

The Motivator

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Club #2359 Div XII TN-KY
Meeting the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month
At the Hiawatha Center



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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*

It's hard to believe the first of April is almost here and the first quarter of the year is over. The sign-up sheets are really flying now! There are so many projects and opportunities coming up it's hard to keep track. My calendar is filling up fast!

April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983. National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness and

provide education and support to families through resources and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect. ¹ We will be putting the sign up in front of First National Bank as we have in the past. Tim is going to check with Outlaw Graphics tomorrow to see if the new numbers are ready to update the sign. Dates, times, and places to place pinwheels will be discussed at the April 1st meeting, I'm sure.

The National Exchange Club officially adopted the prevention of child abuse as its National Project in 1979 at the 61st National Convention. Exchange provides a variety of public awareness materials, designed to help inform and increase awareness of child abuse and how it can be prevented. These are used in conjunction with Exchange Clubs and Exchange Club Centers for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Additionally, Exchange supports and engages in a number of annual activities designed to heighten awareness of child abuse and its consequences. Through participation in National Child Abuse Prevention Month each April, National Headquarters in Toledo, OH, and local-level clubs across the country work with government agencies, local and national partners, and their communities to draw awareness about prevention of this social crisis. Specially designed materials are made available at this time of year, including action-oriented *Exchange Today* articles, all intended to help Exchange Clubs, members, and communities work to prevent child abuse. ²

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 to inspire discussion and awareness and to share Exchange's efforts about raising awareness and promoting healthy families.

Two new members were inducted into Lake Tansi Exchange Club in March. Welcome to Exchange Jenna Brownfield and Linda Thomsen! Jenna was inducted on March 4th and Linda Thomsen on March 18th.



Jenna Brownfield



Linda Thomsen

Our Spaghetti Dinner is coming up as well. The date is April 29th. Sign-up sheets to work the event as well as for spaghetti baking and baked goods to sell were circulated at the meetings in January, February, and March but if you missed them don't worry. They'll go around again at the next meeting! Anna has copies of the baked spaghetti recipe, too. Tickets were distributed for sale at the last meeting. If you need tickets to sell, contact Anna Holmes.

The next Golf Tournament meeting is Tuesday, April 26th at 9:00AM at the Hiawatha. Judi Hartman is looking for golf-related items for door prizes. Contact Judi if you have something to donate. As of the last meeting, Anna still needed pork butts to cook for the dinner after the tournament. The 27 lbs. of pork donated so far cooked down to 16 lbs. and we went through 47 lbs. of cooked pork last year. In case you haven't already marked your calendars, the Golf Tournament is on June 4th beginning at 1:00PM.

Gus Rogers and the road clean up crew did a trash pick up on Saturday, March 5th. Unfortunately, Tim and I couldn't make it this time, but there was a really good turnout. 14 bags of trash were collected! Good job everyone! It's great to see new faces participating.



The Tennessee District Convention is on Saturday, June 11th. Mark your calendars to attend. It's in Cookeville at the new Holiday Inn this year and will probably not get any closer so it's a great opportunity. If you don't mind getting up early in the morning you won't even need to stay overnight, just come down in the morning! Registration information should be available soon.

While we're on the topic of conventions, the Exchange National Convention is coming up in July (the 13-16th). It is in Greenville, South Carolina at the Hyatt Regency this year which is actually closer to us than Memphis was. Please consider attending we had a great time last year and it's a great opportunity to meet Exchangeites from all

over the country. The link to make hotel reservations is up on the national website (nationalexchangeclub.org) and registration information is available as well.

The next meeting of the Field of Honor Committee is April 12th at 8 at Jean and Dan Smith's home. This is an event like no other and truly breathtaking to see in person. It will take everyone's help to pull this off, but we can do it! Watch for updates as this project comes together over the coming months.



The Field of Honor/Healing Field at the National Convention in Memphis.

Our Field of Honor committee will have a table at the upcoming Flower and Garden Show, Lake Tansi Memorial Day Festival and at the Friday at the Crossroads events downtown on the first Friday of every other month this summer beginning in April. The community buy-in on this project has been amazing so far!

The annual county Blue Ribbon Event is scheduled for April 10th. It will be at the County Complex Exhibition Building from 12:30 to 1:30. Those working the event will need to be there by 11:00AM. Lake Tansi Exchange Club's participation in this event consists of preparing and serving lunch. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at upcoming meetings.

1 <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/about/>

2 nationalexchangeclub.org/cap "Prevention of Child Abuse."



April Exchange membership anniversaries:

Dan Smith – 1 year

Jean Smith – 1 year

Randy Welsh – 1 year



April Birthdays:

4/6 – Jean Smith

4/15 – John Lyon

4/24 - Paul Durland



April Anniversaries:

4/4 – Les and Judi Elam

4/24 - Everette and Pat Smith

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