

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS—APRIL 2008



2008 CONVENTION

**FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS,
NEAR BUTTE, MONTANA
MAY 16-18, 2008**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 16TH, AT THE
2008 DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Friday evening of the Yellowstone District Convention is traditionally a social evening with time to meet and talk with other Exchange members from across Montana and Idaho.

This year on Friday, May 16th will be an adventure starting with a train ride on the Cooper King Express excursion train, operating over the historic rails of the legendary, Butte, Anaconda and Pacific Railway. The train will pick us up at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort crossing and will take us into Butte, with lots of great scenery and some narration along the way. We will have snacks on board and drinks will be available. The train will begin loading at 5:30 p.m. and will leave at 6:00 sharp!

Our destination in Butte is the Butte Depot, an historic train depot. We will have a Cornish pasty dinner followed by a celebration of Butte's famous Irish history. "Dublin Gulch" an acoustic band from Butte, will entertain us with traditional Irish folk songs, songs from a variety of contemporary Irish songwriters and tunes from the Celtic traditions. The Tiernan Irish Dancers will also be performing. This energetic group of dancers

**Make your reservations by: April 21, 2008
for the 2008 Yellowstone District Convention**

Our block of rooms will be released after April 21st and we encourage you to make your reservations on time so you can be near all the action for this Convention.

To make your reservation call Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, near Butte, Montana, telephone 1-800-332-3272 or (406) 797-3241. Ask for the "Yellowstone District Exchange" group rate or give them the date for our Convention (May 16-18, 2008).

from Butte performs traditional Irish dances to the lively music played by the Dublin Gulch band. This should be an exciting and fun-filled evening for Exchange Club members and their families.

Following the entertainment, we will board the train for the trip back to Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.

The train can accommodate 75 people, so **please register early** to allow us time to make room for everyone who wants to come on board the train excursion.

Remember the train will be loading starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16th. The train will leave Fairmont at 6:00 p.m. If you do not plan to take the train (or if you miss the train), you can meet us at the Butte Depot, 818 S. Arizona, Butte, about 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served as soon as the train arrives at the Butte Depot, followed by the entertainment. We expect to load the train for the trip back to Fairmont at about 9:15 p.m.

Remember to wear a wee bit of GREEN!!!

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE
2008 YELLOWSTONE
DISTRICT CONVENTION!**

MISSION STATEMENT

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

**90th National Convention
7/9-12/2008 Millennium Hotel,
St Louis Mo**

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 Comradship in my social and business relationships;
To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

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THINGS TO DO IN THE BUTTE AREA DURING THE CONVENTION

You will have some “free time” time on Saturday afternoon until about 6:00 p.m.

Here are some ideas of things to do in the Butte area near Fairmont Hot Springs:

The World Museum of Mining/Hell Roaring’ Gulch was founded by members of the Exchange Club of Butte, Montana in the 1960’s. On Saturday afternoon, May 17, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. the Mining Museum will be dedicating a Plaque commemorating the many Exchange Club members who put so much time and effort into capturing this significant piece of Butte and Montana history. The members of the Butte Exchange Club invite everyone attending the Convention to come to the Mining Museum for this dedication ceremony, which will include free admission to the Mining Museum and free guided tours, including a trip down into an underground mine. The dedication ceremony will take about 15 minutes, so there will be lots of time to wander the streets of the Museum and to take the tours. This museum is more than just about mining--it is also about the people, politics, pride and individuality that shaped the West.

The World Museum of Mining is located in Butte, just to the west of the Montana Tech college campus. We will have maps available at the convention registration desk and we will ask people to sign up so we can car pool as much as possible.

Butte, Montana—The largest historic district in the country. There are well-preserved examples of 20th century buildings. Enjoy a self-guided walking tour, or a guided tour or an Underground City Tour by Historical Walking Tours in Uptown Butte, or wander through the many shops of this historic city on the hill.

Golf at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort—This golf course is at the Convention location. (800) 332-3272.

Golf at the Old Works Golf Course, a Jack Nicholas signature designed course, in nearby Anaconda, Montana (about 10 miles from the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort) (406) 563-5827

Enjoy a scenic drive to Philipsburg, Montana. It is a beautiful drive which goes by Georgetown lake and through a spectacular canyon. Philipsburg is a 19th century mining town with beautifully painted buildings, a jewelry store featuring Montana sapphires and an old time candy store. (The jewelry and candy stores are open on Sunday but closed Saturday)

Mine for sapphires at Gem Mountain.

Drive to Deer Lodge and visit the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, Old Montana Prison and Montana Auto Museum

Go fishing in the nearby Clark Fork River at Warm Springs or drive a little further to the Big Hole River.

Relax in the hot springs fed pools at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.

We will have materials and information on all this at the Convention Registration Desk when members arrive.

If you have questions, please contact Kathleen McBride, Immediate Past President of the Yellowstone District and facility coordinator for 2008 Yellowstone Convention at (406) 782-5800 or e-mail mcbrideck@aol.com

From the President (To My MVP’s:)

CALL FOR CONVENTION

The Yellowstone District Exchange Club would like to invite you and your family to the District Convention May 16-18th at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.

There are a MANY tasks to be accomplished by you, your clubs, and your district both before the convention and during the convention. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

For a great time, make plans to join us. Your fun will include visiting with friends and meeting NEW Exchangers. Your families will love the sites and accommodations at Fairmont Hot Springs (the biggest pool you’ve ever seen) & the Butte area. Especially, not to be missed, the TRAIN ride and entertainment Friday night. There will be a hospitality suite open Friday & Saturday night for more socializing!

Do NOT miss the deadline for getting your reservations booked by April 21st.

Deadlines: ACE & Youth of the Year nominations to Brooks by April 9th.

District Exchange of the Year nomination forms to me by April 21st

Convention Registration forms – ASAP!!

**We need to know the numbers for the TRAIN!

Items to bring: Club banners, door prize item(s), scrapbooks

Events scheduled:

- Friday train ride to Butte, dinner, and Irish dancing entertainment. (Wear Green!)
 - Saturday morning training with Special Guest RVP Anne Marie Logue
 - Elections
 - Saturday afternoon to explore Butte. See “Things to Do in Butte”
 - Saturday night awards banquet including ACE & Youth of the Year & installations
- Sunday – District & Region updates. National Convention discussion and “Meet your incoming President, Russ Yerger”.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN US!! You will not want to miss the fun. See you there.

Thank you for your hard work this year in making a difference in your communities and in the lives of children. Thank you for your continued efforts in growing Exchange.

You are ALL MVP’s.

Michele Turner

Dream Team 2007-2008

Club Election Reports Are Due with your Elections!!

Steve Miles, the Yellowstone District Secretary, reminds you to submit your election results between NOW and April 30, 2008. This information is essential for the District and National Exchange Club to communicate with your Club leadership. Send the election results and contact information to: **Steve Miles, PO Box 1054, Helena, MT 59624** Also send a copy of the same information to: **National Exchange Club, 3050 Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606**

AWARD CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2007, the following changes, noted in bold, were made to three of our awards.

Club Membership Achievement Award:

Net increase of at least 5 members and **maintain an 85% or higher retention rate.**

Club Superior Membership Achievement Award:

Net increase of 8 or more members and **maintain a 90% or higher retention rate.**

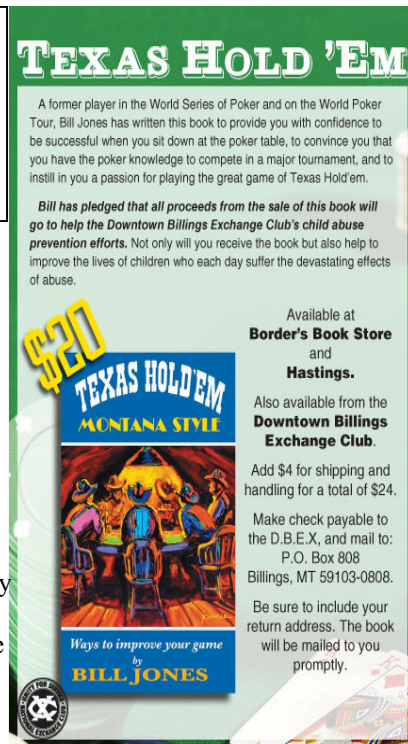
Big "E" Award:

Assist any 25 member or larger club to achieve a net membership increase of 10 or more with documentation of the effort reported to Headquarters. (this is an additional option under Extension/Expansion)

All clubs must maintain an 85% or higher retention rate.

The definition of *retention* is maintaining the same individual members on your roster from July 1 through June 30. *Also*, a new exciting award went into effect on July 1, 2007.

The **Club Hat Trick Award** includes the following criteria: 1. Build a new Exchange Club that charters by June 30 *or* assist an under strength club in a growth campaign that results in a net increase of 20 members. 2. Show a minimum net increase of one new member for the year and 3. Have a 90% retention rate for the year.



DISTRICT EXCHANGITE OF THE YEAR

The Yellowstone District is seeking nominations for this year's John Elliott District Exchangite of the Year Award.

The purpose of this award is to honor an Exchangite of the Yellowstone District who best exemplifies the true meaning of Exchange by his or her participation in Exchange sponsored activities as well as service in civic, community, business and religious activities within his or her community.

Requirements for nomination allow each club to make one nomination. The nominee must be in good standing of a chartered Yellowstone District Exchange Club as of March 31, 2008. All Exchange Club members are eligible except current District Officers, District Directors, and the Immediate Past District President. No Exchangite may receive this award more than once.

In selecting the Yellowstone District's John Elliot Exchangite of the Year, the criteria for consideration include:

1) Club activities, including but not limited to: leadership, membership, program and fundraising;

2) Community service, including, but not limited to: church, community committees such as Boy/Girl Scouts, Health, Senior Citizens or other non-profit organizations, and civic affiliations

3) Other (other areas felt to be significantly important to the candidate's consideration of the award)

Selection of the recipient of the District Exchangite of the Year will made by a committee comprised of the of the District Directors and District Officers. The selection committee will review all applications timely received and will base their individual decision only on the material set forth in the nomination form. Presentation of the John Elliot Exchangite of the Year Award will take place at the Yellowstone District Annual Convention at the Banquet on Saturday evening, May 17, 2008.

Each nomination form shall contain a narrative of the nominee's qualifications. The form will be the only basis for selecting the recipient of the award. No point scoring shall be conducted and the award shall be made on the basis of mutual agreement of the selection committee.

The deadline for submission for the District Exchangite of the Year Award is APRIL 21, 2008.

The Nomination Form is available on the Yellowstone District website at:

<http://www.exchangeclubs.org/YellowstoneDistrict> or by contacting:

Michele Turner, Dist. Pres.,
P.O. Box 460271, Huson, MT 59846 or
e-mail to mturner@fbmsla.com

District Elections at the District Convention

The District's nominating committee has been working to find qualified Exchangites for District President, President-Elect, Secretary Treasurer and Directors for Division 2 (the 4 clubs in Billings) and Division 4 (Idaho Falls and Eastside Idaho Falls)

The nominations are:

President—	Russ Yerger
President-Elect—	Quentin Eggart
Secretary—	We are still looking
Treasurer—	Steve Miles
Division 2 Director—	Deanna Darnielle
Division 4 Director—	We are still looking

We are still looking for a nominee for the office of Secretary and for the Division 4 Director in the Idaho Falls area. If you are interested please contact Russ Yerger at (406) 256-1500 or by e-mail ryerger@180com.net or Kathleen McBride at (406) 782-5800 or by e-mail mcbrideck@aol.com

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the District elections which will take place at the District Convention at Fairmont Hot Springs near Butte, Montana, on Saturday morning May 17th.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS 2008 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

WHEN: May 16-18th 2008

WHERE: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
1500 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, Montana
(West of Butte, Off at Exit 211 from I-90)

1-800-332-3272 or (406) 797-3241, or www.FairmontMontana.com

HOTEL REGISTRATION:

A block of rooms is reserved at a convention rate of \$ 99 (queen) + Montana room tax per night for single or double occupancy. Ask for "Yellowstone District Exchange" to receive this rate.

Accommodations not booked by April 21, 2008 cannot be guaranteed. (The unreserved block of rooms will be released.)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

(This year one club officer from each club is entitled to a waived convention full registration package, so long as the club is in good standing with the District and National Exchange.)

FULL REGISTRATION PACKAGE: (Includes registration fee and meals)

Paid Package: \$150 x _____ = \$ _____ [without train ride \$140.00 x = \$ _____]

Waived Package: \$0.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday banquet meal choice(s) _____ Beef _____ Halibut

INDIVIDUAL COSTS (AL A CARTE):

Convention Registration Fee: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Train Ride, Dinner and Entertainment:

Adults: \$55 x _____ = \$ _____ or without train ride \$45 x _____ = \$ _____

Children \$10 x _____ = \$ _____ or without train ride \$5 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast:

Adults: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Children: \$ 5 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet:

Adults: \$40 x _____ = \$ _____

Children: \$ 5 x _____ = \$ _____

Indicate meal selection: _____ Beef _____ Halibut

Sunday Breakfast:

Adults: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Children: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____ No refunds on cancellations after May 11th

Member Name _____ Club _____

Current Club Status _____ Member _____ Pres _____ Pres Elect _____ Other Officer _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Children attending _____

PAYMENT: Please make checks payable to "Yellowstone District Exchange" and forward with this form to Steve Miles, Yellowstone District Treasurer, PO Box 1054, Helena, MT 59624-1054

QUESTIONS: Kathleen McBride 406-782-5800 (work) or mcbrideck@aol.com

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Exchange Club of Boise

National Service Award

The National Exchange Club presents the National Service Award to Clubs throughout the country to recognize clubs for outstanding service to their communities. To earn this award, a club must conduct a project in each of the four (4) service areas—Americanism, Youth, Community Service, and Child Abuse Prevention—and sponsor any two additional projects. When you report your programs and activities to National Exchange headquarters, you will receive a banner patch for each project and when you meet the criteria for the National Service Award, your club will be sent a National Service Award patch along with individual label pins for each club member. Deadlines for submission for your Club's programs and projects for this year is June 23, 2008 for online applications. Mailed applications must arrive at National Exchange Headquarters by June 30, 2008.

As of Mar 24, 2008 Club Name	Comm Serv	Youth	Amercn	CAP	Fund Raising	NMAF	NSA sent	CP DEV MTG REP
Boise	2	1	1	2			03/11/08	
Caldwell								
Idaho Falls			1					
Nampa								
Downtown Billings	2*	2	3	1	2		03/11/08	
Breakfast Billings			1					X
Billings Heights	2	3	1	4	3		11/30/07	
Bozeman	2	3	2					X
Butte	8*	11	5	6			01/07/08	X
Great Falls								X
Helena			1		1			X
Kalispell								
Missoula	1*	2	2	1			03/28/08	X
Idaho Falls Eastside								
Big Sky Billings			1					
Sanders County								

Nominations for the District Youth of the Year and the District A.C.E. Award due by April 9, 2008

A.C.E. Award

Each year the Yellowstone District invites all Clubs to make submission for the District's A.C.E Award. The deadline for this year's A.C.E. nominations is **April 9, 2008**. The winner will be honored at the District Convention Banquet on Saturday evening May 17th, at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, near Butte, Montana.

A.C.E. stands for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence. This program recognizes high school students who have made a dramatic change in their attitude and performance during their high school years. These turnaround students have overcome adversities and are prepared for graduation from high school.

For consideration by the District, submissions must be made as follows:

Candidates should use the official A.C.E. Award nomination form available from National Headquarters 1-800-EXCHANGE, ext 123.

The winner of the District A.C.E. Award must be able to attend Banquet at the District Convention on Saturday evening, May 17, 2008, in at Fairmont Hot Spring Resort, near Butte, Montana, and be prepared to read his or her essay.

All A.C.E. applications must be mailed and received by Brooks Coombe, Chair of the ACE/Youth of the Year Award Committee, not later than **April 9, 2008**. NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE DUE DATE! The winner will be notified by May 1, 2008.

A.C.E. applications should be mailed to:

Brooks Coombe
Chairman ACE/Youth of the Year Awards
135 Waldron Lane, Butte, MT 59701

Youth of the Year

Each Exchange Club in the Yellowstone District is invited and encouraged to submit its nominee for the District Youth of the Year Award by **April 9, 2008**. The winner of the District Youth of the Year Award will be honored at the District Convention Banquet on the evening of Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, near Butte, Montana.

For consideration by the District, submissions must be made as follow:

Youth of the Year Award candidates should use the official Youth of the Month/Year nomination forms available from National Headquarters 1-800-EXCHANGE, ext 123.

This year's essay them is "America's Youth: Expanding Our Horizons"

The winner of the District Youth of the Year Award must be able to attend Banquet at the District Convention on Saturday evening, May 17, 2008, at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, near Butte, Montana, and be prepared to read his or her essay.

All applications for the District Youth of the Year Award must be mailed and received by Brooks Coombe, Chair of the ACE/Youth of the Year Award Committee, not later than **April 9, 2008**. NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE DUE DATE! The winner will be notified by May 1, 2008.

Youth of the Year applications should be mailed to:

Brooks Coombe
Chairman ACE/Youth of the Year Awards
135 Waldron Lane, Butte, MT 59701

The Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year are one of the most popular youth projects for Exchange Clubs throughout the Yellowstone District. These awards recognize hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. This program not only rewards outstanding young people, but also provides an incentive for other youngsters to strive for equally high levels of achievement. Once a Club establishes a successful Youth of the Month program, the ground work is set for the annual Youth of the Year competition. Selection of the Youth of the Year is simply made from the club's Youth of the Month recipients for that year. Upon each club's application, the club's Youth of the Year advances to the district competition by following the criteria set forth above and the District's Youth of the Year has an opportunity to vie for the prestigious National Youth of the Year.

For more information about making your Club's submission for the 2007 District Youth of the Year Award and the District A.C.E. Award contact Brooks Coombe, Division 1 Director and Chair of the District Youth of the Year and ACE Award Committee, at (406) 494-2362.

Officer Election Results due April 30th ACE & Youth of the Year Nominations due April 9th

District Convention May 16-18 National Convention July 9-12



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