

YELLOWSTONE MESSENGER

Yellowstone District Exchange Clubs • July 2008

President's Corner

Greetings Exchangites throughout the Yellowstone District! I am pleased to offer you our debut Yellowstone Messenger, in electronic format. We will be sending you six newsletters (hopefully) this coming year in this format, in an attempt to save some money on bulk mail postage and printing expenses we have been incurring in the past. The plan is for me to send these newsletters to your Club President (or other designee) who, in turn, can distribute the newsletter electronically to the members of each Club. For those who prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, we request that each Club print hard copies for distribution.

By way of future newsletters, we will attempt to keep you informed about upcoming reporting deadlines to National and District and programs and projects in which various Clubs throughout the District are involved. If there are news items you would like to have included in the newsletter, please let me know; a good way to do this is to forward me copies of your newsletters.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your District President for 2008-09 and I hope to visit as many of your Clubs as possible.

Thank you all for everything you do for Exchange!

Russ Yerger

District President



Yellowstone District Convention

May 16 through 18, 2008

Our annual District Convention was held at Fairmont Hot Springs on May 16 through 18, 2008.



One of the Celtic dancers in an authentic costume.

Kathleen McBride, the 2007-08 Immediate Past-President, was responsible for planning the convention, and she did an outstanding job. Many thanks to her and the Butte Exchange Club for their efforts in putting on a successful convention.

The Friday Night Social Event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Convention attendees boarded the Copper King Express at Fairmont Hot Springs and rode it into Butte and deboarded at the Rail Inn. We were treated to a delicious pasty dinner followed by music from Dublin Gulch and entertainment by the Kiernen Dancers. After spending about three hours in Butte, we boarded the train back to Fairmont.

The Saturday Convention Session consisted of election of officers and training. Anne Marie Logue from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the Region 12 Vice-President, moderated the training session that was

conducted Saturday morning.



Kathleen McBride welcomes everyone to the Copper King Express ride from Fairmont Hot Springs to Butte.



Anne Marie Logue, Regional Vice President

Saturday afternoon consisted of free time: many attendees toured the World Museum of Mining in Butte, others golfed at Old Works.



Exchangites tour the World Museum of Mining in Butte. This museum was started by the Butte Exchange Club in 1963.



Russ Yerger, Billings Downtown Rick Benson, Bozeman and Don Hammel, Billings Heights, discuss the Saturday morning training session.

Yellowstone District Convention 2008

The Saturday evening banquet was a festive affair. After dinner and the drawing of door prizes, our District Youth of Year Luke Mitsel from Missoula and our Yellowstone District Ace Award Winner Corrine Wilkerson from Billings were honored. Our District was truly blessed to have such outstanding youth as award winners this year.



The Butte Exchange Club delegation at the Convention celebrates 85 years of service.



Anne Marie Logue presents John McBride from The Butte Exchange Club with the Yellowstone District Exchangite of the Year Award.

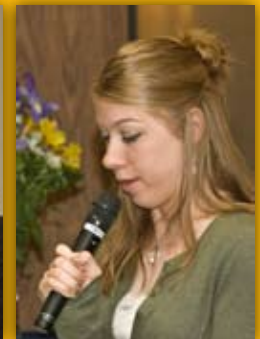
Anne Marie installed the 2008-09 District Officers and Butte's newest Club member Elliot Archibald at the banquet. John McBride of the Butte Club was honored as the Yellowstone District Exchangite of the Year.

The Sunday morning breakfast/business meeting consisted of Steve Miles explaining the financial health of the District and Russ Yerger discussing District goals, which includes growing our district by 15 net new members for the year, the institution of this electronic newsletter program, the retention of existing members, and the continuation of good works by all of the fine Exchange Clubs within this District.

In all, 54 Exchangites and 30 guests were registered at the convention and 9 of our 16 Clubs were represented.



Yellowstone District Youth of Year Luke Mitsel



Yellowstone District Ace Award Winner Corrine Wilkerson



Steve Miles, Treasurer, Quentin Eggart, President-Elect, Michele Turner, Past President, Cindi Farrar, Secretary, Russ Yerger, President, Brooks Coombe, Division 1 Director, Rolf Tandberg, Division 3 Director, Deanna Darnielle, Division 2 Director are installed by Anne Marie Logue.

Each Club attending the District Convention had a representative share activities in which their Club was involved during the past year. What follows is a short summary of what we learned.

The Exchange Club of Boise continues to be involved with the Ada County Youth Court and volunteering at the Idaho State High School Track Meet. They have erected two Freedom Shrines in the last year, one at the Garden City Hall and one at a local grade school. The Boise Club continues to support the Women's and Children's Alliance with their Christmas Gift Program in December and continues to be involved with the Drug Free Idaho Program held in the spring at Roaring Springs Park. The Boise Club also financially sponsored a second drug dog for the Ada County Sheriff's Department.

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings participated in the National Day of Service by performing its annual roadside cleanup. The Club continued its Santa in the Schools Program in December. Fundraising operations included selling beer at the Great American Hill Climb, Montana Fair 2007 and horse racing at the Yellowstone County Fairgrounds. The Club continued its food drive program and Give a Kid a Flag to Wave at the Billings Mustangs game on the 4th of July.

The Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings grossed in excess of \$400,000.00 from its beer vending operations at the Yellowstone Metra facilities located on the Yellowstone County Fairgrounds enabling it to grant \$100,000.00 to \$120,000.00 to worthy local causes. The Breakfast Exchange Club boasts 103 members. It conducted a Spring Bowling Social involving members and their significant others with pairings drawn in a fashion to assure sufficient social mixing. The Club continued to fund its Dress a Child Program at Christmas, will conduct a Million Dollar Hole In One Golf Tournament, and participated in funding and installing Freedom Shrines with other Exchange Clubs from Billings.

The Exchange Club of Billings Heights conducted its annual golf tournament as its major fundraiser and will host a Million Dollar Golf Shootout to supplement fundraising operations. It assisted the Downtown Exchange Club of Billings in volunteer efforts at the Great American Hill Climb, performing security. The Heights Club sponsored a grade school/junior high school basketball tournament, continued its promotion of the Child in Need Program at Christmas in which it purchases needed clothing for children in need, and is involved in the Montana-Wyoming Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Cowboy Wall of Fame at the Yellowstone Metra.

The Exchange Club of Bozeman sold beer at the Air Show last summer and conducted a "Remote" Tailgate Party as a Rush Party, when the MSU Bobcats were playing an away game. Its annual Poker Challenge was deferred given recent legislative changes. The Bozeman Club is extremely proud of its involvement in the "Warriors in Quiet Waters" program where recovering



soldiers from the U.S. Army Walter Reed Medical Center and U.S. Navy Balboa Medical Center were brought into the Gallatin Valley for a week of fly fishing. The Bozeman Exchange Club is also involved in designing a wall for the eventual erection of a Freedom Shrine at a soon-to-be constructed elementary school in Bozeman.

The Exchange Club of Butte is celebrating its 85th birthday. The Butte Exchange Club installed the first stop light in Butte, America at Park and Main, installed the first landing lights at the Butte Airport, and built the Municipal Golf Course, helped feed the needy during the Depression and established the World Museum of Mining. In the last month prior to District Convention, its community fundraiser grossed over \$30,000.00 which help fund the Butte and Butte Central High School Chemical Free Graduation Parties. The Butte Club totally funded the Child Abuse Awareness Program for the Butte School District run by Big Brothers and Sisters, has funded and will soon begin construction on a new fenced play and picnic area adjacent to the community YMCA through its “Make a Difference Project” and just provided emergency funding so that a Head Start child could get much needed dental surgery. At the Annual Fourth of July Parade in Butte last summer, at which it is estimated 50,000 people were in attendance, the Butte Club gave out 12,000 flags to kids.

The Exchange Club of Helena continues its fundraising operations by selling beer at the Last Chance Stampede and by conducting its Wine Fair and Silent Auction in November. These fundraising operations help the Club fund its Coats for Kids Program and the distribution of 4,000 flags at the Fourth of July event. The Helena Club re-dedicated an existing Freedom Shrine and added new plaques. The Helena Exchange Club is proud of its continuing support of the Florence Crittendon Home, the Intermountain Children’s Home and the Shodair Children’s Hospital.

The Exchange Club of Missoula provides security at the Western Montana Fair and ushering at concerts held on the University of Montana Campus and at University of Montana Grizzly Football Games. The Missoula Club’s Officer of the Year Banquet continues to be a huge success at which law enforcement officers from five local agencies are honored for their outstanding service. The Missoula Club continues to be involved in its Workathon in which it finds sponsors to fund club members’ work at other non-profit agencies. The Club hands out approximately 8,000 flags at the U of M Homecoming Parade and continues to be involved ACE and Youth of the Year awards. The Club looks forward to being extremely busy volunteering as election officials this coming election season.

The Big Sky Exchange Club of Billings provides cards, donations, and thoughtful attention to Big Sky Senior Services. It is involved in fundraising through the Festival of Trees and its Annual Garage Sale efforts. Club members volunteer at the local Food Bank and the Club is involved in the local Light of Hope Program.



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Past President



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National Convention



The National Exchange Club Convention was conducted in St. Louis, Missouri from July 9 through July 13, 2008. Representatives from the Butte, Helena, Downtown Billings and Breakfast Billings Clubs were in attendance, including April Markovich, the first Vice-President of the Butte Club; John Harrington, Past-President, and his wife Jaysen and Mark Johnston, President and his wife, Sherry, of the Helena Club; Janet Brown, Bill Schwarzkopf, President and his wife Denise, and Quentin Eggart, Yellowstone District President-Elect and Past-President, all of the Breakfast Exchange Club; and Dale Brown, President, Vinnie Iocopini, President-Elect, Tyler Nose, Vice-President, Kendra Bahm, Director, and Russ Yerger, Yellowstone District President, all of the Downtown Exchange Club attended.

Congratulations are in order for Michele Turner, and all of the following individuals and Clubs who were recognized for their achievements during Michele's term at the National Convention:

Superior Club Achievement Award

(net increase of 8 or more & 90% retention)

Butte, MT

Club Membership Achievement Award

(net increase of 5 or more & 85% retention)

Bozeman, MT

Downtown-Billings, MT

Distinguished Club President Award

Carl Graham, Bozeman, MT

John McBride, Butte, MT

(John was also nominated for National Exchangite of the Year)

Club Excellence Award

(wins a National Service Award and a Membership Award)

Bozeman, MT

Butte, MT

Downtown-Billings, MT

Big "E" Award Winner

Butte, MT

National Service Award

Billings Heights, MT

Breakfast-Billings, MT

Downtown-Billings, MT

Bozeman, MT

Butte, MT

Great Falls, MT

Helena, MT

Missoula, MT

National Exchange Club Election Results

President: Floyd Culver,
Defiance, OH

President Elect: Claude W. Carmack,
Mechanicsville, VA
Glen Allen-Richmond, VA

Region 2 Vice Pres: Dick Harsin,
Edmonds and Everett, WA
(second two year term)

**National Exchange Club
Foundation Board of Trustees:**

Richard Gordon,
Fontana
University at Irvine, CA

Phil Howard,
Donelson-Hermitage Area, TN

By-Laws Change

The Convention delegates voted to increase the quarterly fee paid by all clubs from \$15.00 to \$25.00. This fee helps cover the cost of producing the Nation Convention each year.

District Growth Award

We will be awarding the Yellowstone District Club Growth Award at District Convention in Missoula next June. This award will go to the Club that demonstrates the largest growth compared to its July 1, 2008 membership numbers. A handsome traveling trophy will be presented! Stay tuned for more information.

District Website

Our District website has been updated and upgraded. Many thanks to Jim Szatkowski for his fine efforts in this regard. Many useful links are available for your reference.

Check it out at www.exchangeclubs.org/YellowstoneDistrict/

Exchange on the Road

If your travels take you to a town where we have a Club, why not see if your schedule allows you to take in a meeting as a guest? Our Clubs meet on the following days/times at the following locations:

Boise	Friday Noon	Perkins, 300 Broadway
Caldwell	Tuesday Noon	Albertson College, 2112 Cleveland Blvd.
Nampa	Wednesday Noon	Dutch Inn, 1120 12th Ave. S.
Idaho Falls	Tuesday Noon	Red Lion, 475 River Parkway
Idaho Falls Eastside	Thursday Noon	Chinese Garden, 1646 E. 17th
Billings Breakfast	Friday 7 a.m.	Metra Park Yellowstone Room 308 6th Avenue N.
Downtown Billings	Tuesday Noon	Crowne Plaza, 27 N. 27th
Billings Heights	Wednesday Noon	Fuddruckers, 875 Main Street
Big Sky Billings	2nd Thursday, 6:15 p.m.	Petroleum Club, 27 N. 27th
Bozeman	Monday Noon	Elks Club, 205 Haggerty Lane
Butte	Tuesday Noon	Thornton Bldg. Ballroom 65 E. Broadway
Helena	Thursday Noon	Eagles Lodge, 801 N. Fee St.
Great Falls	Tuesday 12:05	Perkins, 506 2nd Ave. N.
Missoula	Thursday Noon	DoubleTree, 100 Madison
Kalispell	Wednesday Noon	Scotty's, 2205 Hwy. 93
Sanders County	TBA	(Thompson Falls)

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- June 30: Your Club's activities summary was due at National.
- July 10: Dues payment due at National
- July 15: Each Club's Program Development Meeting Report was due at National; please attend to this if you have already not done so.
- August 1: Award deadlines for 2007-08 Distinguished Club Secretary and Distinguished Club Treasurer; all of the Clubs in our District should be able to qualify for these awards.
- September 15: Come Home to Exchange begins; please help us grow our District by thoughtfully participating in this program.
- September is National Baby Safety Month; you may want to promote this locally by arranging for meeting speakers on this topic, and publicizing their talk in the local media.
- October is National Crime Prevention Month and National Fire Prevention Week begins on October 6.
- October 10: Dues payment due at National
- October 25: National Day of Service
- November 15: IRS Form 990 due.
- November 30: Come Home to Exchange ends.
- June 5-7, 2009: Yellowstone District Convention in Missoula
- July 15-19, 2009: National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida

The Exchange Club 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.

Yellowstone District Messenger Newsletter

Layout and design of this newsletter was created by Jens Selvig. To facilitate the production of future issues, please send your club newsletters to Jens and Russ Yerger, District President.

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