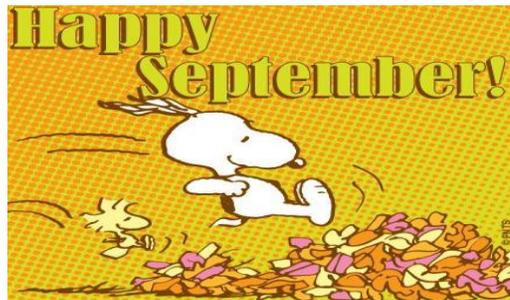


The Motivator

Exchange Club of Lake Tansi

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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*

Fall is almost here! Yes, I know school has started and pumpkin spice everything is popping up all over, but the first day of fall is not until September 22nd this year.

We have inducted a number of new members since I last wrote about Exchange Club's history, so I thought it would be a good time to rerun this information from the January 2019 Motivator. I did add to it so it's not a total re-hash and the timeline is new. The majority of this information is on the National Exchange Club website, as is noted, so feel free to look it up and double check me.

Did you know:

"To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings and greater opportunities for all."

Those noble and inspiring words, which conclude Exchange's eloquent Covenant of Service, reflect the true purpose of Exchange — service.

Throughout Exchange's long and illustrious history, the ideal of unselfish service to others has been embraced by Exchange Clubs across America, as they have endeavored to aid and assist their communities, states and nation.

It all started in 1896, when a group of men, a cross section of Detroit's business and professional community, first met for no more noble purpose than to eat lunch.

Initially, the meetings were occasional and informal. The men were friends who simply enjoyed the pleasure of each other's company. They swapped stories, compared views and advised each other on the conduct of business. The idea of recruiting representatives from the varied businesses and professions gradually developed until the group, known as the Boosters' Club, took on many attributes of a luncheon club. ¹

Charles A. Berkey is credited with the founding of this great organization. At his suggestion, the name "Exchange" was selected because the group wanted to exchange ideas and information with like-minded individuals about how to better serve their communities.

The first local Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan, in 1911. The second was the Exchange Club of Toledo, Ohio, formed in 1913. Subsequently, two others were organized in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cleveland, Ohio. These four clubs were the first to be chartered by The National Exchange Club after it was organized as a nonprofit, educational organization in 1917.

Exchange Clubs sponsor activities under the organization's Programs of Service – Americanism, Youth Programs and Community Service – as well as its National Project, the prevention of child abuse. Each year, communities benefit from the promotion of pride in our great country, college scholarships, youth mentoring, service to the underprivileged, and other services tailored to serve the needs of its citizens.

In addition to these programs, The National Exchange Club has been at the forefront of significant developments in American history, including the early days of aviation progress. The spirit of patriotism paved the way for what has become known as the "Americanism" Program of Service. Americanism promotes pride in our country, appreciation for the freedoms granted to American citizens, and gratitude to the men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces. Americanism celebrates our country's rich, unique heritage and inspires unity from coast-to-coast.²

Exchange Milestones³

1911	The first Exchange Club is founded in Detroit, MI, on March 27 by Charles A. Berkey.
1917	In Toledo, Ohio, The National Exchange Club (NEC) is organized. Charles A. Berkey is elected National President, Herold M. Harter is named National Secretary (today known as Executive Vice President (EVP), and served in that position for 44 years.
1927	The Exchange Club Covenant of Service is officially adopted.
1928	Aviation is adopted as a National Project. Exchange begins promoting aviation and marking buildings with giant arrows to aid aviators.
1930	Official Exchange Emblem is adopted.
1947	National Crime Prevention Week is adopted as a national program.
1948	Youth of the Month/Year program is adopted.
1950	The first Freedom Shrine is dedicated at Santa Monica High School in California.
1952	The first Exchange Club is formed in Puerto Rico.
1965	Three areas of service, American Citizenship, Community Service, and Service to Youth, are approved, changing the Program of Service structure.
1972	The Milestones of Freedom project is adopted as an adjunct of the Freedom Shrine project.
1973	The first National Youth of the Year is awarded at the 55th National Convention in Houston, TX.
1979	Child abuse prevention is adopted as the National Project at the 61st National Convention
1981	The first Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse opens in Fort Pierce, FL.
1985	Delegates at the 67th National Convention open membership to include women. First Asian American National President, George Ow, is installed at the 67th National Convention.

1992	The Guinness Record for the most valuable line of coins is achieved by Exchange Club members at the 73rd National Convention, during the first Quarters for Kids campaign.
1999	The first National Day of Service is held.
2000	First National A.C.E. Award is presented to Magdalena Salcedo, of Salt Lake City, UT, at the 82nd National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Assisted by Exchange Clubs, The NEC Foundation reaches its goal of distributing 1 million Shaken Baby Syndrome brochures.
2001	First National Exchangite of the Year Award is presented to Bettye Galloway, Oxford, MS, at the 83rd National Convention in Greensboro, NC.
2003	First female National President, Pamela M. Sudlow, is installed at the 85th National Convention.
2011	Exchange reaches its 100th anniversary on March 27th. Celebrations occur across the country and the National Convention is held in Detroit, MI, the city where Exchange was founded. First African-American National President, Sidney Mobley is installed at the 93rd National Convention.
2012	First female Executive Vice President, Tracey Edwards, is appointed at the Mid-Year Meeting.
2015	The partnership with the Veterans Matter organization is announced to help house homeless veterans.
2018	Exchange celebrates 100th National Convention in Reno!

The Club presented Gary Dillon with a Certificate of Appreciation and an Exchange coffee mug in recognition of his assistance to Lake Tansi Exchange Club at our August 6th meeting. New member Buddy Meeks was inducted into the club at the August 6th meeting as well.



Judi Hartman spoke about the Field of Honor/Healing Field project. After reviewing all of the information she has accumulated so far, Judi recommended we postpone the project until November next year do we can do it right. Opportunities to be part of the committee planning this event will be announced after the first of the year.

I would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies for Brown Elementary. Tim and I dropped off 4 grocery bags full of supplies. They were very much appreciated. The next project we will support for Brown School is "A book and a blanket". Dr. Speich contacted Tim to ask if we would be interested in participating in this project. Based on feedback from the club we're going ahead with it. She would like to give every student in the school a book and a blanket to curl up with during the cold winter months. The blankets don't need to be anything fancy. Walmart often has \$5 throws around Christmas time. Those would be perfect. We will start collecting at the September 3rd meeting if anyone has a donation. Dr. Speich would like to distribute the books and blankets sometime in January.

Anna is still looking for a chairperson for the One Nation under God Breakfast. Let her know if you're interested.

Soup and Salad tickets were distributed and sign-up sheets were passed around at the August 20th meeting. Now, however it looks like we may need to cancel again for this year. Anna should have a decision for us at the September 3rd meeting.

Tim is working to set up a new member orientation in the near future. If you received an email from him regarding your preferences for this meeting, please respond if you haven't already. He would like to get this organized as soon as possible.

The **National Exchange Convention** will be held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, September 8-11.

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

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2500 Martin Pkwy
Apt. 230
Commerce Township, MI 48390

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September Exchange membership anniversaries:

Duane Kessler – 2 years

Chuck Sullins – 14 years

Steve Hiltabidle – 15 years



September Birthdays:

9/1 – Michele MacDonald



September Anniversaries:

9/13 – Tim and Joni Witherite

9/24 – Sue and Joe English

9/26 – Tim and Joni French

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

¹ Exchange Club of Murfreesboro newsletter October 8, 2018

² The National Exchange Club website

³ The National Exchange Club website