

District President's Comments

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Exchange Club of Bozeman

This issue of our District's newsletter will coincide with Exchange's National Convention in Salt Lake City. I'm sure all our members who are able to attend will both learn a lot and have a great time.

For sure they can represent the Yellowstone District with justifiable pride. In my view, we have collectively enjoyed some measurable successes over the last twelve months. Much of this success is reported more fully elsewhere in this edition, but maybe the following will convey my personal views on some of the activities.

The series of charity poker events held across Montana beginning last January generated thousands of dollars to support our local clubs programs of service. We haven't even approached the potential these events have as fund raisers. With the second round already in the planning phase, we can expect to be "a year smarter" in moving toward that potential. At the same time we offer our Idaho clubs, (as well as the Butte and Sanders County clubs) who are interested in this activity whatever we have that will make them be "a year smarter" their first time out of the chute.

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District Immediate Past President's Comments

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Exchange Club of Bozeman



Pres-Elect Powell receiving gavel from Natl
Pres-Elect DeFeao

Hello Fellow Exchangites!

Just a quick note to bring you up to speed on a couple of things as we wind down the 2004/2005 Exchange year. I had the pleasure of representing Yellowstone District in late June at the Charter Banquet for the newly formed XC Club of Sanders County in Thompson Falls, MT. Kathleen McBride of the Butte XC Club, incoming District President-elect, and Bob Soper, Bozeman Club Sec/Treas. accompanied me on the trip. Missoula Club President Michelle Turner, current District Director Fred Gerlach, incoming District Director Rolf Tandberg, as well as others from the Missoula club attended (the Missoula club is the sponsor of this new club – special thanks to them for all of their support, both financially and personally). I am pleased to report that the XC Club of Sanders County is off to a roaring start with 24 charter members. Special congratulations go out to Charter President Al McGuigan of Thompson Falls for his efforts in pulling this new club together. They of course will need the continual support and guidance from all of us as we go forward in time.

I hope to see many of you in SLC at the National Convention in mid July. As usual, the district will have a supply of pins for those in attendance at the convention – I would ask that the club secretaries from each club that will have members attending the convention respond to me with those that are going so I can keep them in the loop as to a time and place for the YDE attendees to meet and hand out pins etc. I would also encourage each club to continue its' reporting of efforts regarding POS (programs of service). As we discussed at the district convention, it is important for each club and its members to be recognized for all the good work that is being done in your communities.

Finally, it has truly been a pleasure representing you all as District President this past year. As my term has now ended, I am comforted by the excellent leadership team in place to continue to carry out the work of the Yellowstone District.

Yours in Exchange,

Jim Powell
District Immediate Past President

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By any measurement the 2005 District convention at Chico Hot Springs was an unqualified success. You can be sure that I and the rest of your District Board will make every effort to meet or exceed the Chico experience when we convene in West Yellowstone next spring. Please plan to join us.

The creation of an Exchange club in Sanders County, Montana is the most exciting advance in District growth in a long time.

It was a great way for Jim Powell to complete his year of distinguished leadership as Yellowstone District President. It is important that we continue an upward trend in membership.

There will be another Stand Up America campaign this fall. Start thinking now how to best exploit the program's recruiting incentives in your community.

This is already longer than I planned. For those of you still reading, I admire your stamina. In closing, I'm proud to serve as your President for 2005-2006 and look forward to serving in unity with you through the coming twelve months.

Rick Benson
Bozeman
July 2005

Pictures from the 2005 Convention



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR BEGINS

PLACE: EVERY CLUB

JULY 1 ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR BEGINS

NATIONAL CONVENTION

LITTLE AMERICA, SLC UT

JULY 14-17

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT MEETING/REPORT DUE

PLACE: EACH CLUB

August 15

2006 YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 28th thru 30th, 2006, at the

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in West Yellowstone, MT

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2004-2005 Directors

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Pictures from the 2005 Convention Continued



New Exchange Club of Sanders County (Thompson Falls MT area)



President Powell presenting XC Club satchel to club builder Al McGuigan



DP Powell presents the Club Builder Award to Al I-r YDE Div 3 Director Roth Tandberg, YDE PE Kathleen McBride, Al DP Powell, Bozeman Club Sec/Treas Bob Soper, outgoing Div 3 Director Fred Gerlach



DP Powell with officers inducted at event I-r Al, DP Powell, Carol Morehouse Sec/Treas., Allyson Perring PE, Don Burrell Director, also pictured is member Eileen Stone



DP Powell presenting new charter to Al

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