

# 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*

I apologize for The Motivator being late this month, but we took a couple weeks of “vacation” and just returned October 30<sup>th</sup>. I’m loving this chilly weather since we’ve been back!

Most of you know that Lake Tansi Exchange Club awards the Joyce Ferry Memorial Scholarship to one or more high school students in Cumberland County. These scholarships recognize students of high academic achievement coupled with financial need who will be pursuing a four-year degree at an accredited college or university. The scholarships awarded are in amounts up to \$2000. For the 2018-2019 school year, we awarded 3 scholarships.

Did you know that the National Exchange Club awards scholarships every year as well? The Youth of the Year Scholarship recognizes students who have attained high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. This is a \$15,000 scholarship. <sup>1</sup>

The A.C.E. Scholarship recognizes students who have made dramatic changes in their attitudes and performances throughout high school, often overcoming educational, social and personal obstacles. This is also a \$15,000 scholarship. <sup>1</sup>

The newest scholarship offered by the National Exchange Club is the Legacy of the Year Award. The National Exchange Club's Legacy of the Year Award recognizes high school students who are children or grandchildren of veteran or first responder Exchange Club members. Candidates will also be expected to display exceptional community involvement and leadership skills. This program rewards outstanding young people and provides incentives for others to serve their country. <sup>1</sup> This is also a \$15,000 scholarship.

If you know a student who might be eligible and deserving of one of these national scholarships, information and application forms are on the National Exchange Club website.

We had some great speakers in October. In case you missed them, our October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting speakers were Kelli Edwards, Cumberland Medical Center Public Relations Representative, Desiree Roach, a Nurse Navigator with the Breast Center at Cumberland medical Center and Pat McKeon from Indivisible Crossville.

At our October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Captain Mike Findley from the Cumberland County Fire department spoke about fire prevention and the importance of checking the batteries in your smoke alarms. The fire department currently has a program underway to replace old smoke alarms. If the smoke alarms in your home are more than 10 years old, they should be replaced. The fire department will come out and replace the smoke alarms in your home free of charge, you just need to call and ask. The number to call is 484-9119. Several members at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting said they had already called and their smoke alarms were replaced.

The National Day of Service was October 26<sup>th</sup>. Club members collected diapers, wipes and feminine products which were donated to the Stephens Center. If you still want to donate, items can be dropped off at the Stephens Center Crossville office.

A dozen Exchangeites participated in Trunk or Treat on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Moving the event indoors due to the weather worked really well. The event was a huge success. Most participants figured there were about 300 kids who came through. Jennifer and the recreation department do such a great job!

Lake Tansi Exchange Club will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 7<sup>th</sup>. There are still a couple spots left if you're interested. If you are unable to participate on the 7<sup>th</sup>, but would like to work a shift ringing bells, call Norma at the Salvation Army 788-3414 and she'll help you find another date to participate. This is the Salvation Army's largest fundraiser for the year and they appreciate any help they can get.

This year's Lake Tansi Directory is wrapped up and has been sent to print. It looks like it's going to make slightly more than last year. It is such a labor intensive project, the committee is looking for ways to encourage more member participation in selling ads and, possibly, a more efficient way to have it printed. Most Tansi residents appreciate having the directory and would miss it if it was discontinued, but we need to find a way to make it more sustainable long term.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/exchangescholarships/>

We are continuing to sell bricks again to go into our Veteran's Park, so if you have a Veteran you'd like to have recognized in Lake Tansi Veteran's Park they are available again. The POA will install them for us when we've sold all we're going to. A dedication of the new bricks is tentatively planned to take place during the Memorial Day Festival in May.

The One Nation under God breakfast has been moved for this year due to a shortage of members available to help. Instead of being held Veteran's Day weekend as usual, we will hold in on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Not ideal, but we'll make it work for this year.

The Stephens Center Christmas Party will be December 11<sup>th</sup> at Crossville First United Methodist Church. I will have sign-up sheets to work and to bake spaghetti at the next two meetings.

Just a reminder, in December and January we will only have one meeting, due to low attendance and working around the Christmas and New Year holidays. The December meeting date will be the 6<sup>th</sup> and the January meeting date will be the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lena Jordan-Upchurch mentioned that Cumberland County Bank on Dunbar Rd has a collection box for "Coats for the Cold", so if you have serviceable coats, hats, gloves, scarves or mittens you'd like to clear out of your closets, drop them off at the bank and they'll be put to good use.

The speaker for our November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Mindy Doyle from Cumberland County Health Department.

A final note....mark your calendars....the Tennessee District Exchange Club Mid-Year Conference will be held in Murfreesboro on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Doubletree has a new food service manager who promises the food will be better this year

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November Exchange membership anniversaries:



Ginger Wade – 2 years

Jena Demars – 3 years

Joe Holmes – 15 years

Larry Robertson – 15 years



November Birthdays:

11/1 – Judy Hartman

11/4 - Judy Elam

11/13 - Roger Coulther



November Anniversaries:

11/19 - Joe and Anna Holmes

10/22 – Jerry and Sheila Davenport

If you have a birthday or anniversary that I have missed, please let me know.