

The

MOTIVATOR

Exchange Club of Lake Tansi, P.O. Box 58, Crossville, TN 38557
Club #2359 Div XII TN-KY -- Linda Carothers, Editor
LITEC meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at 7:30 AM at the Hiawatha Center

February 2017



June 24th, 1940 – January 6th, 2017

RICHARD FRANK HOLTON, 76, of Crossville, passed away January 6, 2017 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, TN . He was born on June 24, 1940. He was a scientist intellectually and a family man at heart.

Rich's childhood began in La Harpe, IL, and included several moves throughout Missouri. He graduated from Memphis, MO high school, always with an interest in science. This led Rich to an undergraduate degree in chemistry from Northeast Missouri State University and an MBA at Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Illinois. A long career with Morton Chemical Company in northern Illinois helped him make significant contributions toward the mechanism that deploys air bags in cars. With photography as a hobby, he loved to travel, especially in the West, but also internationally and to visit family throughout the country. Travel was as basic as the camper he outfitted for traveling with his young children, or as comfortable as the time-shares he and Mary Lou enjoyed later in life.

Building a blended family in mid-life led to creative solutions for space and relationships. As all the children launched, Rich continued with his history of community philanthropic

activity. He was involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, United Way, the YMCA, the Exchange Club and Kids on the Rise. And was heavily involved in the Lake Tansi Property Owners Association.

Rich enjoyed target shooting and gun-related activities like reloading his own ammunition. He liked wearing boots, working outside, reading Louis L'Amour novels, watching Gunsmoke and making sly jokes.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou Holton; brother Rodger Holton (Mooreen); sister-in-law, Shirley (Roland) Juhala; children, Edward (Jennifer) Holton; Elizabeth Kevin D'Cunha; Jon Hakansson, Cindy (Brent) Tarter and Kariin (Eric) Stein. Grandchildren, Grace Holton, Rhys Holton, James Tarter, Josh Tarter, Dylan Hakansson and Kendra D'Cunha; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Emmitt B. and Helen Mae Crane Holton.

MIKE FERRY STATED:

I met Rich when I was auditing the exchange records in early 2002. I became a member in 2003 and have worked with him on a quarterly basis since. When he took over the Motivator we would compare our list of members, with me providing the invoices and he would mail them out at the same time as the motivator. In his travels Rich would take the motivator with him. He never missed a month in publishing the club news. I have sent invoices to just about every town in 'tin buck to'. Rich always had time to do the mailing, even mailed them once from Hawaii.

Rich was very active in the community, being on the Board of Directors for the House of Hope, Exchange Club, Kids on the Rise, United Fund and Lake Tansi POA. The club set up the tents for many activities with Rich directing the how to. Even though the color codes on the individual pieces were wrong for some time, Rich fixed that.

The lucky ones got to sit on his front porch and enjoy a tea and watch golfers go by. One day he calls and says he needs me to help him, right now. I went up and he wanted me to help get a bunch of bees out of his tree. SURE. We did learn a lot that day in how to treat bees. No hands on though. The bee keeper that came sure was good. He told us he did not lose a bee, as he had them all in a cage and they were taken back to their owner. The Queen Bee has a color code on her head so they can be identified.

Rich was a hard worker and devoted many hours of his life to others. Our club and community will miss him. I worked with him on the Boards of the Exchange Club and Lake Tansi POA.

On a personal note, I got a lot of help and support from Mary Lou and Rich when Joyce passed away. They were simply outstanding people. Mike Ferry

JERRY DAVENPORT STATED:

I did not know Rich very well. He was always ready to help in any way he could. The Fourth of July BBQ, he always let us use his trailer and for many years he made a trip to pick up the chickens in Knoxville, early morning. We always used his trailer to get everything from the storage building to the BBQ and many more things he did for our Exchange Club.

Also for our community, he served six years on the board. A couple of the items they got approved was our new cabins and sewer project. His heart was always for Lake Tansi. He was one of the Good Guys.

He joined the Exchange Club in 2002 and did the news for us until last year. Jerry Davenport

I only met Mr. Holton one time, but when I took the job doing the Motivator he was very helpful in supplying me information and giving me confidence. Linda Carothers

JUDI HARTMAN WROTE:

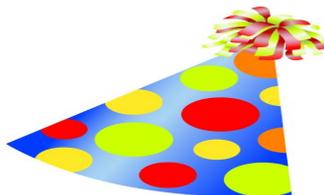
I was always impressed by Rich's commitment to the Exchange Club, with his willingness to help on any project to his passion with getting out the Motivator every month. Rich's sickness didn't even get him down, he was fighting to the end. When I went to visit him and Mary Lou, he tried to talk but then reverted back to his small chalkboard when it was hard. He wanted to know the dates we had set for every fundraiser, he still planned on helping whenever he could—now, that's dedication. He will be missed, as well as Mary Lou.

THANKS RICH HOLTON FOR ALL YOU DID.

THE February meeting brought us at least two members, and possibly four. We Welcome each of you.

The next meeting is set for February 3rd, 7:30. There will be a tour of TCAT immediately afterward for whomever is interested in going. Jena DeMars is setting that up.

There wasn't a quorum to have a board meeting, so Judi has scheduled one at her home on February 7, at 3:00 for the members who weren't present.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Pat Camacci, 2/2
Bill Macek , 2/4
Jim Konieczka, 2/10
Chuck Sullins, 2/15



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Chuck and Barb Sullins, 2/20
Dave and Judy Kopp, 2/17

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:



No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child.

..Abraham Lincoln...

Hope to see everyone February 3, 2017