

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*



Well, March came in like a lion, but instead of going out like a lamb, it's going out like a lion as well if today's storms are any indication.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Due to Covid concerns, the annual Blue Ribbon Event has been cancelled again this year. We are going to put the sign up in front of First National Bank as we have in the past. The board is still working on Pinwheel distribution.

In conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Exchange Club members are encouraged to wear blue on Mondays during the month of April. The Blue Mondays project originated

in 2012. National Exchange President Sidney Mobley began the initiative as a visual reminder to the community of the importance of united and continued prevention of child abuse efforts. Blue Mondays encourages everyone to wear blue every Monday in April as a way to inspire discussion and awareness and to share Exchange's efforts about raising awareness and promoting healthy families.

We are going forward with our spaghetti dinner this year on **April 30th from 4-6 PM**. It is, however going to be a carry-out only event. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad and bread for \$10. We are also going to hold a bake sale in conjunction with the dinner, since we're not including dessert this year. We want to concentrate on smaller items for the bake sale – individual serving-type packaging, cookies, brownies, etc., rather than whole cakes or pies. Sign-up sheets for workers, spaghetti bakers and bake sale bakers will be circulated at both April meetings.

If you would like to donate candy, plastic eggs or other prizes for the Lake Tansi Easter Egg Hunt, please drop the items off at the Thunderbird. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 3rd at 10AM.

We're starting to get a few more members participating in our meetings. There were 11 members who attended the March 5th meeting in person and 6 more on Zoom. At the March 19th meeting we had 8 members in person and 6 on Zoom. We will continue to include a Zoom option at our meetings for the foreseeable future, since we know there are still people who are not comfortable meeting in groups, and we want to allow as many members a possible to participate. I think Zoom will be a fact of life going forward. People are getting used to using it and like the convenience of being able to participate from anywhere.

Lake Tansi Exchange member and Exchange District president Judi Hartman spoke at the March 19th meeting about the upcoming conference, challenges faced by Exchange clubs in the wake of Covid-19 and how we might try to do more in the community, beyond supporting the prevention of child abuse.

The Golf Tournament is coming together well. At the last golf committee meeting letters to past years' sponsors were stuffed and prepared for mailing. The food is well in hand and other related chores have been assigned and are being handled. The next golf committee meeting will be held **April 14th at 9AM** at the Thunderbird. All are welcome to attend, please do.

Please remember the Celebration of Life honoring Jerry Davenport on **April 10th from 2 to 4PM** at the Thunderbird. All are welcome to attend. Jerry was a really great guy and will be missed by all.

Dennis Schloerke has completed construction on the bench to be placed at the playground in honor of Jerry Davenport. The placque honoring Jerry has been ordered and should be ready in about a week. Once we have that attached, we'll make arrangements to have the bench installed. If it's not installed at the playground in time for Jerry's Celebration of Life, we may try to at least have it on display at the Thunderbird that day. Dennis is going to try a different finish on this bench than he used on the Buddy Benches because the varnished finish isn't holding up very well on the one he made for himself. We will be contacting Brown Elementary to see if the benches need refinishing there, also.

Also, keep in mind the Chicken BBQ is coming up on July 4th. More information will follow. Tim is always looking for chicken flippers. He plans to have a committee this year to help handle all of the jobs that go along with the barbecue. He'll begin organizing around May 1st.

Our Lake Tansi Directory is online and fully operational. Some residents have opted out, since the information will be available to the world, as opposed to our little local directory, but it should be a useful tool going forward. All of the information from the "blue pages" at the front of the old directory is there as well.

The **Exchange District Convention** will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Downtown in Memphis, April 23-25. The deadline has passed to take advantage of the convention rate for the hotel reservations but rooms may still be available at the regular rate registration needs to be in to Sharon Howard by March 31st to avoid a late charge. The Doubletree is across the street from the Peabody Hotel, where the National Convention will be held in September, so we'll have a chance to see the area before the National Convention. I don't know about you but I'm looking forward to going somewhere! The District Convention always has interesting speakers and it's a good chance to meet Exchange members from other clubs and put faces to some of the names you keep hearing.

In conjunction with the Lake Tansi Community Clean-Up April 16th and 17th, we will have a trash pick-up on Dunbar Road **Saturday April 17th**.

Our next meeting will be April 2nd. The meeting will be an in-person meeting at the Hiawatha. Social distancing will be observed, and masks will be required. We'll offer a Zoom option for those still

uncomfortable with meeting in person. Hopefully as everyone gets vaccinated, we'll be able to meet fully in person, but however you join in for now, we just hope you join in.

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

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April Exchange membership anniversaries:

- Michele MacDonald – 2 years
- Star Realty – 2 years
- Ellen Cooke – 9 years
- John Lyon – 21 years



April Birthdays:

- 4/15 – John Lyon
- 4/24 – Paul Durland
- 4/25 – Pat Schloerke



April Anniversaries:

4/4 – Les and Judi Elam

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