

Greetings to all of my fellow Yellowstone District Exchangites. As the District President for the 2014-2015 year, I look forward to the challenges facing us this year. I have been a member of the Butte Exchange Club for eleven years including a term as club president. I have also been a Yellowstone District Director for three years. Now that the district and national conventions have come and gone it is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work. I have been fortunate to attend both conventions and encourage district Exchangites to attend our District convention and the National Convention to really better understand the Exchange organization. There are also numerous training opportunities at both conventions and it is just fun to meet Exchangites from different parts of the country at the national convention.

I have several primary goals for the coming year. I want to personally visit with all of the district clubs during my term. As retirees, my wife and I have the time and the opportunity to travel freely. So, I hope to see you all before too long. I want to help strengthen some of the district clubs by increasing membership. I want to help establish at least one new club in the district. I have made contact with the Butte high schools about forming Excel clubs. I believe there are opportunities for other clubs to do the same in their areas. We have to think about developing future club members to maintain and grow our clubs.

Finally, I want to help each of the district clubs to access and utilize the National web site. I want to see all of our clubs receive the National Service Award and National Day of Service awards. Please contact me if you have any questions about utilizing the national web site for information or to submit Program of Service applications. The National Exchange Club staff located in Toledo is also an excellent source of help to all club members. I wish you all a great year personally and much success with your club activities.