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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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EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

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February 25, 2008

NEXT MEETING: Stand Up America Month

Program Chairs for March, 2008:

L. W. Jones and Ken Sullivan

WHEN: March 3, 2008, Monday
6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Western Sizzlin
1011 Lake Harbor Drive
Ridgeland, Mississippi

MENU: Buffet style dinner, salad, tea, coffee,
dessert

LAST MEETING:

North Jackson Exchange members met at Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Monday, February 18. Calling the meeting to order in the absence of our president, Kathy Jones, was Diane Sullivan, Treasurer. James Gould gave the invocation and Jamiella Burnett led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Diane introduced our guest speaker, Tony Bahou, who is the manager of public relations for Mississippi Blood Services. He has recently started working for them; however, he is a familiar figure because he has worked for the local ABC station, WAPT, and also for the United Way.

Mr. Bahou told us that Mississippi Blood Services was started in 1979, and Diane told him that the North Jackson Exchange Club helped to get it started.

United Blood Services is another blood service in Mississippi. It, however, is operated for profit and Mississippi Blood Services is a voluntary, nonprofit center (www.msblood.com).

About 68,000 units of blood products were collected last year. Some blood may be requested by nearby states, but almost all of it is used in Mississippi. It cannot be stored for a very long time, but plasma can be stored for a longer period. Blood platelets can also be collected. The University Medical Center is the biggest user in the state.

There is an effort to get more young people involved in giving blood. Mr. Bahou told us that only 30-60% of the population can give blood, and, of that percentage, only 5% actually volunteer. So you can see that giving several times a year is a great service to the community.

A question-and-answer period followed the talk. A question was asked about tattoos. If one has had a tattoo, that person cannot give blood. The current trend could make this an increasing problem. Almost anyone who has had hepatitis will not be able to donate. However, cancer may not preclude donations. That would be decided on an individual basis. West Nile fever is another hindrance to giving.

Mississippi Blood Services will set up a donation site for any club or organization that will pledge twenty-five contributors, Mr. Bahou said. He passed out some information on their service and some of their hand squeezers imprinted with their name.

We gave him a round of applause, and Diane thanked him for the informative presentation.

We then enjoyed the Western Sizzlin buffet before turning to items of information and business.

Diane thanked club members for their help in parking for the Dixie National Rodeo last week. Again we had great weather, for the most part, and great attendance at the event. (Thanks, especially, to L. W. and Diane for supervising the parking events!) The Northwoods Exchange Club and the Louisville Exchange Club will each receive their share of this fundraiser.

Angela Butler, president-elect, will be back for the March 4 meeting after her real estate classes are completed.

Jamiella Burnett suggested that students who need a community service project (many are required to do so as a requirement for graduation) might be enlisted to help in some of our activities.

There was some discussion about the 50th Anniversary celebration on April 18—entertainment, meal, plans, assignments, etc.

Diane said that another major parking event is upcoming, the Mississippi High School Athletic Association Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament. It will run from Monday, February 25, through Saturday, March 8.

Club members are invited to join a walk-a-thon in March for the MILES Corporation to help those with acquired brain injuries. There is a \$25.00 entry fee (www.milescorp.org).

We were then dismissed with our motto, Unity for Service.

OUR PRESENCE ON THE WEB:

exchangeclub-jacksonms.org

Thanks, George!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 25—Saturday, March 8
State Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament

April 18, 2008—Friday, 50th Anniversary

IN THE HOSPITAL

Maxine Sullivan has moved to Highland Home for recovery.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

Thal Athanasion	3/7
Emily Dickens	3/ 11
Annette Butler	3/12
Maxine Sullivan	3/20

No February Anniversaries

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Friends and community members who would enjoy the fellowship and outreach opportunities of Exchange!

Irish Friendship Wish

*May there always be work for your
hands to do;*

*May your purse always hold a coin or
two;*

*May the sun always shine on your
windowpane;*

*May a rainbow be certain to follow
each rain;*

*May the hand of a friend always be
near you;*

*May God fill your heart with gladness
to cheer you.*

Just a reminder:

Program chairs for March are L. W. Jones and Ken Sullivan and for April are Martin and Charles Butler.

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