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YELLOWSTONE MESSENGER

Yellowstone District President, 2009-2010

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Yellowstone District Exchange Clubs – August 2009



Presidents Message:

Greetings to All! Welcome to a new Exchange Year that I know will be filled with Club growth, not only in membership but in enthusiasm, leadership, charitable giving, and camaraderie. I look forward to working with all the clubs to assist in any way I can.

We are in the middle of National's Exchange Family Days. Have a family event in your club. Invite potential new members. Remember that Exchange is about happy families.



These are all good things to think about when asking someone to become part of Exchange. Think of how Exchange makes you feel. Don't you want to share this good feeling with others? Then go ahead-ask them to take part in the best service club in the world!!

EXCHANGE FAMILY DAYS

- August 1 – September 30
- Join the Exchange Family in an event
- Picnic, ball game, bowling or any event that you can imagine
- A patch will be sent to clubs that participate
- This is a prequel to COME HOME TO EXCHANGE

Then get ready for "Come Home to Exchange". This is a recruiting time focusing on bringing past members back into Exchange and new members into Exchange. Let's see what we can do to be the best District in the Nation recruiting during this period!! I will be letting you know what District Incentives I will be having for this recruitment program soon!!



MEMBERSHIP

So where are we at membership wise? Here are the July stats on membership. Don't you want to win the District Growth Award? It is one darn fine looking miter saw blade! Lets "cut it up" and get others involved in serving their communities!

Club	7/1/09	7/31/09	YTD
<i>Boise</i>	16	16	0
<i>Caldwell</i>	35	35	0
<i>Idaho Falls</i>	21	21	0
<i>Downtown Billings</i>	74	78	+4
<i>Breakfast Billings</i>	106	107	+1
<i>Heights Billings</i>	28	28	0
<i>Bozeman</i>	24	24	0
<i>Butte</i>	97	95	-2
<i>Great Falls</i>	28	28	0
<i>Helena</i>	58	56	-2
<i>Kalispell</i>	14	14	0
<i>Missoula</i>	54	54	0

An update on the clubs we have recently lost..

Sanders County was officially folded in June.

Big Sky Billings Club folded in June. It was sad to lose this club. They did a lot of good things in the community. We are hoping their members will join the other clubs in the Billings community. There were 16 members in this club.

Idaho Falls Eastside consisted of only 4 members and decided to fold their club. Hopefully they can all enjoy the benefits of joining the other Idaho Falls Club.

I feel positive about all the other clubs in our District. I am here to help, just ask! I know we can have a positive year in Exchange!

Some ideas?

I have heard successes with having at least one meeting a month at a different time. Say 3 lunch meetings and one evening meeting a month gives those without the work flexibility to attend noon meetings to be able to go to evening meetings. Some clubs have also offered 2 different levels of membership to try to hold down the costs of being a member for those who can't enjoy the club meals at meetings they can't attend.

Age diversity in your clubs? One of the best tools a club can have is a diverse age spectrum across their clubs. New fresh ideas combined with time honored wisdom and everything in-between. A diverse age group to recruit new members exists in every community. If you would like in creating a program to get a diverse age spectrum in your clubs let me know!

I want to thank those of you who have been sending me your newsletters so I can keep the communications going! If you let us know when you are doing a fundraiser or a service project I guarantee you will get some members from nearby clubs showing up to help! So keep us informed and we will inform everyone.

Yellowstone District Exchange Calendar

August 15, 2009 –District Director Reports A due.

August 1 – September 30, 2009 “Exchange Family Days”

September – National Baby Safety Month

September 11, 2009 – Patriot Day. Remember our Fallen Heroes.

October – National Crime Prevention Month

October 4-10. National Fire Prevention Week.

October 1 – November 30, 2009 – “Come Home to Exchange”

October 14-19, 2009 National Board of Directors Fall Meeting and National Leadership Conference—Rolf Tandberg will be attending what is affectionately called “Charm School” at National Headquarters in Toledo, Ohio.

October 31, 2009. District Director Report B due.

January 6-10, 2010 National Board of Directors Mid-Winter Meeting and Mid Winter Conference -La Quinta Resort and Club, La Quinta, California; Rolf and Quentin will be in attendance.

February 19-20, 2010 – Mid-Winter Conference for Regions 1,2 and 4; Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino; Las Vegas, NV – National President Claude Carmack in attendance. This is an opportunity for anyone to attend a leadership conference at a very low cost. Where better to go in cold February than to Vegas!

April 30, May1,2, 2010 – Yellowstone District Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Billings, MT

July 21-25, 2010 92nd National Convention – La Quinta Resort and Club; , La Quinta, California; Come along for the “Experience”.

Yellowstone District Officers 2009-2010

Quentin Eggart, District President
(Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings)

Rolf Tandberg, District President-Elect
(Exchange Club of Missoula)

Russ Yerger, Immediate Past-President
(Downtown Exchange Club of Billings)

Steve Miles, District Treasurer
(Exchange Club of Helena)

Cindi Farrar, District Secretary
(Exchange Club of Butte)

Brooke Palmer, Division 1 Director
(Butte, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena)

Deanna Darnielle, Division 2 Director
(Billings Breakfast, Downtown and Heights)

Clint Baertsch, Division 3 Director
(Missoula and Kalispell)

Lisa Nolan, Division 4 Director
(Idaho Falls)

Jim Szatkowski, Division 5 Director
(Boise, Caldwell and Nampa)

Want more information for what is going on around your district??? Here is our District Websight!
www.exchangeclubs.org/YellowstoneDistrict

Current Awards for 2009-1010

ACE

YOY

Growth (the coveted Miter saw award)

Exchangite of the Year

Big Club Bulletin (newsletter) Award

Small Club Bulletin (newsletter) Award

Others to follow.....

National Exchange

What does nationals do for you??

Provides group exemption with Internal Revenue Service as a not-for-profit organization, avoiding the income implications on money raised by the clubs.

Provides clubs the ability to receive charitable contributions when money is received by the National Exchange Club Foundation and the club uses the funds for the programs of service.

Official supply merchandise and guidance on recognition awards, apparel and customized orders.

Assistance with hotel negotiations and planning for club/district meetings, seminars and conferences.

Guidance, procedures and "how to" on club projects including resource/support materials.

Assist with newsletters and brochures for established and prospective clubs.

Provide clubs (and new club projects) with prospect lists; develop and mail out invites to prospective attendees for club meetings, trainings, etc.

Provide leadership training to all levels and positions of leadership and produce and distribute club and district leadership kits.

Help prospective members locate clubs in their area.

Send out a variety of informational kits, including: New Club Building, Permanent Organization Meeting, Operation Turnaround, etc. and awards and recognition program.

Field assistance for many things, such as: recruiting, setting up growth plans, training, intervention, leadership development, etc.

Coordinate and staff the National Convention, along with other major national education conferences - National Leadership Conference and Mid-Winter Conference.

Provide history for clubs/members upon request. Maintain and make available all history information for clubs and districts.

Produce quarterly, national magazine and digital newsletters to communicate news of campaigns, events, educational information, and club/district accomplishments to members.

Maintain websites as communication tools to disseminate information to members and general public and maintain a national Facebook and Twitter presence.

Provide tools/resources to clubs (style guide, marketing/public relations, templates, scripts, customized club/district logos.)

Print and mail district newsletters. Provide stationery, customized print-outs, mailing labels and report forms for clubs and districts.

Group liability insurance and group crime insurance. Advice on club financing and IRS requirements. Coverage under group tax exemption.

CAP Center development. National advocacy efforts affecting policy and funding issues for the child abuse prevention field.

Club News

Division 1

The Exchange Club of Bozeman

Spirit of giving' earns Powell national honor

Bozemanite Jim Powell has been named Exchangeite of the Year by the National Exchange Club for his "exemplary spirit of giving."

"There is no task too small, nor any vision too large for Jim Powell when it comes to community service and Exchange activities," according to a statement from the national service club.

"Jim's unwavering dedication to the mission of Exchange, the countless hours he devotes to all Exchange causes and his never-ending quest to recruit new members" all contributed to the decision to honor him in 2009, the club's statement said.

Powell, a graduate of Montana State University with a bachelor's degree in business finance, is branch president of Rocky Mountain Bank in Bozeman.

The award recognizes individuals who volunteer countless hours of their time -- recruiting new members, fundraising and leading committees and projects -- and consistently display a positive attitude while doing so.

A member of the club for more than a decade, Powell's achievements include:

- Recipient of the Big E Award while president of the Downtown Billings Exchange Club.
- Recipient of the Big E Award while president of the Bozeman Exchange Club.
- Founder and chief architect of the CAP Foundation for the Downtown Billings club.
- Chief organizer of Bozeman's major fundraising effort and chair of the Fundraising Committee;
- Yellowstone District president in 2004-2005;
- Yellowstone District Exchangeite of the Year last year.

"Jim is the face of Exchange in our district," Yellowstone District President Russ Yerger said.

He is also a long-standing board member of the Greater Gallatin United Way and a member of the Prospera Business Network board of directors; a volunteer coach for youth athletics; and an enthusiastic supporter and volunteer for Montana State University Bobcat athletics and related booster activities, according to the statement.

The Exchange Club focuses its efforts on making communities better places to live through service programs focused on Americanism, Youth Activities and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

This was an outstanding achievement for Jim. A newer award at Nationals Jim is only the 9th person to ever receive this award. From the 23,000+ members out there who could have won this award our very own Jim Powell stuck out from the crowd and was selected!

The Exchange Club of Butte

Thursday, 8/6 – noon @ Gamer's August Board Meeting

Thursday, 8/6 – 5:30 p.m. Mining Museum, Fire Hall Painting

Thursday, 8/20 – 5:00 p.m. Board bus for Philipsburg Theatre Trip



We had a great crowd at the Steak Fry this year with nearly 70 members and guests in attendance. The weather was perfect and we had a great social event.



Over 30 volunteers handed out flags in front of the 4th of July Parade and the group completed the route in a little less than an hour. The crowd seemed a little sparse this year in comparison to previous years and we estimated that about 11,000 flags were distributed. Some flags remain this year; they will be used at our Veterans' Day program or at a Freedom Shrine dedication.



The Civic Improvement Committee continues their work at the World Museum of Mining restoring the Fire Hall. The Hall has special meaning to the Butte Exchange Club as it was built as a memorial to Club President, Lee Williams in the 1970s. The Club will restore the building to its original condition and clean the antique fire engine inside. A major work party was held Saturday July 18th with roughly 15 volunteers in attendance. The group worked until about 2:00 PM and a great deal was accomplished. However, this is a big project and more work remains. **We will be working every Thursday evening starting at 5:30 PM** until we get the job completed. The work that remains includes interior painting, cleaning the fire truck and finishing the exterior painting and trim. The remaining exterior tasks include some ladder work. This is an important project with strong ties to the history of the Butte Exchange Club. Please come and enjoy some good Exchange Club fellowship while contributing to a worthy cause.

The Exchange Club of Great Falls

We have been busy this summer planning for the upcoming year. We have many projects planned. Right now, the Great Falls Club is working on activities for Constitution Day in September. We are reviewing the DVD recommended by National and will likely distribute it to area schools. We have also purchased a Freedom Shrine for installation at the Central Catholic High School here.

On the fun side of things, we held a BBQ in June that was well attended. We recently had to cancel a fun night at the baseball stadium due to weather but will be resetting the date. We tailgate and then attend the game together. It really is a good time.

The Exchange Club of Helena

SCHEDULE

August 19th - PBR – Fairgrounds Beer Pour
 August 20th - Golf Trip to Ennis
 August 22nd - Monster Truck Show – Beer Pour
 October 9th – 10th - Oktoberfest
 November 14th -Festival of Wines

Division 2

The Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings

After a record year for beer sales at MetraPark the Billings Breakfast Exchange club is off and running in the new administrative year. Membership is strong and so is the concert/fair/football season. We now have 107 members and hope to grow. This year's Social Committee is very able and very active so we will also have a lot of fun this year. On August 20 we have a social event at Dehler Park, followed by our annual Charity Golf Tournament in September and a social/family picnic event in September as well.

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings is heavily involved in our fundraising season right now. We have the beer concession at MontanaFair and Yellowstone Downs Horseracing. We also completed our third year supporting the Rockwell Great American Hillclimb where we spend 3 days in the hot sun and sand by the Yellowstone River to raise money for our charities. Finally, we are gearing up for our club's 60th anniversary next year, in which we play host to the District Convention.

The Heights Exchange Club of Billings

1. Our yearly camping trip. Camping Trip (August 20-23) Little Belt Mountains
2. Hosted the installation of Officers program for the 3 Billings Clubs.
3. Purchased and passed out school supplies to students in need.

Division 3

The Exchange Club of Missoula

Doing a "Ask a Friend to Lunch" recruitment program. Will be ushering at Griz Football games starting in September.

On Patriot Day (9/11) they will be handing out 3000 flags and Exchange Business cards!

They will be in the Homecoming parade for Griz football! A work-a-thon is planned to raise \$10,000 for their local Parenting Place. This is where the members donated their time to work for sponsors and get paid for it and the \$\$ goes to the fundraiser.

The Exchange Club of Kalispell

IT'S SUMMERTIME AND THE PARTIES ARE COMING AND GOING FAST! WE WILL START OUR PLANNING IN SEPTEMBER FOR FUND RAISERS, DONATIONS, AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVES. WE HAVE TWO NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER AND ARE HOPING ANOTHER WILL JOIN SHORTLY. OTHER THAN THAT, ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER.....

Division 4

The Idaho Falls Exchange Club

We are doing a membership drive - we really need some new members and it has been years since we really actively went after new members. Part of this drive is that we are changing the day of our meetings to Wednesday so that we don't conflict with the Chamber meetings as Chamber has become a very big thing in our area in the last few years. We will start meeting on Wednesday starting in September. We did a fund raising booth - selling water bottles - at the Rotary sponsored "Duck Races" down on the river last weekend. The day was REALLY cold so we didn't sell a lot, but we got some interest for new members and got our name out there for the public. The cost for doing the booth was really small, so we will still be ok after we sell of the water that is left. We will be selling it by the case for a little bit of a profit. Proceeds to go to Help, Inc. for the prevention of Child Abuse.

Division 5

The Boise Exchange Club

The Boise Club is beginning a focused membership drive. During the first part of August our club board will be identifying companies and individuals to contact for membership and involvement. We will assign these prospects to our active members during August to contact and invite to the club meetings. We plan to follow the BSA Cub Scout philosophy of "Keep it Simple....Make it Fun!" We continue to have a variety of well-received speakers to our Friday meetings. We are looking to increase our attendance at these meetings and find some good new members for our club.

The Nampa Exchange Club

No report submitted.

The Caldwell Exchange Club

No report submitted.

Club Anniversaries

Here are the charter dates for all the clubs in our district: We have a number of anniversaries this year!!

Club	Charter Date
Boise	9/8/1922
Butte (85)	1/12/1924
Nampa (60)	8/13/1949
Caldwell (60)	10/18/1949
Downtown –Billings (60)	3/4/1950
Helena	7/15/1950
Idaho Falls	8/29/1952
Missoula	10/26/1957
Great Falls	2/28/1959
Bozeman	6/20/1959
Breakfast – Billings	4/1/1967
Kalispell (30)	2/9/1980
Billings Heights (30)	2/9/1980

Looks like we have some great anniversaries to celebrate this year! Let's make a big deal out of it.

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.