

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS—FEBRUARY 2008



2008 CONVENTION

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2008 YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT CONVENTION!

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

Make plans to attend the 2008 Yellowstone District Convention on May 16 through 18th at Fairmont Hot Springs, near Butte, Montana. This is our one opportunity each year to meet face to face with other Exchangites from all over Montana and Idaho and to share our ideas and accomplishments. This year we are planning a convention filled with opportunities for clubs to exchange information and to learn more from National Exchange Club representatives, with the hope that you will come away from the Convention fired up and filled with helpful information to take back to your individual clubs. We are particularly honored to have **Anne Marie Logue**, the Regional Vice President from Region 11 joining us for this Convention.

The Convention events kick off beginning Friday, May 16th at 3:30 p.m. with a District Board meeting which all Exchangites are encouraged to attend. The Friday evening entertainment follows with a train ride on the Copper King Express from the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort into Butte for a fun-filled evening with a pasty dinner and entertainment celebrating Butte's lively Irish history. The train will then return to Fairmont Hot Springs and throughout the train rides a no-host bar will be available.

Saturday morning will be jam packed with our training session focused on Growth and Fundraising ! In addition, we will also be conducting the District elections on Saturday morning.

You will have several hours of free time on Saturday afternoon before the evening Banquet, featuring National Exchange Club Regional Vice President Anne Marie Logue as our Keynote Speaker. The Banquet will begin Saturday evening at about 6:30 p.m. and should be an exciting evening honoring the Student of the Year and the ACE Award winning students and lots of other activities.

Sunday morning we will meet for a few hours in a final convention session.

This year we will also have a training session designed for Club officers, particularly incoming club presidents, secretaries and treasurers, and club directors. This training session will be designed to give these officers and club directors a head start with planning for their next year as club leaders.

Your District officers and directors are working hard to make this Convention educational, worthwhile and fun for all of you and your families who attend.

So mark your calendars, fill out the Registration Form enclosed (pg 4)and plan to attend the 2008 Yellowstone District Convention at Fairmont Hot Springs near Butte, Montana, on May 16, 17, and 18, 2008!

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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“From the Desk of the President-Elect”

Greetings to all of my Yellowstone District Exchangites! Since being elected your President-Elect at our District Convention in Bozeman last May and taking office as such on July 1, 2007, I have been involved in a fair amount of Exchange business.

I attended the 43rd National Leadership Conference in Toledo, Ohio from September 26th through September 30th, 2007 with 29 of the other 31 District Presidents-Elect. The program was chaired by Floyd Culver, the 2008-09 National President and run by Mark Izzi of the National Exchange Club staff. I met a lot of interesting and entertaining people. Training was intense and extremely educational and left me very enthusiastic about the future of the Yellowstone District.

I have also had an opportunity to attend meetings



of the Kalispell, Big Sky (Billings) and Downtown Billings (of which I'm a member) Clubs and share my experiences at the leadership conference with those members. In the future when I'm traveling associated with my business, I am always mindful of opportunities to get together with your clubs. If I'm going to be in your neighborhood be assured that I'll get in touch with one of your officers in advance to see if I can attend your meetings.

The Yellowstone District is currently busy planning for its annual convention which will be held this year on May 16 through May 18 at Fairmont Hot Springs. The convention promises to be a lot of good fun and will provide those attending a lot of good information about Exchange. The national representative for the convention will be Region 11 (New Jersey-New York, Mid-Atlantic; Virginia-Maryland-Delaware) Vice President Anne Marie Logue from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I met Anne Marie at the National Leadership Conference and she's a vibrant, knowledgeable person and we are lucky to have her attending our convention.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the District Convention in May.

National VP Special Guest at 2008 Convention!

Anne Marie Logue, a member of the Exchange Club of Gettysburg, PA., was installed as regional vice president of the National Exchange Club at the organization's 2007 national convention in Portland, Oregon. Previously, she served as a volunteer field representative for the Pennsylvania District of the National Exchange Club. Anne Marie is a Certified Public Accountant and is employed as a manager with the firm of Sturgill Trostle in Gettysburg, PA.



Logue joined Exchange in 1990. She has served in a variety of leadership roles at the club level, including director, secretary, treasurer president-elect and president. For the Pennsylvania District Exchange Clubs, Logue served on the board of directors and as president-elect, before going on to serve as district president in 2000-2001. She has helped build four new Exchange Clubs. On the national level, Logue serves on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Programs of Service Committee and the Excel Committee for 2007-08. She previously served on the Strategic Planning Task Force, the New Club Building Sub-Committee of the Growth Committee and has served on the Budget and Finance Committee since 2003. Logue received the Exchangite of the Year Award from both the Gettysburg and Exton Exchange Clubs. She was also named Star District President for the Pennsylvania District Exchange Clubs.

Active in her community, she serves on the board of directors of the Children's Advocacy Center and on the Finance Committee of St. Francis Xavier RC Church. She is past president of the Valley Forge Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants and past treasurer of the Adams County Arts Council. She was also included among the 50 Best Women in Business in Pennsylvania. Logue earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from the West Chester University. She resides in Gettysburg, PA.

From the District President

It is my privilege to represent the Yellowstone District and our members. It is hard to believe that the year is more than half over and we still have so much to do. I attended the National Mid-Winter Conference in St. Louis in January. I am happy to report that Exchange is Growing and **all** of you have made great strides to help with the growth in your clubs and our District. Let's try to have a big turnout from the Yellowstone District for the National Convention in St. Louis in July. You will certainly find many attractions in St. Louis to see during your visit and meet many new Exchange friends. **Hurry!** Time is flying by.

STAND UP AMERICA ends March 31st. Please share the Exchange Vision with others and your success stories with your fellow Exchangites. The Yellowstone District is offering **\$100** for each club hosting a RUSH Party.

A great time will be had for all at our upcoming District Convention at Fairmont in May. Please read the information about this and complete the registration form today! Hope to see you there.

Thank you for what you do in the name of Exchange.

You are ALL MVP's.

Yours in Exchange,

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.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

A former player in the World Series of Poker and on the World Poker Tour, Bill Jones has written this book to provide you with confidence to be successful when you sit down at the poker table, to convince you that you have the poker knowledge to compete in a major tournament, and to instill in you a passion for playing the great game of Texas Hold'em.

Bill has pledged that all proceeds from the sale of this book will go to help the Downtown Billings Exchange Club's child abuse prevention efforts. Not only will you receive the book but also help to improve the lives of children who each day suffer the devastating effects of abuse.

Available at
Border's Book Store and Hastings.

Also available from the
Downtown Billings Exchange Club.

Add \$4 for shipping and handling for a total of \$24.

Make check payable to the D.B.E.X. and mail to:
P.O. Box 808
Billings, MT 59103-0808.

Be sure to include your return address. The book will be mailed to you promptly.

Message from Rolf!

I would like to introduce myself. I am Rolf Tandberg, a member of the Missoula Exchange Club and a Yellowstone District Director. This past summer I volunteered to be one of your Foundation District Representatives. This last job is for me to let you and your clubs become more familiar with the workings and needs of our National Exchange Club Foundation.

Our Foundation's mission is to "provide resources and support for the National Exchange Club and its programs of service, especially the prevention of child abuse." They direct major benefits to the Youth of the Year and Ace scholarships, technical support and training for our network of 116 child abuse centers, and grants to local clubs and centers for local child abuse prevention projects. The money for this work comes from us. Currently there are about 700 Exchangeites (2 ½%) contributing about \$70. You have our deepest appreciation. Just think what we could do if 15% of us were able to donate \$75 per year. The amount would go from \$50,000 to over \$300,000. Imagine the children we could help with that amount!

As the Foundation Representative, I would like to visit the clubs in the district and present program about the Foundation. Please contact me at (406)251-4224 or at tandberg@centric.net and I will schedule a visit with you. Now in my first paragraph I said that I was one of the Representatives. I confess that I am the only one. This is a large district. We could use more FDRs. Please consider volunteering by contacting any District Officer.

In Exchange
Rolf

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

Bozeman--- The Bozeman Exchange Club will be dedicating a Freedom Shrine in late summer 2008. The Club is working on a major fundraiser for late March or April and is also working on its Student of the Month and ACE Award programs. The Bozeman Club is always working on membership and has prospects for 2 new members.

Great Falls—The Great Falls Exchange

Club just dedicated a new Freedom Shrine in Shelby, Montana. The Club's major fundraiser is April 26th. The Club is actively working on selecting its Student of the Year and ACE Award winners. The Great Falls Club just purchased a very large flag which will be flown at Overlook Park with the dedication to take place in late spring. Four (4) new members have joined the Great Falls Club.

Helena—The Helena Exchange Club is working on increasing membership through the Come Home to Exchange project. The Club is working on numerous fundraisers and is planning to dedicate a new Freedom Shrine in early February. The Club is also working on its Student of the Year and ACE awards.

Butte—The Butte Exchange Club distributed over 12,000 flags in a GIVE A KID A FLAG TO WAVE project at the Butte 4th of July Parade. The Club's National Day of Service Project was cleaning walking trails around the community, as well as collecting food for the local food bank and toiletries for the battered women's shelter. Finally, the Club is working on a "make a difference project" that will involve a substantial financial contribution to a project serving the communities' youth. The Butte Club's Student of the Year and ACE Award Banquet is scheduled for February 11th with Lt. Governor John Bohlinger as the keynote speaker. The Butte Club is growing with 10 new members!

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 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

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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 Jan 31, 2008 Club Name	Comm Serv	Youth	Amercn	CAP	Fund Raising	NMAF	NSA sent	CP DEV MTG REP
Boise			1					
Caldwell								
Idaho Falls			1					
Nampa								
Downtown Billings	1		1					
Breakfast Billings			1					X
Billings Heights	2	3	1	4	3		11/30/07	
Bozeman	2	3	2					X
Butte	3*	4	3	4			01/07/08	X
Great Falls								X
Helena			1		1			X
Kalispell								
Missoula	1*		1					X
Idaho Falls Eastside								
Big Sky Billings			1					
Sanders County								

REPORT YOUR CLUB’S ACTIVITIES

10 Easy Steps to Reporting On-line

Have you reported your Club’s activities to the National Exchange Headquarters? The deadlines for reporting your Club activities to the National Exchange office is June 25th and the activities summary is due June 30th.

Several Clubs have asked “Why should we report our local club activities to the National Exchange Office?” The answer is “It is good for your Club!” By reporting your Club’s activities, National will send you patches for the your Service Award Banner. Hanging your Service Award Banner at every weekly meeting shows Club members and guests the small symbols of the many worthwhile projects Exchange does in the community.

Everyone likes to hear their name mentioned, everybody likes to be recognized for their efforts and their worth—even those who swear they could care less. By reporting your Club activities to National Exchange Headquarter and displaying your Service Award Banner you are saying “Thank you” to the members of your Club.

Reporting your program of service activities can be done on-line or by mailing in the blue Program and Activity Application cards to National Headquarters. Many clubs have switched to on-line reporting, which is fast and easy through the National Exchange Club website. Here are the steps for on-line reporting:

1. Use your browser to connect to the National Exchange Club website www.nationalexchangeclub.org
2. On home page, click on Member Area (along the left side of the screen).
3. Type in “member” as the user name and “exchange” as the password.
4. Click “Forms and Award” and select “Club

5. On the Club Forms page, scroll down to “Program and Activities Form” and click on this entry. (There is also a separate “Fundraising Award Form” for reporting your Club’s fundraising activities.)

6. You should now be on the page entitled “Program and Activities Application.” You will be requested to include your Club number, which should be readily available to the officers of each club or call one of the District officers who should have those numbers readily available.

7. Follow the simple instructions and enter the requested information as prompted. Note—you will need to do a separate application for each activity or project.

8. So that you will have a written record of activities you have reported, **MAKE SURE YOU PRINT THE “FORM CONFIRMATION”**.

9. If you have more than one activity to report, after you hit the submit for one activity and have printed the “Form Confirmation”, then click the **BACK ARROW** on your tool bar. This will allow you to edit the previous information, thus avoiding reentry of basic information about your club each time.

10. Remember, to qualify for the National Service Award, your Club needs to do an activity in each of the Program of Service areas—Americanism, Youth, Community, and Child Abuse Prevention—plus 2 additional activities in any of the 4 program of service areas **AND YOU NEED TO REPORT THE ACTIVITIES ON LINE NO LATER THAN JUNE 23, 2008.**

A few weeks after reporting, the National Exchange Club office should be sending you the new patches for your Banner. Display your Service Award Banner proudly!

YOUTH OF THE YEAR and ACE AWARDS

Attention all Club ACE Award and Youth of the Year chairpersons! Brooks Coombe, Yellowstone District YOY/ACE Chairperson, has announced the deadline for ACE Award and Youth of the Year Award applications must be mailed to him by **April 9, 2008**. This deadline is necessary in order to be eligible for the Yellowstone District scholarship awards to be presented on Saturday evening, May 17, 2008, during the Banquet at the 2008 Yellowstone District Convention at Fairmont Hot Springs.

One of the most popular Exchange youth projects, the Youth of the Year Award recognizes hardworking high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievements, community involvement, and leadership. This proven program not only rewards outstanding young people, but also provides an incentive for other youngsters to strive for equally high levels of achievement. This year the Yellowstone District will award a \$1,000 scholarship to the student selected as the District’s Youth of the Year.

The 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 changes have enabled the student to overcome adversities and prepare for graduation. The winner of the District A.C.E. Award will receive a \$1,000 from the Yellowstone District.

If you have any questions, please call Brooks Coombe at (406) 494-2362. His mailing address is Brooks Coombe, YOY/ACE Chairman, 135 Waldron Lane, Butte, MT 59701.



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