



# YELLOWSTONE MESSENGER

Yellowstone District Exchange Clubs – January 2010



President's Message:

I believe winter has arrived. What a great time to sit down and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Exchangites and plan the upcoming warmer seasons.

President Elect Rolf Tandberg and I just got back from beautiful and warm Palm Springs where we went for leadership training. It was a great time with great people. WOW, what a beautiful resort. Unlike a normal hotel, all the rooms are ground level. Walk out of nearly every room and you are on the patio of one of the many swimming pools. We were even able to pick our own breakfast from the fruit bearing trees right outside our doors! This is where the National Convention will be held this July. With all the pools, grass, etc it won't be as unbearable in July as you may think. With rooms at \$105 that are normally \$500 we will definitely be spoiled at this National Convention. Please consider it in your summer plans.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> is the Western states Mid-Winter conference in Vegas. A few of us will be attending-Will you? Think fast, it is right around the corner. Basically a one day training day with new people and new ideas. It looks like it will be well worth the trip. Come on-Let it Ride and slip in an extended weekend during cold cold February!

Start planning who you want to submit for Exchangeite of the Year from your club. Remember last year how Honored were when Bozeman's Jim Powell was awarded the National Exchange Club's Exchangeite of the Year!!!

Also start thinking about your future leaders. Elections are coming up. Also think about being a District Leader. Its kinda fun!

Please keep sending in those newsletters from your clubs so we can continue to learn from each other and be involved as a team for the betterment of our communities the Exchange!

Yours Inspired by the Power of Exchange



*Yellowstone District President, 2009-2010*

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## NOW MORE THAN EVER - STAND UP WITH EXCHANGE

- February 1 – March 31
- 90 day trial membership
- Give individuals in your communities the feeling of the **POWER OF EXCHANGE**

We are coming up on the national recruitment program referred to as "Stand Up With Exchange". This a great time to bring new members into exchange. Nationals and Yellowstone District will be waiving membership dues for all new members recruited during this period. What a great way to get someone new involved-FOR FREE. Clubs have the option of whether they want to waive dues at their own level as well. Nationals will still charge the \$15 new member fee at the end of the 90 day trial period and will prorate dues to give a full 90 day FREE trial. Let's see what we can do to be the best District in the Nation recruiting during this period!!

### GIVE THE GIFT OF EXCHANGE

This year, let's begin by growing our membership. Want more members to help with service projects? Want new energy and new ideas? Want to grow your list of friends and business contacts? I am sure the answer is YES to all of those. The gift of Exchange is big enough for everyone to allow everyone to be involved in. Americanism, Community Service, Youth Programs, and the Prevention of Child Abuse. Why wouldn't someone want to be involved? Most likely they just haven't been invited. Maybe they need to actually be exposed to Exchange to see the value in it.

Do you know of at least one person who would enjoy meeting with your club members and helping your club support the community? Why not make it your personal responsibility to contact that person and invite them to a meeting of your club? It is each member's responsibility to grow Exchange so that our clubs remain a strong and viable benefit to our communities. Ask your Realtor, your Banker, your customers, your co-worker, your Church member, your FRIENDS! If every Exchange member asked just one potential new member to come to an event and see what the Club is about during this period your Club is sure to grow substantially.

What does a larger membership mean? It means a stronger organization, a bigger group of life-long friends, more manpower and more womanpower! And it means better service to your community.

I encourage all club presidents or membership committees to do one thing in the next two months. Challenge each and every club member to bring a guest to a meeting or more importantly an event. Take your club roster and make note who has brought a guest and who hasn't. Keep on those who haven't brought anyone in and make sure they know that this is part of their commitment to Exchange. At the end of the two month period hopefully everyone will have a roster with a full set of checkmarks next to it!!!!

## WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER!

Congratulations to the Downtown Exchange Club of Billings for winning the challenge to bring in the most growth during the previous "Come Home to Exchange" program. They win a free registration at the District Convention this spring! Even more so they are the big winner because they have brought new people into the Exchange network and enlightened those people's lives. Their community is also a Big Winner.

## MEMBERSHIP

So where are we at membership wise? As a district we are down 32 on the year. We need to get this back up. I know some clubs have been doing some "housecleaning" which is important to keep your clubs effective. Now we have the chance with a FREE trial membership to get our numbers back up! Here are the December 31 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!

| <b>Club</b>               | <b>7/1/09</b> | <b>9/30/09</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| <i>Boise</i>              | 16            | 17             | 1          |
| <i>Caldwell</i>           | 35            | 33             | -2         |
| <i>Idaho Falls</i>        | 21            | 18             | -3         |
| <i>Nampa</i>              | 16            | 15             | -1         |
| <i>Downtown Billings</i>  | 74            | 81             | +7         |
| <i>Breakfast Billings</i> | 106           | 97             | -9         |
| <i>Heights Billings</i>   | 28            | 28             | 0          |
| <i>Bozeman</i>            | 24            | 25             | 1          |
| <i>Butte</i>              | 97            | 96             | -1         |
| <i>Great Falls</i>        | 28            | 26             | -2         |
| <i>Helena</i>             | 58            | 56             | -2         |
| <i>Kalispell</i>          | 14            | 14             | 0          |
| <i>Missoula</i>           | 54            | 53             | -1         |

Lets start recruiting!

## ACE and Youth of the Year Awards

Once again the District is awarding scholarships for the Youth of the Year and the ACE award at the convention to be held on April 30 thru May 2, 2010. This year's theme for the Youth of the Year is "Inspired By The POWER Of Community Service. Please note! This should be the title of the essay. Please use the official form available from the National Exchange office. Also please use the official form for the ACE award available from National. Brooks will need your applications by no later than March 21, 2010. Our District Convention is going to be held earlier this year, so we need this time to judge and inform the winners so they can attend the convention. If you have any questions concerning the Youth of the Year or ACE awards you can contact Brooks Coombe at Ph: 406-494-2362, or e-mail at [brooks.coombe@gmail.com](mailto:brooks.coombe@gmail.com), his mailing address is Brooks Coombe, 135 Waldron Lane, Butte, Mt. 59701.

## Yellowstone District Exchange Calendar

**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!

**March 21, 2010** – YOTY and ACE award submittal deadline to Brooks Coombe

**April, 2010 – National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** Plan an awareness event for what you do for Child Abuse Prevention. Get the word out!

**April 30, 2010** – Deadline to submit officer Election reports to Nationals and District

**April 30, May 1,2, 2010** – Yellowstone District Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Billings, MT

**May 15, 2010** – National Award submittal deadlines for most awards.

**July 21-25, 2010** 92<sup>nd</sup> National Convention – La Quinta Resort and Club; , La Quinta, California; Come along for the "Experience".



## District Convention is coming!

Start planning for our District Convention that will be held in Billings this year. Costs to register will be the same as last year (\$140). Rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn will be \$94 plus tax. Not bad! Friday night will be fun filled with entertainment and some good fixins. Saturday morning will be training day. This year we have a great speaker from National Exchange. Very vibrant and interesting. Something pleasantly new. Paul ("Irish") McShane joined the Niceville Exchange Club in January 1998. He immediately became one of the club's most active members. Paul started out as the Americanism Chair and quickly moved up the ranks to serve as president for two terms. He won the Distinguished Club President award and the "Big E" award. Paul has been recognized by the club with the Yearling, Rookie of the Year, and the Exchangite of the Year Award twice.

McShane began serving the District as Division 6 Director; he was the first Florida District President to volunteer to serve two years, winning National's Distinguished District President award. At the 2008 National Exchange Club Convention in St. Louis, delegates elected McShane to fulfill the unexpired term of Regional Vice President for Region 9, a position he continues to hold. He currently serves on National Exchange Club's Past Officers, Restructuring, and 501(c)(3) committees. Paul is also a multiple club builder.

He currently serves the Florida District as Director for Division 4. In that position he supports the Crestview, Emerald Coast, Niceville, and Tallahassee Exchange Clubs. Paul retired from the Air Force in 1996 after 21 years of service and now works for BTAS, Inc. in Logistics. Paul and his wife, Elizabeth, have two grown daughters, Erin and Kelly. Erin served as the first President of the Niceville High School EXCEL Club.

Saturday afternoon will be free time, for some shopping, some golfing at the Exchange par 3 Golf Course in Billings, afternoon trip to Red Lodge, or ??? Look forward to more information. Also, our local Social Committees will be putting together the best Hospitality Room you have ever seen. Make your plans now to attend. Saturday evening will be the awards banquet and be sure to please.

Registration forms and more information will follow soon.

### ***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

## **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)

### **Vacant, 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 Web Site!**

**[www.exchangeclubs.org/YellowstoneDistrict](http://www.exchangeclubs.org/YellowstoneDistrict)**

# Club News

I have been forwarding all the Club Bulletins I receive. Hopefully Club presidents are forwarding these onto their members so they can see what is happening in and around the district!

## Division 1

### The Exchange Club of Bozeman

Planning a Feb 6th Charity Poker Challenge to raise money for Warriors in Quiet Waters. Encourage other clubs to participate.

### The Exchange Club of Butte

One of the really gratifying activities of the Butte Exchange Club takes place each December. This year the Spirit of Christmas committee, led by Joann Bracco, purchased toys and clothes for kids in the community who would otherwise not receive holiday presents. With an expanded budget, this year's Committee shopped for 25 children, ranging in age from 1 to 18. The children's names were provided by the Salvation Army and the Department of Child and Family Services foster care program.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> having annual Youth of the Year and ACE award recipient's Banquet.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> having Annual Fundraiser, encourage other clubs to attend.

FunRaiser – April 23rd

Get ready to “rock around the clock” ...and “let the good times roll” ... “at the hop.” The 19th annual FunRaiser will be held Friday, April 23rd at the Butte Country Club. A 50's theme will provide lots of opportunities for the decorating committee to get creative and for members and guests to dress for the occasion.

### The Exchange Club of Great Falls

No report.

### The Exchange Club of Helena

#### SCHEDULE

Reported that 154 coats have been distributed so far this year. Participating in Youth of the Year and ACE programs.

## Division 2

### The Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings

Continued sales at the Metra for beer are a sustaining fundraiser, but sales are down nearly 20% this fiscal year. Did Salvation Army Dress a Child in December and outfitted over 100 kids totaling over \$5000. Granted \$16,500 to local Charities in January. Had a well attended Christmas party. Had a float in the Downtown Holiday Parade to increase

awareness. Planning a Saturday morning Valentine's “Bring your Sweetheart to Breakfast”.

## The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings

The “Bring a Guest to lunch” program is being used once a month with good success. Guests are followed up personally by the President with a letter. An after work social follows this up where the guest is invited out for a social after work informal setting. This seems to be helping with membership. Another more direct recruiting elevator speech that is working is the fact that the networking with new people met through Exchange will help your personal economy.

Another exciting new idea being put in place is asking members to be “the Program” and selected members have the floor at meetings once a month to tell about what they do and how they may be able to provide services for other club members. This is not only business marketing for members but also lets other members who may not know them very well find out a lot more about them.

A “Mystery Speaker” program has also been implemented. One club member is selecting mystery speakers and no one, not even the President, knows who the speaker is going to be until they show up at the meeting to see. Speakers can be from any walk of life, including comedians, etc! Very Interesting..

The Downtown Club feels that having interesting speakers is crucial in membership retention.

## The Heights Exchange Club of Billings

Had annual youth Basketball Tournament held in conjunction with Skyview athletics. The event had great club participation. It took long hours and everyone's help really made it a successful event. The event was held at Skyview High school December 5th & 6th and was our most successful tournament to date raising over \$6,000.00. We had around 40 teams ranging from 5th – 8th grade boys and girls traveling from all over the State. This past December our club was fortunate enough to help 6 families from Bench and Bitterroot Elementary during our Family in need program. We were able to buy clothes and toys for each child and boxes of food for each family. May 20<sup>th</sup> will be their annual Golf Fundraiser.

## Division 3

### The Exchange Club of Missoula

Doing a “Ask a Friend to Lunch” recruitment program.

### The Exchange Club of Kalispell

No report submitted

## Division 4

### The Idaho Falls Exchange Club

May 7<sup>th</sup> having annual Vin and Ale Fundraiser.

Encourage participation by other clubs.

## Division 5

### The Boise Exchange Club

State Capitol Tour: The Idaho State Capitol Building recently underwent a four year, \$121million renovation and expansion project which was just finished 2 week ago in time for a public grand opening and the start of the 2010 Idaho legislative session. The Boise Club is planning to take a guided tour of the State Capitol as a club event some Friday afternoon after April 15th. The date has not been set yet but will be posted on our Club website in advance of the event.

Melodrama: The annual melodrama dinner and performance, conducted by the El Korah Shriners is an annual Spring event taking place in late February and early March. The Boise Club and guests plan to attend this event again this year with the date not yet set. Again, this will appear on the Club website in advance of the event.

Food and Beverage Assistance at the Idaho State-wide High School Track and Field Championships. Again this year the Boise Club will be preparing and distributing drinks, sandwiches, and refreshments for 3 days to the officiators, coaches, and assisters at this state-wide major high school athletic event to be held Thursday, May 20th; Friday, May 21st; and Saturday, May 22nd at the Boise State University stadium. This event is a major annual community function exclusively of the Boise Exchange Club at this yearly event. YMCA Splash 'learn to swim' program. Prior to March 31st, the Boise Exchange Club will donate funds to this annual learn to swim program which has been conducted with Exchange Club financial participation for over the last 50 years. The Boise Exchange Club was a founding co-sponsor of this annual program in which over thousands of kids have learned to swim. The Boise Exchange Club is the longest continual sponsor of this civic program, being a support from its inception.

### 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!!

| <b>Club</b>        |      | <b>Charter Date</b> |
|--------------------|------|---------------------|
| 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               | (60) | 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.*