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FLOYD CULVER TO ATTEND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Floyd Culver, a member of the Exchange Club of Defiance, Ohio, was elected National President-elect of the National Exchange Club at the organization's 2007 National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Previously, he served as President of the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce from 1999-2006, and President of the Ashtabula Area Chamber of Commerce from 1989-1999. Prior to that, Culver was Director of Student Services at Kent State University for more than 20 years.

Culver has been a member of Exchange since 1974. A former member of the Exchange Club of Ashtabula, Ohio, he served as its President-elect and President. In addition, he served on the club's board of directors and chaired numerous committees. He was also a member of the Exchange Club of Wauseon, Ohio, before he helped build the Exchange Club of Defiance, of which he is a charter member. On the district level, Culver served on the board of directors and as President-elect and President. He has also served as chairman of various district committees.

For the National Exchange Club, Culver served as a Volunteer Field Representative. He also served as Chairman of the Personal Development Committee for the 2000-2001 year. Previously, he chaired the National Public Relations/Marketing Committee and served as a member of the Leadership Development Committee.

Active in his community, he has served as a board member for Goodwill Industries, Regional School to Work, Junior Achievement, the Maumee Valley Historical Corridor and the Ohio Regional Business Alliance. He has also served as President of the Kent State University Regional Business Alliance.

Culver earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Ohio State University, a Master of Education Degree in Administration from Bowling Green State University, and is a graduate of the Institute of Organizational and Management at the University of Notre Dame. He and his wife, Ann, have three children. The Culvers reside in Defiance.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Exchangites,

The Mississippi District welcomes its fortieth club, the Exchange Club of Franklin County, which was POM'd with twenty members on December 7th. The Charter Banquet was held on Saturday, February 23rd. The club was sponsored by the Exchange Club of Brookhaven and has been assigned to Division VII. Alex Corban is the charter president, Charlie Magee is the president-elect, LeAnn Hughes is the secretary and Laura Harrell is the treasurer. Work has begun on building new clubs in Long Beach and Brookhaven (Noon Exchange Club of Brookhaven). Plans are to build new clubs in Southaven, Water Valley, Ocean Springs, Crystal Springs and Quitman. I want to encourage all clubs to actively

recruit new members as we are presently recruiting only two new members for every five members that we lose in existing clubs. Eleven clubs have not recruited a single new member this year, seven clubs have recruited only one new member, and another seven clubs have recruited just two new members. We will have to build six new clubs in Mississippi just to maintain our present membership levels. I am asking each club member to invite two (2) guests (prospective new members) to your club before the end of June. I would like to commend the following clubs in recruiting new members: BAY/WAVELAND (14 members), OAK GROVE (12 members) and CLEVELAND (12 members).

I want to encourage all Exchangites to not only support the programs of their local club, but also to help support the programs of other Exchange Clubs in adjacent cities and towns - play in Exchange Club golf tournaments, go to Exchange Club yard sales, attend Exchange Club drawdowns and other events. I would like to encourage all Exchange members to attend your Inter-club meeting, the District Convention, the Mid-Winter Conference and the National Convention. I am asking each of you to prioritize your schedules so that you can find time to attend at least some of these events, (you will attend some of these events if you just prioritize and don't offer excuses). I am certain that if you will follow the above mentioned advice, you will gain a new appreciation of what it means to be an EXCHANGITE and have a lot of fun to boot!

Our District Convention is scheduled for June 12-15 at the Days Inn Motel in McComb, Mississippi. The Mississippi District Exchange Club Golf Tournament will be held at the Quail Hollow Golf Course on Thursday, June 12 at noon. The One Nation Under God Breakfast will conclude the convention on Sunday morning, June 15th. Joe Dittmar, a survivor of the 9-11 attack on the World Trade Center Towers will be one of the speakers. Joe spoke at the National Exchange Club Convention in Portland, Oregon last year and gave a very moving speech. I know you don't want to miss his presentation, just ask anyone who attended the National Convention last year. Please make plans to attend this year's District Convention as we have a most interesting program planned. You can find additional details and a registration form in this bulletin.

In conclusion, I know that we will all miss Luther Roan, our long time Mississippi District Treasurer. Luther exemplified what it meant to be an Exchangite. I know he attended as many Exchange functions as his health permitted, he will truly be missed by everyone.

Expanding Our Horizons,

**John Blake
District President 2007-2008
Mississippi District**

America's Service Club

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**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT EXCHANGE
CALENDAR
2008**



- April.....National Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Volunteer Recognition Month
- April 30.....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 26.....Memorial Day
- May 31.....Deadline for National CARE Award
- June 1.....Deadline for National Convention
Credential Cards
- June 12-15.....Ms District Convention
- June 14.....Flag Day
- June 23.....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

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.

You are invited to join other golfers to compete in the 2008 Laurel Exchange Club / Kim's "No Bull" Charity Golf Event. This is the 9th Annual Event and will be held on Friday June 6, 2008 at the Laurel Country Club.

We would like to have other Exchange Clubs across our district to enter teams. In addition to the Championship Trophy and prizes, service clubs participate for their plaque within the event for the year.

Monies earned from this event support the Laurel Exchange Club's continuing effort to promote healthy family functioning through the Exchange Club Parent-Youth Services programs. In Cooperation with the South Central Regional Medical Center (SCRMC), these programs serve the community needs in: child abuse prevention, parenting classes, healthy marriage initiative, fatherhood initiative, abstinence education, STARS mentoring program, promotion of positive choices, and EXCEL - a youth volunteer program. Exchange Parent - Youth Services maintains a resource library designed to enhance community programs that support parents, teachers, and youth. In excess of \$180,000.00 has been raised for these and other programs over the last 8 years.

Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to compete in this event (based on handicaps). Everyone, men and women, scratch golfers and high handicappers, form teams and have an opportunity to win.

Come and enjoy the golf and fellowship on the outstanding Laurel Country Club's magnificent course and help a worthy cause at the same.

For information contact:

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All Roads Lead to McComb... and St. Louis

Dennis Norwood
Region 6 Vice President
The National Exchange Club

Greetings fellow Exchangites! As we turn another page on the calendar (and set our clocks up an hour!) we get closer and closer to that time of the Exchange year when we gather to celebrate the accomplishments of the past 12 months. It eXCites me to think about seeing all my old friends at convention and the prospect of meeting new ones! I honestly hope each and every one of you are making plans to be in attendance at the Mississippi District Convention June 12-15 in McComb, as well as in St. Louis for our 90th Annual National Convention over July 9th-12th. Both meetings will have eXCellent speakers and many, many wonderful opportunities for every one! See you there!

I do want to acknowledge the passing of past District Treasurer Luther Roan. Luther's death was, of course, a great loss to Mississippi Exchangites and at the national level, as well; but, even more so to his family. Let's continue to keep them in our hearts and prayers. Luther was one of the very first friends I made in the Mississippi District and I will always remember him for his outstretched hand (whether for a handshake or to take your check!), gentle counsel and commitment to our great organization. I would imagine by now he has found the Glory Exchange Club and is handling their bank accounts for them! Conventions and conferences will just not be the same anymore without my dear friend Luther.

This has been a year of ups and downs across Region 6. While we aren't enjoying the growth we are accustomed to in the Mississippi and Tennessee Districts, we have experienced the building, to date, of four new clubs with the joy that goes along with adding new members to our Exchange family. But, do not despair! We still time left on the clock to pull an upset. It is not an impossible thought, but it does require commitment and a game plan. From myself all the way through President John, President-Elect Denise, Secretary Johnny, Treasurer (ole money Bags, himself) Freddy and the unsinkable Ruthie, Immediate Past President and your dynamic group of District Directors to every club and every Exchangite in Mississippi it will take each and every one of us to lead the comeback. IT CAN BE DONE! But, the question is, will YOU step up and throw the pass, catch the ball, perhaps even recover a fumble to get the Mississippi District into the end zone. I have been accused of dancing on pianos to celebrate growth, but I would love nothing better than to see John Blake doing his "touchdown dance" when we hit the goal line in St. Louis!

Let's you and I commit today to making this happen. The National Exchange Club needs to have Mississippi at growth on June 30th. The Mississippi District needs to have Mississippi at growth on June 30th. We've had a wonderful year otherwise; let's cap it off with a championship run to St. Louis. Champions should be recognized as champions and the Mississippi District is a championship district. Let's work together to make it happen.

I will leave you with a quote from my all-time favorite coach of my all-time favorite football team the Green Bay Packers, Vince Lombardi, "Some will do our jobs well and some will not, but we will all be judged on one thing – the result." Let those who come after us judge the Mississippi District's results as Super Bowl ring quality.

God bless and I'll see you at convention!

Dennis



DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE A SPECIAL PROJECT OR FUND RAISER YOU WANT ADVERTISED?? IF SO, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION TO THE DISTRICT WEBMASTER, GEORGE BRAGG, AND HE WILL BE GLAD TO PUT IT ON THE WWW. GEORGE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS IS: georgebraggjr@bellsouth.net

SPECIAL "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" WISHES

April 18, 2008
50th Anniversary--North Jackson



90th NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 9-12, 2008
Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, MO



UPCOMING INTER-CLUB MEETINGS

April 5, 2008
Divisions I, II, III
Hosted by Clarksdale

April 19, 2008 (Tentative)
Divisions IV, V, and VI
Hosted by Vicksburg

May 3, 2008
Divisions VIII, IX, X
Hosted by Oak Grove

APRIL IS
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

2007/2008 Youth of the Year
Essay Theme:

America's Youth:
Expanding our Horizons

Mississippi District Deadline for
A.C.E. / Youth of the Year
is May 1, 2008

Send entries for your club to:
District Youth Chairperson
Jerry Bracey
1904 Stuart Avenue
Ocean Springs, MS 39564





88th Annual Mississippi District Convention Registration



(Must be postmarked by May 29, 2008)

Name _____ Nickname _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member of The Exchange Club of _____ Current Office Held _____

Voting Delegate () Yes () No *Voting delegates MUST be registered by 12 noon on Saturday, June 14, 2008*

Name of Spouse _____ Mail form and remittance to: **Freddy Ahrend, District Treasurer**
323 Bay Cove
Name of Child _____ Richland, MS 39218
Name of Child _____

Adult Event Package

| Event Tickets | # of Tickets | | Registration | Registration | Advance Registration, <u>All</u> Events \$ 99.00 |
|---|---------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | By May 29, 2008 | After May 29, 2008 | |
| Friday Lunch | _____ | @ | \$ 23.00 | \$ 28.00 | |
| Family Night (Friday Night) | _____ | @ | No charge | No charge | |
| Saturday Lunch | _____ | @ | \$ 23.00 | \$ 28.00 | Late Registration, <u>All</u> Events \$115.00 |
| Installation Banquet (Sat Night) | _____ | @ | \$ 36.00 | \$ 39.00 | |
| Sunday Breakfast (One Nation Under God) | _____ | @ | \$ 22.00 | \$ 25.00 | (Please note – you save \$ 5.00 by getting <u>All</u> event tickets) |
| Event Tickets | Total # _____ | | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | = Total Included \$ _____ |

Hotel Registration Information

Although a limited block of rooms has been reserved for the 2008 Mississippi District Convention, individual hotel reservations should be made directly with Days Inn of McComb at (601) 684-5566. Advise the reservation staff that you will be attending the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs Convention. The price of the motel rooms is \$ 68.12 per night.

“Let’s Have a Drawing”

Clubs are encouraged to bring door prizes to the District Convention for the much anticipated “Let’s Have a Drawing” sessions. This fun-filled event can not be a success without your participation.

Silent Auction and Golf Tournament

Members, who are interested, are asked to contribute items for a silent auction. The proceeds from the silent auction will be split among the CAP Centers in Mississippi.

For information on the Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf Course at Percy Quinn State Park at noon on Thursday, June 12th, contact John Blake at (228) 326-8041.

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