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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)

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December 4, 2008

NEXT MEETING **Christmas Party**

WHEN: December 12, 2008

WHERE: Colonial Country Club
Jackson, Mississippi

MENU:

LAST MEETING:

The Exchange Club of North Jackson was pleased to meet jointly with our fellow Exchange Club of Northwoods on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. The time was changed to the fourth Tuesday because of conflicts with parking events during November, and Northwoods graciously agreed to meet jointly.

Stan Martin, president of Northwoods, called the meeting to order and called on James Gould to give the invocation; Bob Green led members in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Diane Sullivan introduced our guest speaker, Mike Bonner, a 26-year leader of Friends of Alcoholics, and we then enjoyed the Western Sizzlin food.

Angela Butler, president of North Jackson, asked members to let Diane know by December 6 if they were attending the Christmas party on December 12. This will be the only meeting in December.

We were reminded of several parking events in December—the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and a MSU basketball game. Thanks to everyone who helped park for the Sugarland Concert, the Tyler Perry play, and Mistletoe Marketplace!

Diane Sullivan has received a letter from National acknowledging receipt of the contribution sent in for the National Day of Service. Member birthdays for November were Ralph Brown (recently resigned from the club), Stan Martin from Northwoods, and an anniversary for Charles and Betty Butler.

Mike Bonner of Friends of Alcoholics spoke to us on the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. It was written in 1892 and officially recognized in 1942 on June 22. On February 2, 1954, a minister mentioned that he was troubled because there was no mention of God in the pledge; President Eisenhower was in attendance that day, and, after some contemplation, on February 8 a bill was drawn up to add “under God” to the pledge. It was signed into law on June 14, 1954.

Mr. Bonner said that in this day 91% of churches do not believe in absolute truth and many young people are leaving the church. He also told us of Israel’s present-day formation during Truman’s presidency. On May 12, 1948, Truman and Clark Clifford

wanted to recognize the State of Israel. General Marshall was irate about this, but after some conciliatory talk, Israel was recognized by the United States on May 14, 1948.

Mr. Bonner reminded us that the Bible tells us to pray for our officials and be faithful. Will President Obama stand by Israel? Is the nation staying close to godly belief? He passed out a list of things to be aware of, such as a possible generation gap, a blurring of the roles of the sexes, the development of pantheism, total unity of men with no allowance of differences, and denial of man's nature.

After a round of applause, Mr. Bonner answered several questions, and Diane presented him with a check for the FOA.

Members were reminded to bring some unwrapped personal item(s) to the Christmas party to take to the Hudspeth Center for Christmas. Also, please come early to the party Friday night, 6:00 or 6:15, so we will be ready to enjoy the entertainment, the Minstrel Chorus from Pearl High School—it should be an interesting group!

We dismissed with our motto, Unity for Service.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Party
December 12, Friday, 6:15 p.m.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
December 17, Wednesday

MSU basketball game
December 22, Monday

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

December Birthdays

Diane Sullivan, 12/14
Susan Bragg, 12/23

No December Anniversaries

Program Chairs:

December, George and Susan Bragg
January, Angela Butler and L W Jones

450 THANK YOU'S TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE IN NOVEMBER. THAT IS THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED. GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



Christmas Trees and Ornaments

The fir tree has a long association with Christianity, it began in Germany almost 1,000 years ago when St Boniface, who converted the German people to Christianity, was said to have come across a group of pagans worshipping an oak tree. In anger, St Boniface is said to have cut down the oak tree and to his amazement a young fir tree sprung up from the roots of the oak tree. St Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith. But it was not until the 16th century that fir trees were brought indoors at Christmas time.

"Christopher Radko, The First Decade"

"It is from Germany that we today get many of our customs, songs, images of Santa, pine trees and European hand blown glass ornaments.

How these traditions traveled to England is interesting. Queen Victoria often visited relatives in Germany in the town of Coburg and while there she fell in love with a young Prince Albert. After they got married they returned to England to raise their family.

The tree that Prince Albert provided his family was admired by all in England. This tree was decorated in the finest of hand blown glass ornaments. Since everyone liked the Queen they copied her Christmas customs including the Christmas tree and ornaments.

A F.W. Woolworth brought the glass ornament tradition to the United States in 1890. From 1870's to 1930's, Germans made the finest molds for making ornaments with nearly 5,000 different molds at the time. At the turn of the century there were over one hundred small cottage glass blowing workshops in Europe. Today only two respected German factory teams are capable of producing ornaments to the precise specifications of the Christopher Radko collection."

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