

# 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*

Did you enjoy our white Christmas?! It was our first white Christmas in 40-plus years. We didn't have to go out in it, so we really enjoyed it!

Lake Tansi Exchange Club lost our good friend and long-time member Jerry Davenport on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be sorely missed. The club proposed presenting Jerry with the Book of Golden Deeds before he passed, but could not bring it together in time and, as Jerry had refused the award previously, Sheila requested that instead of an award, we do something for children in Jerry's name. We contacted guidance counselor Kelly Thurman at Brown Elementary to see if there were families who needed help for Christmas. Kelly had two families in need of food for the Christmas break, so Judi Elam and I went shopping. We ended up with 5 bags non-perishable foods and fresh fruit for each family. Many thanks to Tammy Lapp and Star Realty for donating money to fund this project in memory of Jerry. Tim, Judi and I delivered the groceries to Brown School on December 14<sup>th</sup> so it could be distributed to the families before school closed for the holidays.



The Stephens Center Christmas Party was a drive through event held at the Plateau Pregnancy Services office on December 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2PM. We provided packaged dinners from Food City that the clients can take home and prepare. Santa was there to hand out gifts provided by the Stephens Center staff and the Grinch made an appearance too. Thanks to generous donations from Lena Jordan-Upchurch and Carol Ellenberg, the entire cost of the dinners was covered. It was a cold, rainy day and we like to froze, but fortunately we had a porch with a roof over it to work from. About a dozen families came out to pick up their gifts and dinner and the rest was loaded up so the ladies from the Stephens Center could deliver to the families who couldn't make it out. A big thank you goes out to Santa and Mrs. Claus (new members Lynne and David Harty) and the Grinch (Frank Lapp) and the rest of the volunteers who came out for hanging in there despite the weather.





New members Lynne and David Harty (a.k.a Santa and the Mrs.) were inducted at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. They have jumped right in and become involved and will be a great asset to our club.

Our next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> and will be a Zoom only meeting, due to the governor's restriction on gatherings of more than 10 people. Please watch your email for a link to join the meeting.

There is no update so far on the 917 Society project to provide a copy of the U.S. Constitution to each 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Brown Elementary. Judi has ordered the booklets. We'll let you know when we have the presentation set up. (917society.com)

Finally, the Exchange Mid-year conference is February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree in Murfreesboro unless prohibited by current Covid restrictions. More information will be shared as soon as we have it, but in the meantime, save that date!

If you'd like to drop Pat Camacci a note or send a card, her **new** address is:

Pat Camacci  
2500 Martin Pkwy  
Apt. 230  
Commerce Township, MI 48390

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

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**January Exchange membership anniversaries:**



Susan English – 2 years

Tammy Lapp – 4 years

Judi Hartman – 8 years



**January Birthdays:**

1/30 – Steve Hiltabidle



**January Anniversaries:**

1/13 – Jan and Kermit Hurley

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