

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS—APRIL 2007



Yellowstone District Convention May 18, 19, 20, 2007

Call for Convention 2007

**Best Western
Gran Tree Inn
Bozeman, Montana**

Deadline for Room Reservations April 20, 2007

The annual Yellowstone District Convention will convene in Bozeman, Montana, on Friday evening, May 18, 2007 and run through the morning of Sunday, May 20, 2007, at the Best Western Gran Tree Inn* in Bozeman, Montana. All Exchangites throughout the Montana and Idaho region are invited and encouraged to attend.

In addition to training sessions scheduled to help Clubs with Membership Growth, Fundraising and Public Relations, there will be opportunities for some fun and fellowship.

National Exchange Club President, Kim Hodges, will be attending this year's Yellowstone District Convention. Kim will bring his enthusiasm and knowledge about Exchange Club as one of the presentors during the Saturday morning training sessions. Kim will also be the keynote speaker for the Saturday evening Banquet.

Friday evening's events kick off with a social hour from 5:30-6:30, followed by a dinner theater barbecue buffet. The entertainment is performed by the Vigilante Theatre Company, a Northwestern Rep-

ertory Theatre Company based in Bozeman. The play, "Chapeau", is an inter-active (audience participation) comedy/musical/mystery somehow based loosely on the "Gun Smoke" TV series. The entertainment is sequenced roughly beginning with the social hour, then salad from 6:30 to 7:00. At 7:00 the Vigilante Players will present the first act (40-45 minutes.) This is followed by an intermission when the main course buffet is served. Following the buffet, a second act of 20-25 minutes completes the show.

On Saturday morning, May 19th, we be participating in a Model Club Meeting, with our speaker, Kim Hodges, presenting a brief program about the Exchange Club's National Convention in Portland, Oregon, this summer. Learn some tips to take back to your club to liven up those weekly meetings. This will be a "breakfast meeting" and all family and friends registered for the District Convention are invited for the buffet breakfast and to join us for the Model Club meeting. At the conclusion of the Model Club meeting we will hold the District Elections for the District Officers and Directors.

The remainder of Saturday morning will be devoted to training sessions. Based on comments

from Club leaders throughout Montana and Idaho, we have put together training session topics to address the needs a Clubs in our District. Last year District Convention training specifically targeted Rush Parties and recruiting new members. This year we will expand on our session from last year and spend some time addressing Membership Growth issues.

In addition, Kim Hodges, our National Exchange Club President, will present a session on Fundraising ideas, based on his experience and travels to Exchange Clubs throughout the county. This promises to be an exciting session filled with ideas all of us can take back to our individual Exchange Clubs.

We are also pleased to announce a session on Public Relations for Exchange Clubs. Michelle Mazzei, the Director of the Communications Department for the National Exchange Club, will be presenting this Public Relations session. We all talk about Exchange Club being one of the best kept secrets, so this Public Relations training should provide helpful information for all clubs throughout the District.

Following the morning sessions, most of you will have some free time for the afternoon until the evening Banquet which starts at 6:00 p.m. During

MISSION STATEMENT

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

COVENANT OF SERVICE

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:
To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;
To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;
To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;
To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;
To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

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S. Kim Hodges

2006-7 President
National Exchange Club

Will be Yellowstone District Convention Banquet Keynote Speaker on Saturday May 19th in Bozeman MT.

He is a member of the Exchange Club of Utah Valley, Utah, was installed as national president of the National Exchange Club at the organization's 2006 national convention in Orlando, Florida. He was elected national president-elect at the 2005 national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Previously, he served on the board of trustees of the National Exchange Club Foundation and four years as regional



vice president, Region 4, of the National Exchange Club. He is the branch manager of Wedbush Morgan Securities in Provo, Utah.

Hodges has been a member of the Exchange Club since 1982, serving on its board of directors, as treasurer, secretary and president. He

served as president of the Rocky Mountain District Exchange Clubs during the 1996-1997 year. For the National Exchange Club, Hodges serves as chairman of the Personnel Committee and served as chairman of the Leadership Development Committee in 2005-2006 and chairman of the Strategic Planning Task Force in 2001-2002.

Active in his community, National President Hodges has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America, Junior Achievement and United Way. He served on the Provo Power Board from 1994-2002 and is active in his local church.

Hodges attended Ricks College and Brigham Young University. He and his wife, Gaylin, have six children and six grandchildren. The Hodges reside in Provo.

Straight from Toledo! - Michele Turner

Just over a month ago I attended the 42nd Annual National Leadership Conference in Toledo, Ohio. What a whirlwind! The training started early in the morning, lasted to dinner-time and was packed **full** of information and education.

The highlight of the three day conference, for me, had to be the tour of National Headquarters. Meeting all of the helpful staff and seeing all they do for all of us in the way of support is overwhelming!

I came back with my head still spinning and tons of notes with which to hopefully pass on to your clubs very soon. Goal setting, planning for the future, growth and club building, retention, and even how to hold an informative and fun weekly meeting which I know you all are **already** doing! Hearing about the various fundraising ideas from the other District President-Elects was very encouraging and instructive. Of course I'm told a trip to Toledo is not a success unless you eat at Tony Packo's, which we did. I look forward to seeing all of you in Bozeman!

Together we can fulfill the "Dream Team" theme next year to "**Win in Exchange**"!

Club Elections Reports due by April 15th

Each Club should hold its elections for Club officers and Board of Directors by April 15, 2007. The elections results along with contact information for the officers elected should be reported to National Exchange Headquarters by April 15, 2007, with a copy also sent to Steve Miles, Secretary/Treasurer for the Yellowstone District.

National Exchange Club and the Yellowstone District need to know the names of your Club's newly elected officers and their contact information so we can keep your Club informed and effectively communicate. Reporting your election results on time, as well as keeping both the District and National Headquarters informed of changes in the contact information throughout the year makes it possible for your Club to be kept up to date throughout the year.

Additionally, Article XI (*Fiscal Matters*), Section 3, of the Club Bylaws, states that, "*Trust or surety bonds shall be furnished by the Treasurer and Secretary...*" Each club needs to include a copy of the declaration page of their bond policy with the Officer Election Report sent to National Exchange Headquarters.

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the evening Banquet which starts at 6:00 p.m. During your free time, you can take a tour of Bozeman or see the sights in the surrounding area. We have included a separate article in this newsletter about "Things to do in Bozeman during the District Convention."

For the Club President-Elects, Club officers, members of Boards of Directors and anyone else interested, we will hold a Club officer training session immediately following the morning training sessions. The purpose of this training session is to provide Club leaders with information for getting a head start on next year's Exchange year which starts July 1st. This session should take about an hour to an hour and a half and we will provide lunch.

The Saturday evening Banquet is always a highlight to the Convention. Kim Hodges, the National Exchange Club President, will bring his passion for Exchange Club as our key note speaker. The winners of the District A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award and the District Youth of the Year Award will be announced. We will also present the "John Elliott District Exchangite of the Year" and conduct the installation of the District Officers and Directors. Remember to bring your gifts and contributions for the door prizes which will be given away throughout the evening.

Sunday morning starts with a buffet breakfast followed by a couple of hours of business and discussion sessions, with the Convention to conclude by about 10.00 a.m.

We will have a hospitality room open following the formal events, on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and again following the Banquet.

Make your reservations NOW for rooms at the Best Western Gran Tree Inn in Bozeman, Montana, telephone 1-800-624-5865 or (406) 587-5261 or e-mail at www.bestwestern.com/grantreeinn. Our group number is 803520 and our block of rooms is held only until APRIL 20, 2007. Rick Benson, the District's immediate Past President and the facility coordinator for this year's Convention, warns that there are lots of things going on in Bozeman the weekend of our Convention, so it could be difficult to obtain a room if you delay in making your reservations. So make your room reservations now!

The leaders of the Yellowstone District are working hard to make this Convention informative, worthwhile, inspiring and fun! Come join other Exchangites from throughout Idaho and Montana at the 2007 Yellowstone District Convention on May 18-20, 2007, in Bozeman, Montana!

*For a "Virtual Tour" of the Best Western Gran Tree Inn, see www.bestwestern.com/grantreeinn

THINGS TO DO IN BOZEMAN DURING THE CONVENTION

Here are some ideas for activities in and around Bozeman:

Museum of the Rockies (MOR) is a world class paleontology research center, including extensive permanent displays, on the subject. It is a regional-quality general museum as well, currently featuring a national touring exhibit of "King Tut" materials of ancient Egypt. We expect to offer a special guided group tour of MOR on Saturday afternoon, May 19th.

There are three other museums in Bozeman: The American Computer Museum, The Pioneer Museum (Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley) and the Children's Museum of Bozeman.

The campus of Montana State University is located in Bozeman.

The Bozeman Historic Downtown Area comprises eight blocks along Main Street. It features more than 100 shops and restaurants, including 10 art galleries. There is also a self-guided walking tour of Historic Main Street.

There are two local eighteen hole golf courses open to the public, and two other private courses that may offer reciprocal benefits with Exchangite's home clubs.

There are miles of walking/biking trails in and around Bozeman.

World class trout fishing exist within an hour's drive in any direction from Bozeman, and catering to the recreational angler is an important industry in Gallatin County. It is said you can't swing a dead cat in Bozeman without hitting either a fishing guide or a real-

tor, and you can quote me on that.

Beautiful afternoon drives leave in every direction from our hotel. These include Bridger Canyon, Hyalite Canyon, Gallatin Canyon, and a thirty minute drive to Montana's Headwaters State Park near Three Forks, the headwater of the Missouri River. The Bridger Canyon drive could include a stop at a regional Fish and Wildlife Fish Technology Center.

Nearly a dozen antique shops and outlets exist in and around Bozeman.

We will have materials and information on all of this at the registration desk when our members arrive.

This list is provided by Rick Benson, Immediate Past President of the Yellowstone District and facility coordinator for the 2007 Yellowstone District Convention a Bozeman resident—your resource for ideas!

2007 YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT CONVENTION

May 18-20, 2007

**GRAN TREE INN, 406-587-5261. 800-624-5865 <http://www.bestwestern.com/grantreeinn>
Group#803520**

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 18th

3:30-5:00 p.m. District Board Meeting — all Exchange Members are encouraged to attend!
5:30 p.m.—6:30 pm Convention convenes—Social Hour
6:30- 9 p.m. Kickoff BBQ and Entertainment by the Vigilante Players
Hospitality room open following the conclusion of the evening entertainment

Saturday, May 19th

7:15 a.m. Breakfast buffet opens
7:30-8:30 a.m. Model Club Breakfast Meeting and District Elections
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Convention session with Fundraising,
Public Relations and Club Growth training presentations

12:45-2:00 p.m. Training session for Club President Elects, Officers, and
Board Members (Lunch provided)

2:00-6:00 pm. Free time
Hospitality room opens
Lunch on your own (limited lunch available in hospitality room)
See “Things to do in Bozeman during the District Convention” article
in this Newsletter

6:00-6:30 p.m. Reception/Social time
6:30-9:00 p.m. Banquet
Kim Hodges, National Exchange President, keynote speaker
District Student of the Year Award
District ACE Award (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence)
John Elliott District “Exchangite of the Year”
Installation of District Officers and Directors

9:00 p.m.-Midnight Hospitality Room

Sunday, May 20th

7:00-8:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
8:00-10:00 Convention session including the business meeting and annual report of the Yellow-
stone District and reports from the Regional Vice President and Kim Hodges, the Na-
tional Exchange Club President. Discussion of Club and District issues
10:30 a.m. Convention adjourns

All times are tentative

DISTRICT EXCHANGITE OF THE YEAR

The Yellowstone District is seeking nominations for this year's John Elliott District Exchangite of the Year Award.

The purpose of this award is to honor an Exchangite of the Yellowstone District who best exemplifies the true meaning of Exchange by his or her participation in Exchange sponsored activities as well as service in civic, community, business and religious activities within his or her community.

Requirements for nomination allow each club to make one nomination. The nominee must be in good standing of a chartered Yellowstone District Exchange Club as of March 31, 2007. All Exchange Club members are eligible except current District Officers, District Directors, and the Immediate Past District President. No Exchangite may receive this award more than once.

In selecting the Yellowstone District's John Elliot Exchangite of the Year, the criteria for consideration include: 1) Club activities, including but not limited to: leadership, membership, program and fundraising;

- 2) Community service, including, but not limited to: church, community committees such as Boy/Girl Scouts, Health, Senior Citizens or other non-profit organizations, and civic affiliations
- 3) Other (other areas felt to be significantly important to the candidate's consideration of the award)

Selection of the recipient of the District Exchangite of the Year will be made by a committee comprised of the District Directors and District Officers. The selection committee will review all applications timely received and will base their individual decision only on the material set forth in the nomination form. Presentation of the John Elliot Exchangite of the Year Award will take place at the Yellowstone District Annual Convention at the Banquet on Saturday evening, May 19, 2007.

Each nomination form shall contain a narrative of the nominee's qualifications. The form will be the only basis for selecting the recipient of the award. No point scoring shall be conducted and the award shall be made on the basis of mutual agreement of the selection committee.

The deadline for submission for the District Exchangite of the Year Award is **APRIL 18, 2007**.

The Nomination Form is available on the Yellowstone District website at www.exchangeclubs.org or by contacting your club's officers or contacting Kathleen McBride, District President, (406) 782-5800 or e-mail mcbrideck@aol.com

District Elections at the Annual District Convention

The District's nominating committee has been working to find qualified Exchangites for District President, President-Elect, Secretary Treasurer and Directors for Division 1 (Butte, Bozeman, Great Falls, and Helena), Division 3 (Missoula, Garden City, Kalispell, and Sanders Co), and Division 5 (Boise, Caldwell, and Nampa).

The nominations are:

President—	Michele Turner
President-Elect—	Russ Yerger
Secretary-Treasurer—	Steve Miles
Division 1 Director—	Brooks Coombe
Division 3 Director—	Rolf Tandberg
Division 5 Director—	Jim Szatkowski

(Director for Division 2 (four clubs in Billings) is Deanna Darnielle, who recently agreed the unexpired term of Nathan Woodard. Tim Fowler, Division 4 Director, covers the Idaho Falls, Idaho Falls Eastside, and Blackfoot. Neither of these positions are up for election this year.)

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the District elections which will take place at the District Convention in Bozeman, Montana, on Saturday morning May 19th at the conclusion of the Model Club meeting.

National Service Award

The National Exchange Club presents the National Service Award to Clubs throughout the Court to recognize clubs for outstanding service to their communities. To earn this award, a club must conduct a project in each of the four (4) service areas—Americanism, Youth, Community Service, and Child Abuse Prevention—and sponsor any two additional projects. When you report your programs and activities to National Exchange headquarters, you will receive a banner patch for each project and when you meet the criteria for the National Service Award, your club will be sent a National Service Award patch along with individual label pins for each club member. Deadlines for submission for your Club's programs and projects for this year is June 25, 2007 for online applications. Mailed applications must arrive at National Exchange Headquarters by June 30, 2007.

As of the end of February Exchange Clubs in the Yellowstone District receiving the National Service Award include:

Billings Heights
Bozeman
Butte

Believe in the Blue Child Abuse Prevention Project April 21, 2007

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

This year Exchange Clubs across the country and around the Yellowstone District will be participating in the "Believe in the Blue" project. On a single day in April which is Child Abuse Prevention Month, Exchange Clubs can and will make an big impact on their communities.

The day is Saturday, April 21st, and nearly half of all Exchange Clubs in the county will be helping raise awareness about Child Abuse Prevention by distributing literature to parents and shoppers for two hours at the same time all across the country. In Montana and Idaho, the distribution time is between 11a.m. -- 1 p.m. at locations in the community with high walk-in traffic, such as Walmarts, malls, or grocery stores. Clubs must get permission from the store or business owner in order to hand out literature for this project.

The word from National Exchange is that more than 300 Exchange Clubs across the country are signed up to help with this project. This includes many Exchange Clubs in the Yellowstone District, including the Clubs in Boise, Caldwell, Idaho Falls, Downtown Billings, Breakfast Billings, Billings Heights, Helena, and Butte.

It's not too late if you want to join this project. National Exchange Club Headquarters will supply the literature for the distribution at no cost to your Club, but you need to contact National Exchange Headquarters at least one week in advance of the April 21st event. Make sure you get permission for the location where you want to distribute the literature. Consider the additional visibility by handing out balloons, wearing blue shirts, or passing out blue ribbons. Send out press releases to your local media.

For more information, contact your Club President, National Exchange Headquarters at 1-800-924-2643, or check the National Exchange website at www.nationalexchangeclub.org

Nominations for the District Youth of the Year and the District A.C.E. Award due by April 18, 2007

A.C.E. Award

Each year the Yellowstone District invites all Clubs to make submission for the District's A.C.E. Award. The deadline for this year's A.C.E. nominations is **April 18, 2007**. The winner will be honored at the District Convention Banquet on Saturday evening May 19th, in Bozeman, Montana.

A.C.E. stands for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence. This program recognizes high school students who have made a

dramatic change in their attitude and performance during their high school years. These turnaround students have overcome adversities and are prepared for graduation from high school.

For consideration by the District, submissions must be made as follows:

Candidates should use the official A.C.E. Award nomination form available from National Headquarters 1-800-EXCHANGE, ext 123.

The winner of the District A.C.E. Award must be able to attend Banquet at the District Convention on Saturday evening, May 19, 2007, in Bozeman, Montana, and be prepared to read his or her essay.

All A.C.E. applications must be mailed and received by Brooks Coombe, Chair of the ACE/Youth of the Year Award Committee, not later than April 18, 2007. NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE DUE DATE! The winner will be notified by May 1, 2007.

A.C.E. applications should be mailed to:

Brooks Coombe
Chairman ACE/Youth of the Year Awards
750 Utah Ave
Butte, MT 59701

Youth of the Year

Each Exchange Club in the Yellowstone District is invited and encouraged to submit its nominee for the District Youth of the Year Award by April 18, 2007. The winner of the District Youth of the Year Award will be honored at the District Convention Banquet on the evening of Saturday, May 19, 2007, in Bozeman, Montana.

For consideration by the District, submissions must be made as follow:

Youth of the Year Award candidates should use the official Youth of the Month/Year nomination forms available from National Headquarters 1-800-EXCHANGE, ext 123.

This year's essay them is "Lighting the Fire Within"

The winner of the District Youth of the Year Award must be able to attend Banquet at the District Convention on Saturday evening, May 19, 2007, in Bozeman, Montana, and be prepared to read his or her essay.

All applications for the District Youth of the Year Award must be mailed and received by Brooks Coombe, Chair of the ACE/Youth of the Year Award Committee, not later than April 18, 2007. NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE DUE DATE! The winner will be notified by May 1, 2007.

Youth of the Year applications should be mailed to:

Brooks Coombe
Chairman ACE/Youth of the Year Awards
750 Utah Ave
Butte, MT 59701

The Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year are one of the most popular youth projects for Exchange Clubs throughout the Yellowstone District. These awards recognize hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. This program not only rewards outstanding young people, but also provides an incentive for other youngsters to strive for equally high levels of achievement. Once a Club establishes a successful Youth of the Month program, the ground work is set for the annual Youth of the Year competition. Selection of the Youth of the Year is simply made from the club's Youth of the Month recipients for that year. The club's Youth of the Year advances to the district competition by following the criteria set forth above and the District's Youth of the Year has an opportunity to vie for the prestigious National Youth of the Year.

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YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS 2007 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

WHEN: May 18th – 20th 2007
WHERE: Best Western Gran Tree Inn 406-587-5261 800-624-5865
1325 North 7th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715 (Adjacent to Exit 306 from I-90)

HOTEL REGISTRATION:
We have a block of rooms reserved at a convention rate of \$ 85 +
Montana room tax per night. Our group number is 803520 to
receive this rate.

>>>Accommodations not booked by April 20, 2007 cannot be guaranteed. (The reserved rooms will be released.) <<<<

CONVENTION REGISTRATION:
(Again this year your club president-elect and one other club officer are entitled to a waived convention full registration package.)

FULL REGISTRATION PACKAGE: (Includes registration fee and meals)

Paid Package: \$135.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Waived Package: \$0.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday banquet meal choice(s) --- _____ Beef _____ Salmon

INDIVIDUAL COSTS (AL A CARTE):

Convention Registration Fee: \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Dinner and Dinner Theater:

Adults: \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

Children \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast:

Adults: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Children: \$5 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet:

Adults: \$40 x _____ = \$ _____

Children: \$5 x _____ = \$ _____

Indicate meal selection: _____ Beef _____ Salmon

Sunday Breakfast:

Adults: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Children: \$5 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Member Name _____ Club _____
Current Club Status _____ Member _____ Pres _____ Pres Elect _____ Other Officer
Spouse/Guest Name _____ Children attending _____

QUESTIONS: Rick Benson 406-586-7064 or wvvern237@aol.com

PAYMENT: Please make checks payable to “Yellowstone District Exchange” and forward with this form to Steve Miles, Yellowstone District Treasurer, PO Box 1054, Helena, MT 59624-1054

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