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THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORTH JACKSON, MS -- Organized March 21, 1958
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Meetings on 1st & 3rd Monday 6:30 p.m. Western Sizzlin (1011 Lake Harbor)

Club Officers:

Kathy Jones President
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George Bragg Treasurer

Diane Sullivan
Immediate Past-President

Directors:

James Gould Ken Sullivan
Katherine Gould Maxine Sullivan
L. W. Jones Martin Butler

BULLETIN EDITOR: Ken Sullivan



September 14, 2005

September – National Baby Safety Month



September 19, 2005

NEXT MEETING:

WHEN: **Monday, September 19, 2005, 6:30 p.m.**
WHERE: Western Sizzlin Restaurant, 1011 Lake Harbor Drive, Ridgeland, MS
MENU: Regular Buffet Selection

This meeting will have Marylin Graves, M.D., of the University Medical Center as our speaker. Dr. Graves will present a program that addresses childhood safety issues.

LAST MEETING:

Cancelled due to Hurricane Katrina recovery. We hope that everyone who had friends and family on the coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama were spared and are in recovery now. Reports from the District Directors on the Mississippi Coast are that no Exchangite was injured or died but there is tremendous property damage and loss. The National Exchange Club Foundation has established a disaster relief fund that will benefit the Exchange Club Centers in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Pray for the people who are homeless and hurting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Club Building:

Teresa Kemp, George Bragg, Susan Rentschler, Diane and Ken Sullivan are continuing to work on our new club building project for the Louisville Club. A projection date has been set for Thursday, September 29, 2005 to have a meeting at Lake Tiak-O'Khata Restaurant at 7:00pm. Make plans to attend this TOM to show your support in building this new club.

Birthdays:

September 4th Kathy Jones, 10th James Gould, 12th Martin Butler, 17th Betsy Semko, 23rd Ken Sullivan

Thinking of others:

Member Betsy Semko reports that she has completed her chemotherapy treatments and will be seeing her physician in a couple of weeks to review her case. Please continue to keep Betsy in your thoughts and prayers. President Kathy Jones is recovering from knee surgery. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

PARKING:

Saturday, September 17, 2005 Farmer's Market
Jackson State University vs. Texas Southern University game time 6:00pm be there at 4:00pm
Be ready to volunteer to park when called.

Thursday, September 22 – 25, 2005

MS. Coliseum Disney on Ice

Be ready to park when called.

Sunday, September 25, 2005 Farmer's Market

Southern Battle of the Bands event starts at 3:00pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism –George Bragg-completed two projects

Community Service –Katherine Gould-completed four projects

Fund Raising –

Coliseum: Diane Sullivan, L.W. Jones

Stadium: L.W. Jones; Mistletoe: James Gould

Prevention of Child Abuse – Diane and Ken Sullivan, Teresa Kemp-completed six projects

Publicity – Diane Sullivan, George Bragg,

Social – Decorations, Teresa Kemp, Diane Sullivan

Youth –Ken Sullivan &Betsy Semko-completed three projects

Website-George Bragg & Martin Bragg

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

These are the worst of times and the best of times. This can be said about many periods in history. As we witness the devastation and destruction wrought on the Coast, we are shown the almighty power of our creator. As we see the nightly newscast of the scenes of looting and vandalism, we are reminded of the human soul as influenced by Satan. We take a deep breath and say, "Thank you, God." In the next instance we hear about the unselfishness of Americans who have come to the aid of those in dire straits. We are uplifted by the generosity and the "can do" spirit of America.

As we move through the rebuilding process, our Club has a unique opportunity to build a stronger America. With the disaster relief fund set up through the National Exchange Club Foundation, many will be assisted dependent upon the amount of contributions received. The Child Abuse Prevention Center on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is completely destroyed and must be re-built. Diane and Ken Sullivan, George Bragg and Susan Rentschler attended the Drawdown for the Center that raised \$10,000. The crowd was good and the fellowship was fine. Now the need is immense. This may be an opportunity for this Club to demonstrate its leadership in the Mississippi District. This matter will be discussed at an upcoming Board Meeting.

Many thanks to George Bragg for the hard work that he has done on our club's website. If you haven't visited it, take the time now and check it out. Keep up the good work George!

Thanks for your support with the Birdies for Charities! If every member will either pledge a penny per birdie or donate twenty dollars, the Family Support Center would be greatly blessed. Please go ahead and send in your pledge form, if you have done so already thank you. The deadline is approaching fast.

All forms are to be mailed to the Family Support Center, 826 North Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Kathy

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Healing Field September 3 – 10, 2005 (Event re-scheduled-canceled due to Hurricane Katrina)

Frank Bridges Park, Exchange Soccer Fields, Brandon, MS

EXCHANGE WISDOM:

What would happen if there were no Exchange Club of North Jackson and a child needed help, but we weren't there.....

Parable of the Fire Tenders

Once upon a time in the Land of Shadow, light was not easy to come by. It called for diligence and patience. Someone had to make sure a fire kept burning. Everyone took his turn at this task, not because it was easy, but because it was so important.

As time passed, some tired of tending the fire, so others had to take their place. But that was all right because some really enjoyed the fire; it was warm there. Then it became apparent that some were better than others at tending fires. So a custom arose to use only the very best fire tenders. Others held these folks in high esteem, often asking them to tell stories about every aspect of fire tending. Now that the best workers available were committed to the cause of Light, others could do the things they enjoyed more. Eventually, fire tending became less important. Oh, it was still necessary, everyone knew they couldn't have light without fire. But as fewer and fewer people actually kept the fire burning, everyone lapsed into the easy assumption that another was doing the job. After all, someone always had. And so fire tending became unpopular. By now only the faithful ones who still remembered the "good ole days" when everyone helped with the fire, were left to do the job.

Alas! The day came when the fire went out, and there was no more light. Everyone scrambled to and fro trampling one another in the dark. No one had ever experienced darkness before. Hadn't someone always tended the fire? But this was different. You see, in the Land of Shadow no one can start a fire...or park a few cars or volunteer time to build our Club....

Please make yourself available when asked to help and as you help the FIRE will blaze bright for all of us....

EXCHANGE EDUCATION:

September is National Baby Safety Month. Many new or first time parents are unaware of the items of danger in the home. As a Club Project, each member is asked to bring a baby safety item that will be donated to the Family Support Center and distributed to the families with young children. This will make the homes safer for children. Your donation could save a child's life. Suggestions include: electrical plug covers, safety latches for drawers and cabinets, small gates to protect against a child's fall, ties for cords that may pose a danger, and other creative ideas of your choice. These items can be purchased at the Dollar Store, Fred's, or Wal-Mart.

