

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*

March is here! Where did January and February go? There are a few notable dates on my calendar for March. March is Women's History Month. The first day of Spring is March 20th. St. Patrick's Day is March 17th.

Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.¹ Over the next few years the idea caught on in communities and school districts across the country. President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation the declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The following year, Congress passed a resolution establishing a national celebration.¹ Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

¹History.com

Why is there no Men's History Month you ask? Well, think about it. The bulk of the history we learned in school was about the men who accomplished whatever it was. Women needed their husband's permission to do things, had to work in secret or had convince their man that it was really his idea all along to get it done. There is an International Men's Day, but it's not until November 19th, so that's a story for another time.

St. Patrick's Day observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It has evolved into a celebration of all things Irish or imagined Irish. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.¹ Notice no mention of corned beef. Corned beef is not a traditional Irish dish but was used by Irish-American immigrants in the late 19th century as a substitute for Irish bacon, which was not available.

The first day of spring happens every year on March 19, 20, or 21 in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the 19th this year. The first day of spring is determined by the vernal equinox, when the amount of daylight and darkness are almost equal.

Also, don't forget daylight savings time begins on March 14th. Remember - spring forward.

Fourteen members participated in our Zoom meeting on February 5th. We had thirteen members plus a speaker at the February 19th meeting. Derek Brawner from Boy Scouts of America in Knoxville was our speaker. Derek filled us in on what's happening in Scouting. Lake Tansi Exchange Club sponsors a Boy Scout troop and our search for a new liaison between the troop and our club prompted the choice to have him as a speaker. Jerry Davenport had performed this job for years. Our thanks go out to new member David Harty for volunteering to step into this position for us.

Lake Tansi Exchange Club is going to place a bench on the playground by the Thunderbird in memory of Jerry Davenport. Dennis Schloerke has agreed to build another bench like the Buddy Benches we placed at Brown Elementary. The bench will carry a plaque identifying it as a bench honoring Jerry.

The first Golf Tournament meeting will be Wednesday, March 3rd at 9:30 at the Thunderbird. Please plan to attend!

Also, keep in mind the Chicken BBQ is coming up on July 4th. More information will follow. Tim is always looking for chicken flippers.

Our Lake Tansi Directory is going online! Residents are being given the opportunity to opt out of the directory before it goes live, as not everyone wants their personal information to be available online. A notice appeared in the February Smoke Signals and will appear again in the March issue. Two email blasts will go out from the POA as well. Email ltexchangeclub@gmail.com if you want to be unlisted.

The **Exchange District Convention** will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Downtown in Memphis, April 23-25. Judi Hartman sent out the Convention Call and registration early in February and Tim forwarded it to all club members. Hotel reservations need to be made by March 24th and 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.

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

Our March 5th 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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March Exchange membership anniversaries:



Marcy Tucker – 4 years

Linda Carothers – 6 years

Lena Jordan-Upchurch – 6 years



March Birthdays:

3/3 – Steve Brady

3/7 – Nancy Roehlig

3/14 – Tammy Lapp

3/19 – Lena Jordan-Upchurch

3/20 – Marcy Tucker

3/24 – Gus Rogers



March Anniversaries:

3/19 – Larry and Jan Robertson

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