

# YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS—JUNE 2007



## 2007 DISTRICT WINNERS

### Yellowstone District Student of the Year



**Amethyst Smith**

Amethyst ‘Amy’ Smith is from Missoula, Montana and is a senior at Big Sky High School. She plays the viola in the orchestra at Big Sky High School, and is on the Student Council, a member of the soccer team, a member of the Key Club, and a member of the Honor Society. Amy is active in her church and has donated many hours of volunteer work for her community. Some of Amy’s many awards and achievements include: Montana Girls State Delegate, All State Orchestra, viola section, and 3rd place Grand Prize Winner at the Southwestern Montana Science Fair at Montana Tech. Amy has also earned the EMT basic license. Throughout Amy’s busy high school career; she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Amy is a recipient of the University of Montana Presidential Scholarship and this fall she will be attending the University of Montana. She plans to study human biology and hopes to eventually go to medical school.

### Yellowstone District ACE Student of the Year



**Ryan Zahn**

Ryan Zahn will graduate in May 2007 from Billings West High School. Ryan has overcome enormous physical hurdles and provides a true inspiration. He was born without a left arm and has a very short right arm with just two digits, but he has not let his physical limitations be a crutch or a deterrent in his life. Ryan has been known around Billings Montana for his go-cart, his skateboarding, and his dare devil attitude; and he now enjoys dirt biking and mechanical engineering including a project of building a car for drag racing. Following graduation from high school, Ryan plans to attend MSU-Billings to pursue a degree in drafting, design, and mechanical engineering. Ryan’s positive, can-do attitude is summed-up by Ryan’s school counselor, Kevin Brook: “We can read in books and watch a television program about inspirational people. We are influenced from a distance. To see it in the flesh, to be impacted, to be touched to the core is some thing few have the opportunity to truly experience. Ryan Zahn has been that to me and to many others; *true inspiration.*”

### Yellowstone District Exchangite of the Year



**Truman Stewart**

Truman has been a member of the Exchange Club since 1956 when he joined the Twin Falls ID Club. After being transferred to Boise in 1959, he joined the Boise Club and has served in all offices and always has been on one or more committees serving faithfully. He currently is the Treasurer (since 2004) and is also the Freedom Shrine Committee Chair — two will be going in this year! In addition to the many years (decades) of Exchange Club service, Truman has served on the Volunteer Ski Patrol at Bogus Basin Ski area for over 30 years. He is up on the mountain early and has been a leader in the patrol for three decades. He serves as a volunteer with the Idaho Botanical Gardens as a tour guide and has worked many hours tending to their beautiful gardens that all the residents of Idaho can enjoy. He serves still with the Sun Valley Jazz Festival as a volunteer where he has been since the second year of the Festival’s existence — back over 20 years ago! In addition to the Sun Valley Jazz Festival, he serves as well on the Gene Harris Jazz Festival volunteer committee here in Boise — an effort of over 10 years now. Truman was named Boise Exchange Club’s Exchangite of the Year in 2004 by Pres Walt Baker and continues to provide service to many charities in town routinely serving on the Women’s and Children’s Alliance and helping with the Boise Exchange Club’s annual State High School Track Meet efforts (for 30 plus years now!). Truman represents the epitome of a community-minded, dedicated volunteer and, as such, the epitome of an Exchangite!

### 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.

### 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.**

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## From the District President

We are nearing the end of the 2006-2007 Exchange Club Year and it has been another great year of friends having fun as they work together to help their communities. We often emphasize membership growth, club stability and building club leadership, but we also need to remember the reasons we exist as an organization are friendship, service and fun.



It is hard to believe my year as District President is almost finished. I want to thank the District Board of Directors for all they do for Exchange. It has been a privilege to work with this dedicated group of Exchangites! And I want to thank all of you—the Club officers and the Club members for all you do for your Exchange Clubs and your communities.

I appreciate the support and friendship all of you have shown me as I traveled to meet with your Clubs throughout the Yellowstone District. Meeting Exchangites across Idaho and Montana and learning more about the great projects each of your clubs is doing in your own communities has been a highlight of this year. I treasure the many new friends I have made through Exchange.

The promotion of patriotism, recognizing and encouraging youth achievements, serving our communities, and promoting the prevention of child abuse are the focus of our Club activities, and these activities provide the opportunity for Exchange Club members, family and friends to unite in the joy and satisfaction that comes with service to our communities.

Congratulations to Michele Turner who I know will be a dynamic and innovative leader for our District in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen McBride

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## Pictures from the convention...



## 2007 DISTRICT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 2007 Yellowstone District Convention held in Bozeman, Montana, in mid-May was an educational and inspirational meeting for the more than 65 Exchangites and their families who attended. We had lots of fun with the dinner theater entertainment by the Vigilante Players and lots of time to share some stories and good times in the Hospitality Room.

National Exchange Club President Kim Hodges inspired us with his keynote address on Saturday evening, reminding us that our freedom is a privilege to cherish and protected.

At the training sessions, Kim Hodges told us about fundraising ideas from Exchange Clubs across the country. And teaching how to make sure your Exchange Club gets publicity, Michelle Mazzei, the Communications Director for the National Exchange Club, entertained us with her insight about how a newspaper makes decisions about news releases. Kim and Michelle together addressed the important topics of club growth, membership retention and new club building in the final training session of the morning.

All of these training session topics were aimed at building club excellence and each topic was suggested by Exchange Clubs throughout the Yellowstone District.

The Yellowstone District is doing well, even if our membership is slightly down from a year ago. Our membership as of May 31, 2007, is 624, and on July 1, 2006 we had 642 members, so if we each recruited one person to join Exchange, we would show positive membership growth for this year! The financial picture of the District is sound, and the District continues to have a budget surplus, but we are also aware the surplus may not last too many more years. During this last year, some of the budget surplus has been expended for membership recruiting and also to encourage Club leaders to attend the District Convention. It is likely the District will continue our support of the Stand Up America campaign again, but the details have yet to be determined. The Board will also be considering e-mailing the District Newsletter, since the printing and postage expenses keep rising. If you have thoughts or suggestions about the District Newsletter distribution, talk with your District Director.

This Convention was a great time to meet new Exchange Club members and to reunite old friendships, to receive some useful training and to get energized for the next year!

## CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

### ALL BILLINGS CLUBS

- Our Freedom Shrine committee plans to inventory all local Freedom Shrines for
- location and condition. With the four clubs cooperating we hope to be able to install two new Shrines each year.
- The all club Officer Installation social is planned for Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A memorial park bench and plaque are planned for the Exchange owned Par 3 Golf Course here in Billings to honor those Exchangites who are no longer with us. This idea was born after the loss this year of good friend Dave Flanze.

### BREAKFAST EXCHANGE

This Club continues to be active running the beer concession at Yellowstone County's MetraPark for all indoor events scheduled there. They are also in a discussion with the MetraPark board, and Yellowstone County commissioners, about helping

to fund facility needs for "half house" type shows that could draw more events to this venue. They also have plans to host their annual golf tournament, and are also working on a new after work social event for the community complete with live entertainment. This could be a great club building opportunity, as well as a fundraiser.

### DOWNTOWN EXCHANGE

In cooperation with the Breakfast Exchange, the Downtown Club is considering a playground project promoted nationally by KaBoom. If a community partner can raise \$10,000, the City can get \$30,000 worth of playground equipment. This proposal was brought to the Club by a City Councilman.

The Downtown Club is active running the beer concession at Yellowstone County's outdoor grandstand facility at MetraPark. This is typically a seasonal activity with the primary focus being the Montana Fair and the local horseracing season. They expect a couple outdoor motorsports events to compliment the schedule. New this year they have agreed to handle the beer concession at the Great American Championship Motorcycle Hill Climb late in July.

### BIG SKY EXCHANGE

This smaller club is anxious to help the other clubs fill shifts working the beer concessions at MetraPark. They also are planning their annual garage sale in June as a

fundraiser. Their members are active in many community service efforts, and hold board positions on the Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention Foundation and the Family Tree Center.

### HEIGHTS EXCHANGE

This club also helps fill shifts working the beer concessions at MetraPark, and has been recently active with the Freedom Shrine efforts, ACE Awards and Student of the Year selections, and supported a graduation ceremony for an individual who came through an intense supervision Court services program. They have also recently hosted their annual golf tournament, and helped run the Cowboy Wall of Fame Banquet at the local Holiday Inn.

### EASTSIDE IDAHO FALLS

This past year the Eastside Idaho Falls Club had a successful, albeit challenging fund raiser for Help, Inc. (an Exchange Club CAP Center) and Domestic Violence Intervention Center, raising a net amount of about \$14,000 for these agencies. This Club also presented Youth of the Year and A.C.E. scholarships totaling \$3,000 to 9 deserving youth from School District 93. And right now, the Eastside Club is gearing up for a completely new fundraiser and they'll let us know how that one pans out in September.

### IDAHO FALLS

The Idaho Falls Exchange Club just completed the 13th annual "Vin & Ale" fundraising EVENT on Friday May 4th. We raised



89th National  
Exchange Club  
Convention &  
24th Symposium  
July 18-21, 2007

# 2007 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB CONVENTION IN PORTLAND, OREGON JULY 18-21

The National Exchange Club Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, on July 18-21, 2007 at the Red Lion Hotel On the Beach on Jantzan Beach. Take advantage of the close proximity of this Convention, as it will be awhile before the National Convention is so close to the Yellowstone District Exchange Clubs.

This year the Yellowstone District will be co-hosting a Hospitality Room at the Convention and all Exchangites throughout the Yellowstone District are invited to pitch in and help. Our co-host is the Northwest District, made up of Clubs in Washington and Oregon. Together we will host a Hospitality Room on Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings during the Convention.

For those of you who have not been to a National Convention, come prepared for an uplifting and inspirational meeting. Not only are the training sessions educational and worthwhile, the speakers throughout the Convention are also top notch.

Make sure you register for the Convention using the "Convention Events Package Form" included in the last issue of the *Exchange Today* magazine. The **deadline for advance registration is June 20, 2007**, with registration after June 20<sup>th</sup> accepted at Convention Registration in Portland starting July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Also remember to make your hotel reservations. Rooms are available at the Oxford Suites which is right next to the Red Lion. The telephone number for Oxford Suites is **(503) 283-3030** and the rate is \$109 per night. Be sure to mention the Exchange Club National Convention. The block of rooms for this Convention are only being held through mid-June, so make your hotel reservations now.

If you are planning to attend the National Convention in Portland, we would like to know. We can make sure you have Yellowstone District pins to hand out at the Convention. We can really use help with the Hospitality Room so, if you can lend a hand on Thursday or Friday afternoons and evenings, please let us know. Call or e-mail Kathleen McBride, Dist. Pres., at (406) 782-5800 or e-mail [mcbrideck@aol.com](mailto:mcbrideck@aol.com).

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Exchange Club of Boise

over \$9000!!! Now we can pay for those 14,000 flags "giveakidaflagtowave" on Wednesday Morning the 4th of July, plus money for Exchange Projects . The Club got great results from Club members & the Guests they brought to this Event. The doors opened at 6:30 pm with Several Silent Auction Items, the LIVE Auction went on at 8pm, we were fortunate to have Celebrity MCs , the from KIDK TV s Newswatch 3 Morning Show , Kayla Anderson & Tommy Noel, they kept the announcements flowing & door prize winners and plugged the "wingspan" of tickets Selling at \$20 at wingspan.....the Winner getting a Stainless Steel Barbeque from Intermountain Gas Company. The Club couldn't have done it with out the help of club members & Ann Long !!!! We also congratulate Lisa Nolan for completing a great year as Club President .....with no training, she became "our" Engineer and got us thru this Year !!!

### **BOISE**

The Boise Club has been very busy with the State Track Meet support for the Track Officials—where they make sandwiches and have beverages for the officials who can't really leave the field during the entire Meet; installing a new Freedom Shrine in the Mary McPherson Elementary School where Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the Guest Speaker and supporting other charities and youth programs including Splash—the YMCA "Learn to Swim program" (for 30 years!).

### **NAMPA**

The Club was written up in the local paper on their Young Citizenship Award -180 people attended and 53 kids received awards which held the Nampa Civic Center.

They did Parade America for the 41st year—over 2000 people watched along the streets and over a hundred entries which included the three high school bands. Parade Marshal was Cutis Homer, the retiring Police Chief.

They also provide US Flags to every classroom and with three new schools coming online this year – that's a large commitment.

They also welcomed Jeff Huffman, Ret USAF as a new member!

### **CALDWELL**

Club has done the Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer of the Year Banquet; annual club fishing trip and worked on a community project at the lake camp area. The Club Scholarship program has been conducted. Meeting with the Idaho Youth Games (IGY) and conducting the run part on the 22nd of June. And they do the Youth Football Programs. Supported the YMCA recently.

### **BOZEMAN**

The Exchange Club of Bozeman held a very successful fund raiser and prevent child abuse event on February 3, 2007. The occasion was our third annual charity poker challenge. Held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bozeman, the poker challenge netted approximately \$10,000. Half of this went to the Bozeman club in support of all our programs of service, the other half went to Thrive, Incorporated's CAP programs that include a variety of child abuse prevention programs.

On June 1, Bozeman Exchange Club dedicated its most recent Freedom Shrine in The Monforton School of Bozeman. The principal speaker was Chief Justice Karla Gray of the Montana Supreme Court. Other dignitaries attending included District Judge Mike Salvagni, General Robert Mathis (USAF, Ret) and members of the state legislature representing Gallatin County.

### **BUTTE**

In February, Governor Brian Schweitzer, attended the Butte Exchange Club's Youth Award Banquet and presented the key note address to nearly 100 people, including the Students of the Month and A.C.E. nominees. The Club's annual "funraiser" auction raised more than \$26,000 and featured a theme of "Pirates of the Pit" with many people attired in their favorite pirate costumes. In June or early July the Butte Exchange Club plans to dedicate a Freedom Shrine at the MEPS Center, the military entry station in Butte. The Club also plans to hand out 10,000 American flags at the Butte Fourth of July Parade as part of the GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE project.

### **HELENA**

The Helena Exchange Club held a fund raiser at the Demolition Derby at the Fairgrounds in Helena. Their major fund raiser is at the end of July at the Helena Stam-

pede. They will also be handing out flags at the Helena Stampede Celebration as part of the GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE promotion. At the end of May, the Club held a Rush Party and recruited 2 new members and perhaps one more possible member.

### **GREAT FALLS**

The Great Falls Exchange Club held a fund raiser Poker Challenge in April and raised \$9,600 to be split between the Montana Hope Project and the Great Falls Exchange Club. As part of the Fourth of July celebration, the Club will be handing out 4300 flags for the GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE project. While they did not do a Freedom Shrine this year, plans are underway another Freedom Shrine in the 2007-2008 term.

### **MISSOULA**

Missoula is having the Officer of the Year Banquet in June. We continue to Usher at the University of Montana and will be doing some projects at the Western Montana County Fair in August. The Carousel ponykeepers will carve a rocking animal for the National Exchange Club Foundation gala in 2008.

### **Kalispell—no report**

### **Garden City Missoula—no report**

### **Sanders County—no report**

## **Club Election Reports Are Due!**

Steve Miles, the Yellowstone District Secretary, reminds you to submit your election results NOW. He needs to know the Club officers elected to serve for 2007-2008 and the contact information for each of these officers. 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  
P.O. Box 1054  
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Also send a copy of the same information to:

**National Exchange Club  
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## 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 25, 2007 for online applications. Mailed applications must arrive at National Exchange Headquarters by June 30, 2007.

As of the end of May Exchange Clubs in the Yellowstone District receiving the National Service Award include: Billings Heights, Breakfast Billings, Bozeman, Butte, and Boise

	Comm Serv	Youth	Amercn	CAP	CP Devel Mtg*
Blackfoot					
Boise +	2	1	1	2	
Caldwell					
Idaho Falls			1		
Nampa					
Downtown Billings	3**		1	2	X
Breakfast Billings +	12	24	2	4	X
Billings Heights +	3**	2	3	2	X
Bozeman +	3	3	1	1	X
Butte +	14**	14	2	8	XL
Great Falls	3	3**	2		X
Helena	2		2**		X
Kalispell					
Missoula	1**				X
Idaho Falls Eastside					
Garden City Missoula					
Big Sky Billings					
Sanders County					

\*Club Planning Development Meeting \*\*National Day of Service represented by\*\* +National Service Award

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and the activities summary is due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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 Forms.”

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 25, 2007.**

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!



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