

YELLOWSTONE MESSENGER

Yellowstone District Exchange Clubs - October 2008

President's Corner Russ Yerger



This is the second installment of our district newsletter distributed in electronic format. We are sending each of your club presidents this newsletter in both color and black and white versions; the color version can be distributed electronically and if you need to print a version for those of your members who need or want a hard copy, you can save a few dollars on color ink cartridges by using the black and white version.

The purpose of our district newsletter is to keep you advised of upcoming deadlines and to share information with you about other clubs' activities within the district.

Our first newsletter requested that each club keep me advised of these activities by copying me on each of your respective club's newsletters. Unfortunately, I have received only limited communications in response to this request. You are again reminded to share this information with me if you want it to be included in the district newsletter. I will be setting and notifying the clubs of the deadline for these submissions for our third newsletter.

Thank you everybody for everything you do for Exchange!

Russ Yerger
District President

Yellowstone District Officers 2008-09

Russ Yerger, District President

(Downtown Exchange Club of Billings)

Quentin Eggart, District President-Elect

(Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings)

Michele Turner, Immediate Past-President

(Exchange Club of Missoula)

Steve Miles, District Treasurer

(Exchange Club of Helena)

Cindi Farrar, District Secretary

(Exchange Club of Butte)

Brooks Coombe, Division 1 Director

(Butte, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena)

Deanna Darnielle, Division 2 Director

(Billings Big Sky, Breakfast, Heights and Downtown)

Rolf Tandberg, Division 3 Director

(Missoula and Kalispell)

Lisa Nolan, Division 4 Director

(Idaho Falls and Idaho Falls Eastside)

Jim Szatkowski, Division 5 Director

(Boise, Caldwell and Nampa)

President Elect's Message

Quentin Eggert



Greetings from your District President-Elect, Quentin Eggert. My job here is to help Russ in any way I can, therefore making my job easier next year! I want to try to help make your clubs better. I want to have communication between clubs, so we all can learn from each other's triumphs. Maybe we all can learn of a fun new project, or fundraiser, or social function that we may want to incorporate into our own clubs. I will be trying to learn from clubs across the nation some new things as well and will do my best to pass them on to everyone to think about. I would love to be included in your electronic newsletters, so I can feel the beat in each community and get to know a little more about what is happening across our district. Please just add me to the list when you send those out. I would like to find a new group of leaders for the district level out there. I know they exist, it isn't much extra time commitment, and maybe a little new blood will breed some excitement across the district. So I need to get out there and meet some of you future leaders. Invite me to a social, a fundraiser, a program of service, a meeting, I know I am geographically challenged in this large spanning district but I will do what I can. In light of that. . . I will be in the Missoula area Nov 17th thru

the 21st so if anyone would like to invite me to something on that side of the world I would love to come at that time. North to Kalispell or Great Falls, or west to Idaho, I am open for suggestions.

I would love to have the POWER to INSPIRE you to do all you can for Exchange. When we talk growth, lets talk smart growth. Getting those involved that want to do something for the community, while improving themselves and meeting new people and making new business contacts. Getting potential new leaders recognized and involved in your clubs. Make the most out of every program of service, social function, meeting, whatever. I want you to use the F word..... (FUN) when talking about what you will be doing or what you have already done. That is how membership will grow, new members will become active and your club will grow and change for the better. Instead of 20% of the members doing 80% of the work, lets get 100% of the members to do 100% of the FUN (previously known as work) because they enjoy it and who they are doing it with. I have a lot to learn. I hope to grow with you and for you.

Quentin Eggert
District President-Elect

Message from the Foundation District Representative Rolf Tandberg

Our National Exchange Club Foundation is an important tool. It is used to support our primary activities. Since 1979 we have had the prevention of child abuse as our focal program. Each year at the national convention a national symposium of the Child Abuse Prevention Centers is held. The lectures, work shops and center networking at the symposium are provided for the staff of the CAP Centers.

1. The Foundation covers the registration fees for this meeting. This allows our local CAP Centers to retain our locally generated funds to assist our local families.
2. All of our CAP Centers are evaluated and are held to the highest standards. The certification process is aided by the Foundation. One of the newest centers is in the Yellowstone District in Billings. Congratulations.
3. Innovative programs are developed, such as working with parents in pre-release centers. The results have been reduced recidivism which helps both families and our communities.

Additionally, the Foundation supports and develops our programs of service. The funds for Youth of the Year and the ACE Award recipients at the national level come from the Foundation. The Foundation Board reports that they have added a new corporate sponsor already this year. Congratulations to Stacy Stamm of the Foundation staff and the Fund Development Committee for securing Takeda Pharmaceuticals as a scholarship sponsor for next year's national winner of the Youth of the Year competition.

My request is that you, clubs and individuals, remember the Foundation in your budgeting. There are several levels of giving that are recognized. One is the Berkey Fellowship (\$1,000.00) where the money goes to the endowment and the interest is available each year. Another opportunity is the Dr. North Society which is \$1,000.00 spread over 5 years that is evenly divided between current programs and the endowment.

I am available, with advance planning, to come to your club and present a program about our Foundation. This is a large district, if anyone in Idaho or Eastern Montana would like to become a Foundation District Representative please let anyone on the District Board know and we can help that happen. Please contact me at (406) 251-4224.

Remember to Vote

Everyone should remember to exercise their sacred right to vote on November 4, 2008, and should encourage their friends and family to do so as well.



Exchange Calendar

October, 2008

National Crime Prevention Month

October 13 through 17, 2008

National Fire Prevention Week

October 25, 2008

National Day of Service

November, 2008

One National Under God Month

November 4, 2008

-VOTE!

November 15, 2008

IRS Form 990 due

November 30, 2008

Come Home to Exchange Ends

Elevator Speech

Have you ever been challenged to describe Exchange to any of your friends, acquaintances or even simple strangers on an elevator? Our mission is aptly summarized in the following suggested "elevator speech":

Exchange, America's service club, is a group of men and women working together to make our community a better place in which to live through programs of service in Americanism, community service, youth activities, and its national program-The Prevention of Child Abuse.

Club News

Division 1

The Exchange Club of Butte.

In August, the Butte Club, as part of its Make a Difference Program, installed a fenced picnic area at the YMCA for use by families while swimming. The club dedicated a Freedom shrine in late September, 2008 and will be dedicating a Freedom Shrine in December at the new YMCA. The club started their Youth of the Year project and ACE Award project in October which will run through February, 2009. With an eye towards their goal of having 100 members by January, 2009, the Butte Club is having rush parties on October 25, 2008 and November 4, 2008. It will also invite potential members to its Annual Fall Party on November 7, 2008.

The Exchange Club of Bozeman.

The Bozeman Club dedicated a Freedom Shrine in early September, 2008 and gave out American flags to kids at the MSU Homecoming Game on October 11, 2008. The club has started their Student of the Month and ACE Program for the year and is seriously committed to recruiting new members, with an eye towards getting their hands on some public service announcements from the National Office in Toledo and running them on local television and/or radio stations. The club is eagerly awaiting the celebration of its 50th anniversary on June 20, 2009.

The Exchange Club of Great Falls.

The Great Falls Club is planning on installing and dedicating a Freedom Shrine in a new school location either this fall or next spring. They recently installed a very large flag at a local park and is planning on giving out flags at the 4th of July Parade next year. The club just started their Student of the Month and ACE Award Program and is focusing on attracting new members.

The Exchange Club of Helena.

This past summer the Helena Club distributed 2,800 flags as a part of their Give a Kid a Flag Award Program. It also rededicated a Freedom Shrine at Helena Capital High School. The Annual Fireman of the Year Award was conferred by the Helena Club on October 16, 2008. The club gives \$250.00 to a fireman who donates it to a charity of his or her choice. The club's Annual Festival of Wines will be conducted on November 15, 2008. This fundraiser is designed to raise monies for the club's Coats for Kids Program. Like other clubs in the district, it is interested in attracting new members. In that regard, it hosted a tailgate party in conjunction with Carroll College's Homecoming Football Game on September 27, 2008 and in February, 2009 the club is going to have a Rush Party in conjunction with the local semi-professional hockey team.

Division 2

The Big Sky Exchange Club.

The Big Sky Club is really focused on hands on community work. The club got together to host residents of the Gateway House and their children on a trip to Zoo Montana on October 4, 2008. They helped clean a local senior citizen's yard this summer, coordinating their efforts with Big Sky Senior Services. The club also assisted with the Family Tree Center's garage sale. They have reconstituted their meeting times and locations in order to attract new members and are having a potential new member social on October 24, 2008.



Some of the participants in the Gateway House field trip to Zoo Montana sponsored by the Big Sky Exchange Club.

The Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings.

The Breakfast Club is the largest club in our district and fiercely proud of that fact, as it should be. It is extremely busy from a fundraising standpoint as it has an agreement with Yellowstone County to sell beer at the Yellowstone County multi-use entertainment facility. Several events are held at this facility requiring significant and voluminous volunteer effort by the members of this club. The Breakfast Club promoted its annual Million Dollar Hole in One Golf Tournament at the Exchange City Par 3 Golf Course on September 6, 2008, designating the Billings Public School District's Angel Fund to be the recipient of charitable proceeds from the tournament. The club recently awarded a \$5,000.00 seed grant to the Montana Rescue Mission, Women's and Family Shelter for a new program on behalf of homeless school aged children. The program, titled R.E.A.C.H.-OUT!, is an acronym for recreation, education, art, culture and health outside the walls of the shelter, and intends to engage these children in experiences and activities which stimulate mental and physical learning and creativity. Our district President-Elect, Quentin Eggert, is a Past President of the Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings.

Club News

Division 2 (continued)

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings.

The Downtown Club recently concluded its annual fundraising efforts at Montana Fair and in conjunction with horseracing conducted by Yellowstone Downs. It has recently instituted a new program designed to attract new members to the club: at one meeting per month, that meeting will be dedicated as a "Bring a New Member to Lunch" meeting with an eye towards attracting new members. The Downtown Club sponsored and hosted an All Club Officer Installation Party at the Exchange City Part 3 Golf Course on July 19, 2008 at which a 9 hole golf competition, food and beverages were enjoyed by those members and their spouses in attendance.



Downtown Exchange Club member Mike Lee is prepared for customers at the Beer Garden during the Montana Fair.



Members of the four Billings Exchange Clubs are installed into their various offices by District President Russ Yerger.

The golf tournament was enjoyed by many members at the City of Billings' Exchange Club Golf Course. before the officer installation.

The Heights Exchange Club of Billings.

No information submitted.

Division 3

The Exchange Club of Missoula.

The Missoula Club continued its practice of giving kids flags to wave during the University of Montana Homecoming Parade on September 20, 2008. Representatives of the club have set up a meeting with Community Hospital to determine if it would work with the club to implement a "Period of Purple Crying Program" which is a National Exchange Club sponsored program to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome. The club will engage in its annual Workathon as a fundraiser and continues to usher and provide election judging services as fundraisers. The club is enjoying growth, with three new members since July 1, 2008. There is talk about increasing its goal from five new members to ten new members by the end of June, 2009. As indicated below, the Exchange Club of Missoula is currently in first place for the District Growth Award.

The Exchange Club of Kalispell.

The Kalispell Club will do its annual fundraiser on November 7, 2008 at the Elks Club in Kalispell in order to fund their designated programs of service.

The Exchange Club of Sanders County.

No information submitted.

Division 4

The Idaho Falls Exchange Club.

No information submitted.

The Idaho Falls Eastside Exchange Club.

No information submitted.

Division 5

The Boise Exchange Club.

No information submitted.

The Caldwell Exchange Club.

No information submitted.

The Nampa Exchange Club.

No information submitted.

Welcome New Members!

As of September 30, 2008

Billings Breakfast Exchange Club

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
| Caree Bernhart | Trevor Haar |
| Jerry Lindh | Wiley Taylor |
| Brian Van Steeland | Dr. Robert Bergeson |

Nampa Exchange Club

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| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
| Richard Kennedy | Neil Thorne |

Helena Exchange Club

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| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
| Michael Morris | Mike Miller |

Butte Exchange Club

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| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
| Lyza Schnabel | Steve Daniel |
| John Garic | Jane Baker |
| Frank Wright | Thomas Haffey |
| James Moyle | Bruce Graving |

Idaho Falls Exchange Club

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|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
| Colleen Green | Timothy Fowler |

Missoula Exchange Club

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| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
| John Keefe | Dr. Gerald Diettert |
| Michael Colyer | Megan Kosena |
| Thaddeus Brinkman | Rolf Tandberg |

District Growth Award

As we indicated in our July, 2008 newsletter, a District Growth Award will be presented at the District Convention in Missoula in June, 2009 to the club that demonstrates the largest growth compared to its July 1, 2008 membership numbers. The positions of each club with respect to growth this year are indicated below:

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|--|-------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| Club Name | July 1, 2008..... | September 30, 2008..... | YTD |
| Exchange Club of Missoula | 50..... | 53..... | 3 |
| Exchange Club of Butte | 93..... | 95..... | 2 |
| Nampa Exchange Club | 15..... | 16..... | 1 |
| Boise Exchange Club..... | 16..... | 16..... | 0 |
| Caldwell Exchange Club | 38..... | 38..... | 0 |
| Idaho Falls Exchange Club | 21..... | 21..... | 0 |
| Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings | 101..... | 101..... | 0 |
| Exchange Club of Kalispell | 13..... | 13..... | 0 |
| Exchange Club of Sanders County..... | 17..... | 17..... | 0 |
| Exchange Club of Idaho Falls Eastside..... | 5..... | 4..... | -1 |
| Big Sky Exchange Club | 18..... | 17..... | -1 |
| Downtown Exchange Club of Billings..... | 74..... | 72..... | -2 |
| Exchange Club of Bozeman..... | 29..... | 27..... | -2 |
| Exchange Club of Helena | 60..... | 58..... | -2 |
| Exchange Club of Billings Heights..... | 31..... | 28..... | -3 |
| Exchange Club of Great Falls | 29..... | 25..... | -4 |

Club Anniversaries

The following clubs recently celebrated birthdays:

- Boise, 86 years (September 8, 1922 charter)
- Nampa, 59 years (August 13, 1949 charter)
- Caldwell, 59 years (October 18, 1949 charter)
- Idaho Falls, 56 years (August 29, 1952 charter)
- Idaho Falls Eastside, 22 years (September 17, 1986 charter), and
- Missoula will be celebrating its 51st birthday on October 26, 2008.

Charter dates for all of the clubs in our District:

| Club | Charter Date | Club | Charter Date | Club | Charter Date |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Boise..... | 09/08/1922 | Idaho Falls | 08/29/1952 | Billings Heights | 02/09/1980 |
| Butte..... | 01/12/1924 | Missoula | 10/26/1957 | Idaho Falls Eastside.. | 09/17/1986 |
| Nampa | 08/13/1949 | Great Falls | 02/28/1959 | Big Sky Exchange | |
| Caldwell | 0/18/1949 | Bozeman | 06/20/1959 | Club of Billings..... | 02/12/1994 |
| Downtown Exchange | | Breakfast Exchange | | Sanders County..... | 06/13/2005 |
| Club of Billings | 03/04/1950 | Club of Billings | 04/01/1967 | | |
| Helena | 07/15/1950 | Kalispel | 02/09/1980 | | |

Yellowstone District Convention

June 5-7, 2009

Michelle Turner and the Missoula Exchange Club are gearing up for what promises to be an exciting District Convention in Missoula on June 5th through 7th, 2009. Valuable training information and exciting speakers will be part of the program. There has been some talk about including golf as afternoon entertainment for Saturday, June 6, 2008. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event and stay tuned for more information about registration.

District Convention Awards

Please keep in mind that in addition to the District Growth Award, we customarily present awards for Exchangite of the Year, Youth of the Year, and ACE. The deadlines for submitting nominations the ACE and Youth of the Year awards is April 15, 2009. Nominations must be made on the forms specified by the National Exchange Club which can be found at www.nationalexchangeclub.org/memberarea/Awards/awards.html AND must be in the hands of Brooks Coombe, District ACE/YOY Committee Chair no later than April 15, 2009 and Brooks says "NO EXCEPTIONS." A nomination form for Yellowstone District Exchangite of the Year will be mailed to your club presidents early next year and must be submitted to me by April 15, 2009 as well.

CAP Center Status Awarded

The Family Tree Center - Billings Exchange Clubs' Child Abuse Prevention Center's application for formal designation as a National Exchange Club Foundation CAP Center was approved on July 8, 2008. Congratulations to Mary Giluilly, Executive Director, and her staff for this achievement. Mary is a member of the Big Sky Exchange Club of Billings. In addition to this recently recognized CAP Center, our District has one in Idaho Falls, the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Idaho Falls/H.E.L.P., Inc., and Missoula, The Exchange Club Parenting Place.



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.