



# EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

## Winter 2011 Yellowstone Messenger



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**Feb. 18-20**  
**Western Regional**  
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First, I would like to thank all of the members of the Yellowstone District for all the work that you put into making our communities better places to live. The Exchange Club is celebrating our 100th birthday this year. 1910 brought us the refrigerator, the traffic light and the zipper. The Boy Scouts of America and Camp Fire USA were founded. We got economical aluminum foil, neon lights and radio headsets. Women won the right to vote. Ford's assembly line was 3 years in the future. We have been making our communities and our nation better for a century now. This is no small feat.

**We have many things that we want to get on your calendars.**

- ★ **Feb. 18-20 Western Regional Exchange in Las Vegas, NV**
- ★ **Mar. 28 Youth of the Year and Ace programs due**
- ★ **May 13-15 Yellowstone District Convention in Helena, MT**
- ★ **July 6-9 National Convention Detroit, MI**  
**celebrating in the city where Exchange was founded**

I hope that many of you will participate in these exciting and informational events. As a reminder of how these events affect us, Tawney Hughes, our own Youth of the Year, is this year's National YoY.

Our membership in the district is down about 1% in the last report that I received from National. We would be in positive growth except for the fact that Kalispell has chosen to cease operating and we lost 12 members. I would like to start a new club in the Kalispell area and ask that you would send me the contact information for any family, business associates, or friends that we could contact when we get organized this spring and summer.

**Congratulations to Butte on the 7 new members in their last news letter.**

Rolf Tandberg  
District President

★★★ **Making our communities better places to live**



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Region 2 RVP Quentin Eggart

### RVP Report

I know that doing things through Exchange makes me feel good, so it must make you feel good too. Let's do something for others and make them feel good. Get them involved in Exchange! What a better time than right now with the free trial membership that the Stand Up Exchange program gives us the next three months. Ask some of the many people you cross paths with every day that know you are involved to also be involved. Ask them to come to a meeting, or even better to a service project-so they can feel good all-over! A little new blood or a lot of new blood is a GOOD thing. New ideas, new energy, new passion, new friends, new contacts and connections to the community-these all come with new members!

March 27th is Exchange's 100th Anniversary. What will your club do to celebrate the century of service that Exchange has done for this great Nation of ours? There are a bunch of good ideas in the latest issue of Exchange Today Magazine (also can be found on the national website). Do something big to commemorate this day and get the word out to your community about America's premier service club!

I challenge everyone to get re-involved in growth by getting a new member involved in Exchange. Spread the word of Exchange. Do ask, Do tell! Just think-more members-more active members-more excited members- means more impact on your communities. Isn't that what we are here for?

Sincerely,  
Quentin Eggart, Reg. 2 RVP

### Check out Club News on next page!

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### Club News

#### BUTTE

##### ★ Spirit of Christmas

It's December and the Spirit of Christmas is in the air! For this important club project, committee members purchase and wrap Christmas gifts for Butte children who are in foster care or on the Salvation Army "angel" list. Committee members will shop for 18 kids, and extra volunteers are welcome. This year, along with a generous budget of \$1600, we have an extra \$500 donation.

##### ★ Civic Improvement

The Club participated in the National Day of Service with a project on Sunday, November 7 to pick up trash along Howard and Monroe Avenues from Elizabeth Warren (by Makenzie River Pizza) north to the Butte Plaza Mall. With enough volunteers, the clean up should be complete within an hour or two and then the group will gather for pizza at Makenzie River. In other Civic Improvement news, over 20 hours of labor were contributed by Club members on October 19th and 20th to clean up flower beds on Quartz and Park Streets. Hundreds of bulbs were planted. Look forward to a bright and cheery spring in Uptown Butte.

##### ★ 1st Annual Fall FunRaiser

The FunRaiser held on November 5th at the Butte Country Club was a terrific success. The Club met its goal of \$19,000 net proceeds to support our service projects and organizations serving children in our community.

#### Helena

##### ★ Coats for Kids

The Helena Exchange Club is put the finishing touches on its' annual "Coats for Kids" program. In association with local elementary schools and several other agencies, the Club purchased and distributed well over 150 brand new Columbia coats this year. Funds for this program are raised at the Clubs' annual Wine Fair that was held October 30th last Fall. The Wine Fair is a total Club effort with as many as 50 volunteers helping during the evening. Through ticket sales, table sponsorships, silent auctions and other contributions, the net income for the event will top \$9100 this year. In an arrangement that has been in place 25 years, new coats are purchased through Capital Sports and Western Wear at cost each year. Deliveries to local schools are made in November and December. Total budget for this 25 year program recently topped \$100,000 purchasing over 2000 new coats, boots and other clothing needs. (Steve Miles - Helena)



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### Club News

#### Great Falls

★ Installed a Freedom Shrine at Great Falls Central High School

#### Missoula

##### ★ Law Enforcement Banquet

Missoula hosted the Law Enforcement Banquet. Officers from 5 agencies, City, County, University, Highway Patrol, and Fish, Wildlife and Parks were honored. Montana Attorney General Steve Bullock was the keynote speaker. Funds raised went to the local Law Enforcement Youth Camp and our other service projects.

##### ★ Parenting Place

Missoula donated \$5,000 to the Parenting Place for new flooring and continue to provide dinners for several night of respite child care and activities which allow the parents some time off.

#### Downtown Exchange Billings

##### ★ Gift Wrapping

They did gift wrapping at the mall. Thanks to the many volunteers who put up hundreds of hours to bring our club additional grant revenue for the New Year. This can be a tedious and stressful time for many so it's great the club stepped up to volunteer. We wrapped and gave presents to children in need.

##### ★ 7th Annual Charity Poker Challenge - COMING UP!!!

We are looking ahead to February/March for our 7th Annual Charity Poker Challenge. Please consider attending this event. I will give you a chance to learn about Exchange and give you opportunity to meet other Exchangeites and several national officers and candidates.