

# The Motivator

Exchange Club of Lake Tansi

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**Our Mission:** *Exchange, inspiring communities to become better places to live.*

**Our Vision:** *A strong America, safe communities, and unified people.*

**Our Motto:** *Unity for Service*

Did you know:

"To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings and greater opportunities for all."

Those noble and inspiring words, which conclude Exchange's eloquent Covenant of Service, reflect the true purpose of Exchange — service.

Throughout Exchange's long and illustrious history, the ideal of unselfish service to others has been embraced by Exchange Clubs across America, as they have endeavored to aid and assist their communities, states and nation.

It all started in 1896, when a group of men, a cross section of Detroit's business and professional community, first met for no more noble purpose than to eat lunch.

Initially, the meetings were occasional and informal. The men were friends who simply enjoyed the pleasure of each other's company. They swapped stories, compared views and advised each other on the conduct of business.

The idea of recruiting representatives from the varied businesses and professions gradually developed until the group, known as the Boosters' Club, took on many attributes of a luncheon club. <sup>1</sup>

Charles A. Berkey is credited with the founding of this great organization. At his suggestion, the name "Exchange" was selected because the group wanted to exchange ideas and information with like-minded individuals about how to better serve their communities.

The first local Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan, in 1911. The second was the Exchange Club of Toledo, Ohio, formed in 1913. Subsequently, two others were organized in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cleveland, Ohio. These four clubs were the first to be chartered by The National Exchange Club after it was organized as a nonprofit, educational organization in 1917. <sup>2</sup>

I hope everyone had a safe and merry Christmas with whomever you were blessed to spend the holiday with. We were all a bit under the weather, but still had a good Christmas.

With only one meeting in December and all of the bustle of the holidays, it feels like forever since our last meeting. At our December meeting, Holly Hansen from Roane State Community College told us about lab expansion plans that Roane State would like to begin at the Cumberland County campus. She showed us the presentation she was going to give to Crossville City Council a few days after our meeting in the hopes of securing \$500,000 in funding from the City to begin construction. The plans were based on a similar expansion at the Campbell County campus. Note: City Council denied the funding request, in large part because it was felt that the primary funding should come from the State, but also because there was no provision in the current budget to absorb such an expense. It may be taken up, at least in part, during 2019-2020 budget talks.

The Stephens Center Christmas Party was a success again this year. Turnout was a bit small, as John mentioned in his e-mail, but everyone who attended was well fed and appeared to have a good time. Thanks again to all who helped out. We had plenty of help for set-up and lots of spaghetti. Every family that attended not only got dinner at the party, but took home a second meal for another night. Santa told a quick story, then got down to the business of handing out gifts. This isn't a project that makes us any money, but it warms your heart to see the kids have a good time.

Our one meeting in January will be on Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. Our speaker will be Wayne Schobel from the Art Circle Public Library. The library has so many great programs that are open to the community. I can't wait to hear what he has to say!

## Club Members celebrating membership anniversaries in January:



**Julia Manecke: 1/6 - 1 yr**

**Tammy Lapp: 1/21 - 2 yrs**

**Stephanie Lilly: 1/21 – 2 yrs**

**Casey Cox: 1/4 - 4 yrs**

**Mary O'Rourke: 1/6 – 4 yrs**

**Judi Hartman: 1/26 – 6 yrs**

**Herb Pallatt: 1/17 – 10 yrs**

**Ken Fenton: 1/15 – 20 yrs**



January Birthdays:

1/4 - Tina Ferry

1/22 – Sharon Kirtley

1/30 – Steve Hiltabidle



January Anniversaries:

1/13 – Jan and Kermit Hurley

1/23 – MaryBeth and Alan Nelson

If you have any corrections or additions, please let me know.

<sup>1</sup> Exchange Club of Murfreesboro October 2018 newsletter

<sup>2</sup> The National Exchange Club website