

# 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*

Exchange Clubs' Programs of service are Americanism, Youth Programs and Prevention of Child Abuse. It seems like we spend the bulk of our time focusing on Prevention of Child Abuse. We offer scholarships to local high school students every year as one of our youth programs and we have our One Nation under God Breakfast every year as an Americanism project. Some newer members and maybe some older members of our club really are not aware of the Freedom Shrines Lake Tansi Exchange Club has provided in our community as another Americanism project.

The Freedom Shrine, developed by the National Exchange Club, originated from the Freedom Train that toured the nation in 1947 carrying an exhibit of historic documents. The purpose of the Freedom Shrine to put before young Americans proof that the freedom and greatness we enjoy today were not purchased easily and to remind them that these gifts must be cherished and protected. The 28

historical American documents that comprise the Shrine were carefully chosen to represent the beginnings of our nation and turning points of great importance which shaped our national character. There is also a 19-document version of the shrine which contains a slightly different, but no less significant, assortment of documents from the 28-document version.

Thousands of Shrines have been dedicated throughout the United States and Puerto Rico in universities, libraries, schools, state capitals, city halls and at American outposts scattered throughout the world. Lake Tansi Exchange Club has placed Freedom Shrines in Brown, South and Martin Elementary Schools and in the Hiawatha Center.

The Shrine is a display of historical documents photographically reproduced from the originals and permanently laminated to individual plaques. It can be used by teachers, students, study groups and other clubs to further study American history. Exchange prints a study tool called the Freedom Shrine Documents Textbook which contains the texts of the documents of the Shrine.

Although the Shrine is an exclusive project of Exchange Clubs, individuals or businesses can be asked to help sponsor a Freedom Shrine to help offset the cost of purchase and installation. The Shrine is a beneficial community relations project. It provides a company with an opportunity to present a community with a gift of value and prestige. A cosponsor shares the spotlight of public attention during the ceremonial dedication of the Shrine and is identified by a bronze plaque included in the Shrine.

The National Exchange Club has created The Milestones of Freedom Quiz as a program to implement after a club has dedicated or rededicated a Freedom Shrine in your community. The set of 50 multiple choice questions is based on Freedom Shrine documents. There is no cost to the students, parents or schools. Youth receive a book entitled "The Freedom Shrine Documents Text Book" which contains the printed texts of all of the 28 historic American documents displayed on the Freedom Shrine and, in some cases, the entire texts of some documents which are only partially displayed. The book is theirs to keep. National provides information as to how to implement this program upon request.

A list of documents contained in the Freedom Shrine is below. Documents marked with ^ are included in the 28-document Shrine. Documents marked with \* are included in the 19-document Shrine.

### Freedom Shrine Documents

1620 The Mayflower Compact^

1776 The Declaration of Independence – Jefferson's Rough Draft\*

1776 The Declaration of Independence^

1776 Benjamin Franklin's Epitaph\*

1778 Patrick Henry's Instructions to George Rogers Clark\*

1782 George Washington's letter to Colonel Nicola^

1783 The Treaty of Paris\*^  
1787 The Northwest Ordinance\*^  
1787 Washington's Copy of the Constitution\*  
1787 U. S. Constitution^  
1789 Washington's First Inaugural\*^  
1789 The Bill of Rights\*^  
1796 Washington's Farewell^  
1801 Jefferson's First Inaugural^  
1814 The Star Spangled Banner\*^  
1815 Jackson's Letter Describing the Battle of New Orleans\*  
1823 The Monroe Doctrine\*^  
1863 The Emancipation Proclamation\*^  
1863 The Gettysburg Address\*^  
1865 Lincoln's Second Inaugural^  
1865 Lee's Letter Accepting Washington College Presidency\*^  
1865 The Thirteenth Amendment^  
1874 Account of the Proceedings of the Susan B Anthony Trial^  
1907 Theodore Roosevelt's Letter on Cuba\*^  
1913 Wilson's First Inaugural^  
1920 The Nineteenth Amendment\*^  
1941 F.D.R.'s Four Freedoms Speech^  
1943 Letter Naming Eisenhower Supreme Commander\*^  
1944 General McAuliffe's "Christmas Message"\*^  
1945 German Instrument of Surrender, WWII\*^  
1945 Japanese Instrument of Surrender WWII^  
1961 J.F.K.'s Inaugural Address^  
1963 Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" Speech^  
Copies of the documents can be found at [www.freedomshrine.com](http://www.freedomshrine.com)

At our first meeting in June, both recipients of this year's Exchange Club scholarships came to tell us about their future plans and read their application essays. Both girls were amazing. Unfortunately, in an effort to thin my notepad a bit, I tossed out my notes from the meeting that had the girls' names, but both young ladies were more than worthy of our scholarships.

Our second meeting in June was devoted to presenting our annual donations to local organizations. In spite of having somewhat limited funds this year, we were still able to fulfill all of the requests we received. The recipients this year were: The Stephens Center (\$15,000), The Avalon Center (\$1000), The Imagination Library (\$250), the ACPL Teen Summer Reading Program (\$250), Second harvest Food Bank(\$1000) and The Salvation Army (\$500). Second Harvest has not received a grant from us lately, but Second Harvest provides meals for Brown Elementary students on weekends through the school year and over the summer so given the increased need this year we decided to offer a grant to this organization, as well. Our donation will be earmarked specifically for Brown School, but in any case, kids will be getting fed. Rachael Ellis from Second Harvest also spoke briefly about what Second Harvest does.

The Lake Tansi directory has been suspended for this year. Since we had to move the Golf Tournament to August, we just didn't think it was wise given current economic conditions to sell hole sponsorships for the tournament, then turn around and ask the same businesses to buy advertising in the directory.

As businesses begin to reopen committee members should be able to resume soliciting tee signs /hole sponsorships for our Golf Tournament soon. It's coming up fast! The next golf meeting is Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the Thunderbird. Please feel free to come and see how you can help!

The Tennessee District Conference was held via Zoom on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We had 7 members viewing together at the Hiawatha and 2 others viewing from other locations. Judi Hartman was sworn in as Tennessee District President (again) and Tim Witherite was sworn in as Division 8 Director.

Watch your email for information about the National Exchange Convention which will also be held via Zoom. Speakers and educational classes will still be offered, so watch for the schedule and don't miss anything. This is a great opportunity to participate for members who don't normally travel to the National conference.

Recently purchased veterans' bricks will be installed in mid to late July and a dedication will be held in November in conjunction with the One Nation under God Breakfast on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting is Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Officers will be sworn in as will the new board of directors. It will be a quick meeting, with no speaker. All members are asked to wear masks so everyone can feel comfortable attending.

Please continue to keep Pat Camachi in your thoughts and prayers. Pat has been moved from Cookeville to a nursing facility in Michigan closer to her family. Pat loves getting mail and is happy that her Exchange friends are still keeping in touch. If you'd like to drop her a note or send a card, her address is:

Pat Camacci

555 Highland Ave.  
Room 416  
Milford, MI 48381

She would be happy to receive mail from any us, whether you know her well or not.

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**July Exchange membership anniversaries:**



Sally Rogers – 4 years

Gus Rogers – 4 years

Joni Witherite – 4 years

Steven Brady – 5 years

Barb Sullins – 6 years



**July Birthdays:**

7/7 – Susan Dowell

7/10 – Jon Stewart

7/12 – Duane Kessler

7/19 – Anna Holmes

7/25 – Linda Carothers

7/30 – Ellen Cooke



**July Anniversaries:**

7/18 – Dennis and Pat Schloerke

7/26 – Roger and Judith Coulther

7/26 – Mike and Tina Ferry

7/31 – Carol and Tom Konkol

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

*Americanism Projects, Programs of Service*, [Pamphlet]. nd. Toledo Ohio. The National Exchange Club.

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