



# The Northside Record

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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:

Angela Butler President	Katherine Gould Secretary
Ralph Brown President-Elect	Diane Sullivan Treasurer

### Directors:

James Gould	Jeff Conly
LW Jones	Al Dickens
Jack Thacker	Martin Butler

Ken Sullivan  
Immediate Past-President

**BULLETIN EDITORS:** Diane Sullivan/Katherine Gould

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## August 25, 2008

### NEXT MEETING National Baby Safety Month

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, September 2, 2008**  
6:30 p.m.  
**(changed to Tuesday because of Labor Day)**

**WHERE:** Western Sizzlin  
1011 Lake Harbor Drive  
Ridgeland, Mississippi

**MENU:** Buffet, tea, coffee, dessert

Program Chairs for September, 2008:  
Ralph Brown and L. W. Jones

### LAST MEETING:

On Friday, August 15, 2008, more than fifty Exchangites and guests gathered at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum on Lakeland Drive in Jackson to enjoy an Interclub Meeting hosted by the Exchange Club of North Jackson for Divisions 4, 5, and 6 of the Mississippi District. After a period of fellowship, Ralph Brown, President-elect of the club, called on Johnny Middleton, Mississippi District secretary, for the invocation, and James Gould led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Delicious barbecue chicken, baked beans, slaw, rolls, and tea were provided by Sonny McMillan of Piccadilly fame and our own Diane Sullivan cooked the barbecue pork. Desserts were provided by Exchangites; everything was enjoyed by all.

Welcomed were special guests—District Directors Roger Noller, Division 4; Rebecca Middleton, Division 5; and Betty Ahrend, Division 6.

District Officers present were Denise Strub, President of the Mississippi District; John Covington, President-elect; Freddy Ahrend, Treasurer; and Johnny Middleton, Secretary. Past District Presidents in attendance were Thomas Smith and Troy Nickelson, Northwoods; Ken Sullivan, North Jackson; and Johnny Middleton of Ridgeland

Dr. Robert Battle, magician extraordinaire, was introduced by Ken Sullivan. Dr. Battle amused, baffled, and entertained with many tricks. Balls disappeared, ropes were taken apart and put back together, and Troy Nickelson is still trying to find a dollar bill with serial number B17765993J which was burned up several times and found in the middle of an onion and an orange. (Alyssa Bisson ultimately wound up with the bill!) And James Gould still can't figure out why the red switch turned on the blue bulb! Dr. Battle was greeted with much applause and thanks.

Charles and Betty Butler were recognized for their August birthdays, and Ken and Diane Sullivan celebrate an August anniversary.

Ken Sullivan introduced and welcomed Joe Bennett, Executive Director of Family Support Services. Joe told of families being helped by their program, now under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. of Jackson. He was presented with a check from the Metro area Exchange Clubs, Crossgates, Downtown, Leavell Woods, North Jackson, Northwoods, Richland, and Ridgeland. Troy Nickelson and "LET'S HAVE A DRAWING" was enjoyed by everyone; then scholarship awards were presented.

Ken Sullivan introduced and called on Lance Ragsdale of French Camp Academy. He told of some of the things happening at French Camp, especially speaking of the Onesimus Home. Go to [www.frenchcamp.org](http://www.frenchcamp.org) to learn more about this innovative program. He also told us of the Brunner Huddleston Scholarship recipient from French Camp, Ryan Bisson, who will be a student at Belhaven College with a double major in creative writing and piano. Ralph Brown presented Ryan with a check and certificate. Ryan's mother and sisters came from Jackson, Tennessee to attend the presentation.



The Jeff Carter Scholarship recipient was then recognized—Brian Sullivan, a graduate of Ridgeland High School, who plans this fall to attend Mississippi State University and study electrical engineering. Attending with Brian were his Mom, Pam Sullivan, Dad, Step-mother and step-sister, Tim and Donna Sullivan and Asha Sullivan, and his good friend, Ricky Rushing. Ralph Brown presented Brian with a check and certificate. He wished both students the best and said that he, also, had connections with both schools.



Ryan and Brian both spoke briefly of their school plans and thanked club members. Good luck to you both and keep up your good work!

Ralph thanked our Mississippi District President, Denise Strub, for coming. Denise said the District is in positive growth and headed in the right direction.

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At that point, Troy again enlivened the proceedings with LET'S HAVE A DRAWING until all gifts had been given out. Thanks, Troy, for all the fun!

Club reports and bragtime: Randy Gay of Vicksburg told of a motorcycle fundraiser there, and Ralph Brown offered help with that; John Covington told of the Haunted House put on by the Pearl club; Roger Noller solicited help for Leavell Woods in helping at the Coliseum; Johnny Middleton said Ridgeland is gearing up for the coming year; Robert Hancock reported on Richland; and Diane Sullivan invited clubs to assist North Jackson in Coliseum parking.

Even though a thunderstorm rumbled during the meeting, everyone enjoyed the get-together, and the meeting was dismissed with our motto, "Unity for Service."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus  
September 4—7, Thursday—Sunday

Wrestling, WWE  
Sunday, September 14, 2008

Mistletoe Marketplace  
November 4—8, Tuesday—Saturday

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

**Janie Thacker, 9/1; James Gould, 9/10**

**Martin Butler, 9/12; Ken Sullivan, 9/23**

September Anniversaries (none)

## OUR PRESENCE ON THE WEB:

George has built a Web site on Shutterfly to share pictures and news. Please come check it out!

**Important information about the Exchange Club of North Jackson, MS web site**

<http://exchangeclubofnorthjacksonms.shutterfly.com/>

**Thanks, George!**

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**September meetings, members are reminded to bring baby safety items to distribute to the Family Support Center to help the families there.**