



# 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 Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Western Sizzlin (1011 Lake Harbor)

### Club Officers:

Angela Butler  
President  
Ken Sullivan  
President-Elect

Katherine Gould  
Secretary  
Diane Sullivan  
Treasurer

Ken Sullivan  
Immediate Past-President

### Directors.

James Gould  
LW Jones  
Jack Thacker

Jeff Conly  
Al Dickens  
Martin Butler

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**June 10, 2009**

### NEXT MEETING Installation of Officers

**Mr. John Covington**  
**Mississippi District President-elect**  
**President's Program Development Meeting**

**WHEN: June 16, 2009, Tuesday**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

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

Program Chairs, June: Angela Butler, Ken Sullivan

### LAST MEETING:

Angela Butler called to order the meeting of the Exchange Club of North Jackson on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. She introduced our guest, Mr. Stephen Johnson, Assistant Principal of Johnson Elementary School of Jackson, MS. Ken Sullivan gave the invocation, and, after Katherine Gould led in the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone went through the Western Sizzlin buffet.

As we enjoyed the meal, Mr. Johnson told us about his school, which is located at 1339 Oakpark Drive in Jackson and has an enrollment of about 445 students. The school motto is "Children Learning Together (We're Making It Happen)" and it is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. Out of the five levels on which they are graded, Johnson Elementary rates the 4<sup>th</sup>, Exemplary, Level.

The neighborhood helps the school, putting on drives for school supplies, uniforms, and backpacks. There is a strong emphasis on math and computer use and in the morning a focus on reading and writing for two hours. Teachers are encouraged to interact with real-life experiences; holistic accountability meetings for student assessment, progress, and learning are held each week. Ideas and suggestions are shared and success stories are enjoyed. WOW (Working on the Work) is a teaching goal.

For extra help, tutors are available. A Boys to Men Breakfast and a Girls to Women Breakfast are held each year, a Take Back Our Community Parade and Community Day are held, and a dress-up occasion looked forward to is the Evening of Elegance.

Some of the teacher recognitions at Johnson Elementary have been Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year; Educator of the Year (2005), Mr. Johnson the recipient of that award; and the school was a finalist and only entry from Mississippi in the Panasonic Awards ceremony in California. (You can visit the school's website under Jackson Elementary Schools.)

Angela thanked Mr. Johnson for his informative talk about education of the youth in Jackson, and the Exchange members thanked him with a round of applause. Mr. Johnson answered some of our questions before his departure.

Angela continued the meeting, thanking James Gould for his direction of the Trooper of the Year Banquet on May 18. There were 68 troopers and officials attending and our Exchange members and

John Covington, Mississippi District President-elect.

Friends and family to especially remember are Betty Butler, Emily Dickens, Maxine Sullivan, and Kathryn and Jack Tickle, recovering from surgery, having tests, or getting better.

Exchangites were reminded of the upcoming District and National Conventions and our next meeting June 16 at which 2009 officers will be installed. There also is a parking event on July 17.

Ken Sullivan, incoming Club President, plans for the meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> will be Mississippi District Convention reports and the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be National Convention reports. He also asked us to brainstorm some fund-raising ideas.

We dismissed with our motto, "Unity for Service."

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 17, Friday, 5:30 p.m.  
Coliseum Parking, Baptist Youth

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **June Birthdays**

Al Dickens, 6/28

#### **June Anniversary**

Jack and Janie Thacker, 6/20

### **IN THE HOSPITAL**

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Coming June 18—21:  
Mississippi District Convention at Cleveland,  
Mississippi

July 15—18:  
National Exchange Convention at Jacksonville,  
Florida

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