

# The Motivator

Exchange Club of Lake Tansi

Club #2359 Div XII TN-KY

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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*

When the National Exchange Club was first created in 1917 it was an all-male organization, as were the primary service organizations at that time. Women were homemakers, raised children and were not largely a part of the work force. As women's role in society expanded, they became interested in joining organizations in their communities. The service clubs were open to men only. This began to change in the 80's.

"On July 4, 1985, at Exchange's 67th Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the organization's national constitution was amended, thus opening membership to women.

At the Convention, National President Fred Harron presented to the delegates the recommendation of the National Board of Directors that Exchange's bylaws be changed to permit women members.

“The law relating to the admission of women into Exchange in Minnesota and at least 36 other states is quite clear,” Harron said to the convention attendees. “Our friends, the Jaycees confirmed that when they spent in excess of a million dollars in legal fees in their unsuccessful attempt to challenge the question all the way to the United States Supreme Court. So we have three choices: either admit women into Exchange; spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight a losing battle in the courts; or else close up shop and get out of town in those states which insist we let the ladies in.”

“Faced with these choices and the fact that the role of women in our society has changed so dramatically since our constitution was first written, your Board of Directors decided there was only one proper choice to be made,” he continued. The delegates agreed and their affirmative vote ended a 10-year long debate and opened a new chapter in the history of Exchange.

Since that historic decision, thousands of women have joined the ranks of America’s Premier Service Club, helping Exchange make even greater progress in its community service and expansion efforts. Two of them reached the highest office, National President: Pamela Sudlow, 2003-2004; and Margaret Miller, 2010-2011.

Every day, in cities and towns across America, Exchange Club members are dynamically transforming the Exchange ideal of “Unity for Service” into direct and positive action, enhancing the lives of their fellow citizens from coast to coast. From a handful of members in Detroit, Michigan, at the turn of the century, Exchange has developed into a progressive national service organization comprised of tens of thousands of dedicated men and women.”<sup>1</sup>

At our February meeting Dave Kirk and Charles Strayer from Dave Kirk Automotive Group came and explained their attendance-based car giveaway for high school juniors and seniors. Karina Sola, 2007 car winner came to the meeting as well.

New member Sue English was inducted at the February meeting. Welcome to Exchange Sue!

The Spaghetti dinner and auction will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. Marcy Tucker will chair this event.

The next golf tournament meeting is Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in the POA boardroom.

We did a trash pick-up on Dunbar on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Seven Exchangeites came out to clean and between us we collected 13 trash bags full. The weather has not been cooperative, so it hadn’t been done since some time in the fall. We only picked up from Dollar General to War Eagle, since we didn’t have enough volunteers to do from the causeway to Brown School. Maybe next month..... Please come out and join us next time. With enough help, it only takes about an hour. I know not everyone is physically able to perform this service, but all who are able are encouraged to come out. Gus Rogers will let us know at the March meeting when the next pick up will be.

<sup>1</sup>National Exchange Club Website.

Lake Tansi was well represented at Midwinter Conference February 9<sup>th</sup> in Murfreesboro. We had nine members attending: Judi Hartman, Tim Witherite, Ashley Clark (new member), Ginger Wade, Judi Elam, Joni Witherite, Anna Holmes, Les Elam and Susan Dowell. It was a very informative day.



The Tennessee District Exchange Conference is coming up May 17-19 in Pigeon Forge, at the Music Road Resort Inn. No registration information is available yet, but you can make your room reservation at the group rate of \$116 plus tax per night from now until April 16<sup>th</sup>. I made our reservation yesterday.

We go back to two meetings in March, still at 8:00AM for now. Ranger Monica Johnson from Cumberland Mountain State Park will be our speaker on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and someone from the Cumberland County Playhouse will be at our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

### **Club Members celebrating membership anniversaries in March:**



**Marcy Tucker : 3/17 – 2 yrs**

**Linda Carothers : 3/31 – 4 yrs**

**Lena Jordan-Upchurch : 3/1 – 4 yrs**



MARCH Birthdays:

3/7 – Nancy Roehlig

3/14 – Tammy Lapp

3/19 – Lena Jordan-Upchurch

3/20 – Marcy Tucker

3/22 – Art Valand

3/24 – Gus Rogers



March Anniversaries:

3/19 Larry and Jan Robertson

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

**Whether you think you can or think you can't – you're right.** Henry Ford