

YELLOWSTONE MESSENGER

Yellowstone District Exchange Clubs - January 2009

President's Corner Russ Yerger



As I prepare this installment of our newsletter, I can't help but wonder about the state of our economy. I watched a story on 60 Minutes the other night about the town of Wilmington, Ohio being absolutely devastated by the closure of DHL, the largest employer in the area. I saw on the internet that Home Depot is eliminating 7,000 jobs and that Caterpillar is letting 20,000 workers go. The automobile industry is in shambles

and an alarming number of people around the country are losing their homes.

In our part of the country, we seem to be somewhat insulated from these trends, but historically our economies have simply lagged behind national patterns. I'm sure we all share the same hope that we don't soon catch up.

These troubling developments should cause you to ask, "What can I do to help?" All of us in Exchange know the value of our efforts to our communities; now more than ever we need to **PROMOTE** the spirit of volunteerism to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We need to continue doing the good things that we do and, more importantly, we need to involve more people in our communities in our efforts.

Please take a moment to identify those friends, family members and business associates who can be enlisted to help us do what we do; encourage them to attend our meetings and become involved in their communities by joining Exchange.

As National Exchange Club President Floyd Culver recently stated:

The National Exchange Club has proudly, humbly and quietly served our fellow Americans for nearly 100 years. Last year alone, Exchange members gave more than 155,000 volunteer hours and more than 8 million dollars to local communities across this great country. We have provided everything from life saving equipment to fire stations and hospitals, to giving school supplies and warm clothing to needy children, to building parks and playgrounds where they were most needed. Exchange has been serving, helping and providing for America and America alone for almost 100 years and we welcome anyone who wishes to join our forces.

Take advantage of the Stand Up America! program now in effect to promote member recruitment for your clubs. Remember, **WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in our communities; more members with fresh ideas for appropriate service projects only allows us to do more.

Thank you everybody for everything you do for Exchange!

Russ Yerger

District President

President Elect's Message

Quentin Eggert



Cabin Fever greetings from your District President-Elect. I hope everyone is ready for SPRING! And with spring comes new officer elections. Hopefully everyone is thinking about who their next club leaders will be. And while I have you on the subject....how bout we start thinking about who you want your next district leaders to be. We are going to need someone to take the reins after me and I am hoping someone steps up. It's kind of

a nice job. I get to go on nice trips, meet nice people, do fun things. I hope to get to visit all the clubs at some time this year, only 5 months left already. Time does fly by, especially when you are an officer in Exchange. What you will find tho if you do decide to become an officer or Board member is that you will grab a deeper understanding of Exchange and become more attached to Exchange than you thought possible. What starts out as another thing to fit in your tight schedule actually becomes a rewarding opportunity. (So step up and get involved!)

I would like to congratulate the Butte and Missoula clubs for their great growth through the first half of the year. Very strong clubs getting stronger, that is phenomenal. I encourage all Exchangites to look for leaders in their community to become part of exchange. Good leaders, successful business persons, and the like make great Exchangites. They have new, fresh ideas, are good volunteers, become officers and board members because they won't be part of something they aren't helping to improve. IT is also a great business networking tool, not just getting to know your fellow exchangites, families and friends, but also at the volunteer activities you do in your community you come into contact with others and expand your horizons and pool of friends. (So get others involved!)

OK, back to work for you all, and for me. Hope you all are having a good new year and I hope to visit your club soon. Once again, keep me apprised of any special events. I want to learn from you!

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Quentin Eggart, P.E.

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)

Yellowstone District Exchange Calendar

- ✓ January 1 Stand Up America ! begins
- ✓ March 27 98th Birthday of Exchange
- ✓ March 31 Stand Up America ! ends
- ✓ April National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ✓ April 18 Believe in the Blue Day
- ✓ April 30 Club Officer Election Reports due to National
- ✓ May Freedom Shrine Month
- ✓ May 15 Deadline for National Outstanding Service, Fundraising, Public Relations Awards
- ✓ May 25 Memorial Day
- ✓ May 31 Deadline for National CARE Award
- ✓ June 1 Deadlines for National Convention Credential Cards/All American Volunteer of the Year Award, Youth of the Year, ACE of the Year, Exchange of the Year
- ✓ June 5-7 District Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, Montana
- ✓ June 14 Flag Day
- ✓ June 25 Last Day for Online Applications for National Service Award
- ✓ June 30 Deadlines for National Service Award, and Big "E" Award; Club Program Development Meeting Completed
- ✓ July 15-18 National Convention, Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, Florida

Welcome New Members! As of January 31, 2008

Billings Breakfast Exchange Club

Member

Lisa Jensen
Samuel P. Jones
R. Dale Miller
Rick Myers
Chris Schaubel

Sponsor

Bruce Jensen
Edward L. Kaufman
Rodney Hessler
Willard Myers
Jeff O'Donnell

Downtown Exchange Club

Member

Kevin Lundin
Robert H. Smith

Sponsor

Chris Zimmerman
Jack C. Eagle

Big Sky Billings Exchange Club

Member

Billie C. Conner

Sponsor

Shirley Howard

Helena Exchange Club

Member

Lita Barnes
Amy Robins

Sponsor

Mark Johnston
John J. Crowley

Great Falls Exchange Club

Member

Kay L. Carbon
Eldon R. Pfile
Rachel Coutu

Sponsor

Linda G. Mettam
Mark A. Bruskotter
Linda G. Mettam

Missoula Exchange Club

Member

Clifford L. Baker
Craig E. Diettert
Barbara J. Ford
Colin McKearnan
Daniel Morgan
Don E. Thompson

Sponsor

Elwood S. Olson
Dr. Gerald Diettert
Thelma Baker
Travis R. Deaton
Jim VanFossen
Winton G. Kemmis

Butte Exchange Club

Member

Rhonda Cebulski
Mechelle Finney
Celeste Johnston
Ryan Johnston
John Morgan
Kirsten Reed
Susan Anderson

Sponsor

Thomas Daniel
April Markovich
Cindi Farrar
Cindi Farrar
Robert Carlson
Steve Daniel
Elyse Lewis

District Growth Award

Here are the standings for the District Growth Award with membership information on file at the National Exchange Club as of January 31, 2009:

<i>Club</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Missoula	60	10
Butte	98	5
Nampa	16	1
Kalispell	13	0
Breakfast	101	0
Boise	16	0
Caldwell	38	0
Idaho Falls Eastside	4	-1
Idaho Falls	21	-1
Great Falls	28	-1
Helena	58	-2
Big Sky	16	-2
Heights	28	-3
Bozeman	26	-3
Billings Downtown	71	-3

Club Anniversaries

Here are the charter dates for all of the clubs in our District:

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

National and District Membership Information/ Mid-Winter Conference Report

Quentin Eggart and I attended the National Mid-Winter Conference at the Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida on January 8 through January 11, 2009. This conference gave us an opportunity to look at the venue for the 91st National Convention scheduled for July 15 through 18, 2009; get some training; and listen to some very sobering news about national membership numbers.

While the Yellowstone District is one of three (out of 32) districts with positive growth for the year beginning July 1, 2008 (we are in third place), national membership numbers are down, although the year to date decline has not been as large as annual decline seen the last few years. The National Exchange Club is engaged in a serious financial struggle, given these declining numbers. The National Exchange Club Board of Directors at its board meeting on January 10, 2009 voted to place a \$3.00/member/quarter dues increase on the agenda for consideration by the national membership at the national convention.

If your club wants to be heard on this proposal, it can do so only by having registered and properly credentialed voting delegates in attendance at the convention.

Likewise, the Yellowstone District could be in a better financial position, however, we are not yet struggling. We do seem to have a persistent annual problem in having to draw against our savings to pay for district convention costs not covered by registered attendees. The Yellowstone District Board of Directors will meet in Special Meeting on February 12, 2009 to consider a proposal to likewise raise district dues commencing as of the start of the next membership year (July 1, 2009). Likewise, if your club wishes to be heard on this proposal, it may voice its opinion through the votes of properly registered and credentialed attendees at our district convention to be conducted in Missoula on June 5 through 7, 2009.

Stand Up America!



Stand Up America! offers a trial 90-day membership. This is a true club, district, and national partnership. The National Board has agreed to waive on quarter of dues to national. The Yellowstone District will also waive one quarter of dues for Stand Up America! members. To participate, your club must also waive dues in a similar fashion; however, this does not have to include meal charges. The new member initiation fee of \$15 will be billed to clubs 90 days after the Stand Up America! membership has joined. Please note that the pro-rated dues will be charged from that date.

100th Anniversary Logo Contest

Exchange's 100th anniversary is March 27, 2011. In anticipation of events celebrating this major milestone, the National Exchange Club is sponsoring a 100th Anniversary Logo Contest.

PRIZES

The winning designer will win:

- * \$400 airfare voucher to Detroit, Mich., for the 100th anniversary convention (sponsored by Atlas World Travel)
- * Four-night stay at the convention hotel
- * Two complete convention packages
- * Two Foundation Gala tickets

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The logo will be used in various materials, including (but not limited to) print, electronic, apparel, gift items, and others for Exchange's 100th anniversary.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

All Exchange Club members can participate in the contest, presenting one or more designs under their name.

The entry must be your original design, and not a copy that may be subject to copyright laws. Remember that the logo will be used to represent the values and ideals of the National Exchange Club.

Creativity, originality, aesthetics, use of space and color will all be used to measure the logo's merit.

Logos should include the phrase "National Exchange Club" somewhere in the design.

The use of Exchange colors (Reflex Blue, Pantone 201 Red, and Pantone 874 Gold) and the Exchange logo and emblem is highly encouraged.

Entries must be received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009. The winning design will be announced at the 2009 National Convention.

SUBMISSIONS

E-mail logos to info@nationalexchangeclub.org or mail to 100th Anniversary Logo Contest, The National Exchange Club, 3050 Central Avenue, Toledo OH 43606 by May 31, 2009. Please include your name, club affiliation, your e-mail address, and your telephone number.

E-mail submissions should be in high resolution jpeg format.

Mail-in submissions should be printed in color and on letter-sized 8 ½ x 11-inch white paper.

Winning artwork will need to be converted into EPS format. All text in EPS files should be converted into outlines (i.e., into a vector graphic).

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National Exchange Club
91st Convention & 26th Symposium
July 15-18, 2009

2009 Cruise Fundraiser for the National Exchange Club Foundation

Join us for a 5-day Bahamas Cruise aboard the Carnival Fascination following the 2009 National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. Atlas World Travel is holding a limited number of cabins at this time so book now while space is still available!

The cost of the cruise includes a \$25 per person donation to the National Exchange Club Foundation. Carnival Cruise Lines will match this by donating \$25 per person. \$50 per person will apply to your Medallion Level. Donations are based on two travelers per cabin. In addition to the donation, Atlas World Travel will provide a \$25 per cabin onboard credit.

Cruise Rates from... Itinerary

Interior	Oceanview	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
\$415	\$475	Mon 7/20/09	Jacksonville, FL		4:00pm
\$580.62	\$635.62	Tues 7/21/09	Fun Day at Sea		
per person	per person	Wed 7/22/09	Key West, FL	7:00am	3:00pm
including all	including all	Thu 7/23/09	Nassau, Bahamas	11:00am	10:00pm
taxes &	taxes &	Fri 7/24/09	Fun Day at Sea		
government	government	Sat 7/25/09	Jacksonville, FL	8:00am	
fees	fees				

The above rates do not include airfare or transfers. Upgrades may be available at an additional charge.

For more information, please contact Melissa Dykhuis at 800-776-2852 or mdykhuis@atlasworldtravel.com.

** Donations are on behalf of Atlas World Travel, Carnival Cruise Lines and the travelers. Rates are subject to change based on availability.*



Fuel charges and taxes are subject to change.

Club Reporting

Please encourage your club secretary to take a few minutes to get current on reporting to National all of your programs of service and membership changes. This greatly facilitates the work of the National headquarters staff and helps reduce the tremendous workload imposed upon them by clubs reporting their programs of service at the last minute in June.

Yellowstone District Convention

Our Annual District Convention will be conducted starting on Friday, June 5, 2009 and concluding after breakfast on Sunday morning, June 7, 2009. The district convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, Montana which is located at 3720 North Reserve Street. We have arranged for a block of rooms at a special rate of \$109.00 (single or double occupancy, 1 king or two queens; local accommodation taxes are extra). Individuals can make reservations by calling the hotel at (406) 532-5300; or toll free (877) 782-9444 or on the web at www.missoula.hgi.com. Please reference Yellowstone District Exchange Club when making reservations.



Convention registration materials will be distributed electronically in the very near future and will also be posted on our district website, www.exchangeclubs.org/yellowstonedistrict/.

Rolf Tandberg, Division 3 Director, and the Missoula Exchange Club, have been working hard on

organizing this event, which promises to be fun-filled and action-packed. At Saturday night's banquet, we will honor our Youth of the Year and ACE Award winners, together with the Yellowstone District Exchangite of the Year; we will also present the District Growth Award.

Saturday afternoon recreation time will include a golf competition.

Stay tuned for more information.

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.

Club News

Division 1

The Exchange Club of Bozeman

The Bozeman Club dedicated a Freedom Shrine in November at Chief Joseph Middle School. The club also held a major fundraiser on January 31, its Annual Charity Poker Challenge which took place at Mixers in Bozeman. The club hooked up with Hawthorne Elementary School PAC in order to help them raise money for badly needed playground equipment.



The Exchange Club of Butte

The Butte Club, as usual, has been involved in many activities of community good works. Club members got up early on Saturday morning, October 25, 2008 to participate in the National Day of Service. Flower beds were cleaned out and trash was picked up in the adjacent parking lot at Quartz and Wyoming. The club then proceeded to the World Museum of Mining to stain five new benches donated by the club to the Museum. The Day of Service concluded with a world famous bratwurst barbecue at Tom Daniels' place. The club later supplemented its National Day of Service efforts by collecting non-perishable food for the Butte Food Bank. Brigadier General John Walsh, the Commander of the Montana National Guard, was the featured speaker at the club's Veteran's Day Program on Tuesday, November 11. The club celebrated the 85th anniversary of being chartered



National Day of Service 2008 -- Michael Monson, Joann Bracco and Amy Davis help with cleaning and bulb planting at an Uptown Butte flowerbed maintained by the Butte Exchange Club.

on January 12, 1924 at its regular meeting on January 13, 2009. I was privileged to be able to visit the club that day and install five new members. The Butte Exchange Club conducted its Annual Spirit of Christmas Project by purchasing gifts for 19 children chosen from



Veteran's Day 2008-- Adj. General John Walsh, head of the Montana National Guard, was the speaker and honored guest for the Butte Exchange Club's Veteran's Day event.



Spirit of Christmas Committee and young volunteers bought and wrapped Christmas gifts for 25 children in foster care and Salvation Army Angel Tree.

lists provided by the Salvation Army and Department of Family Services, spending almost \$1,500.00 for this worthy cause. In many cases these gifts represented everything the children received for Christmas that year. The Butte Club is looking forward to its Annual Student of the Year and ACE Award Banquet to be held on February 17, 2009 beginning at 6 o'clock p.m. at the War Bonnet Hotel. Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger will be the club's keynote speaker for this event.

The Exchange Club of Great Falls

The club's Annual Poker Challenge will be held in April, 2009. The club will be installing another Freedom Shrine in the spring. The Great Falls Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary of being chartered on February 28, 2009.

The Exchange Club of Helena

The Helena Club conducted its "Festival of Wines" on November 15, 2008 to raise proceeds to fund their "Coats for Kids" project. The fundraiser was extremely successful and the club raised enough money to purchase 125 new winter coats.

Division 2

The Big Sky Exchange Club

The Big Sky Club continued its involvement with the Festival of Trees program benefitting the Family Tree Center-Billings Exchange Clubs' Child Abuse Prevention Center. Club members decorated trees on December 3rd



and participated in the live tree auction at the Festival of Trees Gala Event the following day. After trees were sold, club members volunteered in delivering trees that were purchased at the auction. The club also provided Christmas cards, containing \$25.00

each, to some of the poorest clients of Senior Helping Hands allowing these individuals to have a bit of money that they could spend on themselves around Christmas. The Big Sky Club will celebrate the 15th anniversary of their charter on February 12, 2009.

The Breakfast Exchange Club of Billings

The Breakfast Club awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Yellowstone County. The Breakfast Club also helped sponsor the Festival of Trees benefitting the Family Tree Center-Billings Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention Center. Members of the Breakfast Club also participated in their annual Dress a Child Holiday Gift program and the Senior Tour of Lights. Billings Central High School students are appearing at regular meetings of the club as part of its Youth of the Year program. The Breakfast Club also hosted a new member orientation on January 27.

The Heights Exchange Club of Billings

This year the club had a two phase program to complete its National Day of Service work. Phase 1 took place by cleaning up and trimming around signs at the Boot Hill Cemetery. Phase 2 of the project consisted of providing

cleanup assistance of the Learning Garden at Bench School. The club also conducted its annual Child in Need program by which it worked closely with Bench and Bitterroot Elementary Schools to come up with a list of families for whom food, clothes and toys were purchased. The club remains involved supporting the Intensive Community Supervision Program by attending graduations held at the Yellowstone County Courthouse for those young men successfully completing the program. The club is also involved in its Youth of the Month and ACE Awards programs. Members of the club presented a flag to the Bitterroot School on January 9; will promote and conduct its Youth Basketball Tournament in April; and will have its annual golf tournament fundraiser in May. [insert photos]

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings

The club recently donated \$10,000.00 to the Beartooth Elementary School PTA to help purchase and build a new playground at the school. Funding came from the operation of the Exchange City Par 3 Golf Course. The club will hold its 4th Annual Texas Hold



Em' Charity Poker Challenge on April 18 at the Elks Club in Billings. The club continued its tradition of helping Santa deliver gifts to 1st and 2nd graders at



Orchard, Newman and Ponderosa Elementary Schools. The club has also been conducting its Bring a Guest to Lunch Program; the last regular meeting of each month is designated as "Bring a Guest" day. Of course, guests are welcome at all meetings.

Division 3

The Exchange Club of Missoula

The Missoula Club recently participated in its annual Workathon as a fundraiser and will be conducting a fundraising rummage sale in 2009.

The Exchange Club of Kalispell

No information submitted.

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.