convention &
24th Symposium
July 18-21 2007

2006-2007 DISTRICT REPORT ON CLUB'S PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

(As reported to National as of November 7, 2006)

CLUB NAME	COMM SVC	YOUTH	AMER	CAP	FUND RAISERS	NMAF	N S A SENT	CP DEV MTG REP
Batesville								
Biloxi	1			1				X
Brookhaven *	1		4					
Clarksdale	3				1			
Cleveland *	3			2				X
Columbus	4	2	1					X
Crossgates								
Greenwood								
Grenada *	1							X
Gulfport								
Hancock County *	4			2				
Hattiesburg								X
Houston								
Downtown Jackson								
Leavell Woods								
North Jackson	2	3	1	7			8/31/06	X
Northwoods								X
Kosciusko	1							
Laurel								X
McComb								
Meridian								
Monticello	1		1	1				
Oxford *	14	2	3	5	1	10	08/03/06	X
Pearl								X
Richland	4	2	1	1			08/31/06	X
Starkville								
Vicksburg								
Byram								
Ridgeland	2	1	5	5	1		07/31/06	X
Perry County								X
Hernando								X
Oak Grove								X
Louisville								X
Saucier	1	1		1				
<i>The National Day of Service Project is represented by an " * "</i>								
<i>NMAF - - New Member Activation Forms submitted for all new members</i>								
Club Program Development Meeting Report returned on time = X report returned late = XL								

Mississippi Exchangites –

Have you participated in a club event this year that has not been reported to National? If so, please see your Club Secretary and get the event reported. President Ruthie's goal for the year is for all clubs in the Mississippi District to win the National Service Award. Let's unify and help her see this goal become a reality.

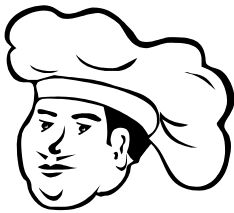
AROUND OUR DISTRICT



*Pictured above left to right:
Ken and Diane Sullivan (North Jackson)
April Puckett (Richland)
Roger Noller (Leavell Woods),
Joe Bennett, Director of the Family Support Center
Erskine Oglesby (Downtown Jackson)
Johnny Middleton (Ridgeland)*

Event Raises \$19,000 for Family Support Center

The Exchange Clubs of the Metro Jackson area joined together and sponsored a major fundraiser for the Exchange Club Family Support Center of Metro Jackson on Thursday, July 13, 2006. "The Night of the Child" Drawdown was attended by over 250 people. The event raised \$19,000 for the Exchange Club Family Support Center and a celebration dinner was hosted by the Exchange Club of North Jackson on Friday, August 18, 2006. The theme for the celebration dinner was a Luau and dancers from the Filipino-American Association of Mississippi provided the entertainment. There were about 68 attendees present for the celebration dinner. In addition to the members of the Drawdown Committee (pictured at left) presenting Joe Bennett, Director of the Family Support Center with the check for 19,000, the Exchange Clubs of North Jackson and Ridgeland each presented Joe with an additional check for \$2,000 from their winnings. The total received by the Exchange Club Family Support Center of Metro Jackson was \$23,000 making this the largest contribution to the center in the history of a drawdown fundraising event.



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF MONTICELLO PRESENTS:

1ST ANNUAL GUMBO COOK OFF

CASH PRIZES FOR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACES !

\$250.00 FIRST PLACE CASH PRIZE MINIMUM.

THE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL BE SELLING BOWLS OF GUMBO FOR \$5.00 TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO CLUBS, CIVIC GROUPS, SCHOOLS, CHURCH GROUPS, COOKING TEAMS, AND FAMILIES.

RULES

1. All gumbo must be cooked on site. Prep work can be done at home and brought to the event.
2. Each contestant must use sausage that will be provided by the Exchange Club as one of the ingredients. All other ingredients are to be provided by the contestant.
3. Batches are to be no less than 1 gallon and no more than 5 gallons.
4. \$25.00 Entry Fee. All fees will be paid out as cash prizes. Any excess monies will be donated to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund.

DATE AND PLACE

February 3, 2007

From 10 am till 4 pm

Civic Center / Coopers Ferry Park
Monticello, MS

For more info or to enter please call
(601) 587-2276



***CAMPAIGN TO INDUCT
DAVID “UNCLE SAM” MOORE
INTO NATIONAL EXCHANGE’S
COURT OF HONOR***

The Court of Honor was established as a way to honor and pay tribute to Exchangites and individuals who have shown outstanding commitment to the ideals and mission of the National Exchange Club. Induction into the Court of Honor is the highest and most lasting recognition of dedication to the ideal of “Unity for Service”.

David C. Moore, a member of The Exchange Club of

Northwoods, Jackson, MS, has for over 14 years brought credit upon himself, his local club, and the Mississippi District with his patriotic portrayal of “Uncle Sam”.

Dressed in red, white, and blue, and proudly waving the American flag, Moore has instilled pride of our American heritage in all of us, both young and old alike.

As “Uncle Sam”, Dave Moore has been a prominent figure at our Mississippi District Conventions as well as a much-anticipated attendee at the National Exchange Club Conventions.

Moore has always conducted his portrayal of “Uncle Sam” with respect, dignity, and compassion, and because of this, he has become an icon in Exchange.

Our “Uncle Sam” will always be remembered as a great friend, a great Exchangite, a great American. It is for these reasons that the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs Board of Directors has unanimously endorsed this campaign to induct David “Uncle Sam” Moore into the National Exchange Club’s Court of Honor.

You can help in honoring the Mississippi District’s Good Will Ambassador, David Moore, by contributing financially to this campaign. Nominations into the Court of Honor are to be supported by a \$4,000 induction contribution, which must accompany the nomination form. Any club or Exchangite wishing to contribute to this campaign is asked to make their donations payable to the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs. Donations should be mailed to Johnny Middleton, District Secretary, 223 Walnut Ridge Drive, Ridgeland, MS, 39157-4122 by May 15, 2007, in order for the nomination form to be sent to National by the June 1st deadline.



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