

The Motivator

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Exchange Club of Lake Tansi
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*

Spring has sprung! At least for this week. I don't want it to get too warm too fast, but the cold, rainy days are getting old.

Did you read your "Exchange Today" Winter 2023 magazine? The Exchange Club of Lake Tansi appears in the Exchange Awesome section on page 15 for the presentation of the certificate for Meritorious Service from American Legion Post #163.



April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983. At our March 17th meeting, Jean told the story of how the blue ribbon has come to represent child abuse prevention. 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. We will be placing our pinwheel garden across from the 19th Hole and putting the sign up in front of First National Bank with a pinwheel garden on Saturday, April 1st. Jean has asked members to meet at the 19th Hole parking lot at 9:00AM. The pinwheel gardens are a reminder that every child deserves a great childhood.

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 several 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.

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.

Our club is growing! The Exchange Club of Lake Tansi has inducted 8 new members since the first of the year. New members Rita Reali and Cynthia Sulamo were inducted in February. New members Jeff and Beverley Amarello, Dawn Mayer, Kelly Strachan, Michael Albin, and Dina Neff were inducted in March. Welcome to Exchange!



March meeting guest Bonnie Cramer filled out paperwork to join, as well so new member number nine will be inducted once her paperwork processes through National.

The Exchange Club of Lake Tansi will be participating in the annual Blue Ribbon event again this year. The event is on April 16th. We usually prepare and serve a hotdog lunch in addition to manning a Club information table. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the next meeting.

Jean created some beautiful club calendars that have photos from the Field of Honor as well as dates of all Exchange functions that have been established so far. Steve Hiltabidle has covered the cost of printing so that every club member can have one. Please make sure you pick up yours if you haven't already.

Plans for the Spaghetti Dinner are underway. Jean is chairing for this year but has a committee behind her and they're really getting things done. Melody Brown is managing ticket sales and the Penny Social (Chinese Auction). They have already secured some really great prizes! Susan Casner is distributing the updated spaghetti recipe and distributing foil pans to cook it in. Susan is also circulating sign-up sheets for the bake sale and baked goods auction. Dan Smith will be our auctioneer again this year. The dinner will be held April 21st at 5:00PM.

Rita Reali is collecting recipes for a Lake Tansi Exchange Club cookbook. She would like your favorite recipes and any story you might have about your recipe. The plan is to have the cookbook finished and available at the Spaghetti Dinner. Rita has experience with self-publishing and has offered to handle all of the details.

Our new members are awesome!

Judi Hartman and Dan Smith are co-chairs for the golf tournament this year. Judi has things well in hand. The next golf meeting is April 19th. The tournament is June 3rd.

The Tennessee District Conference is June 10th in Ashland City, TN, northwest of Nashville at the Hampton Inn. Rooms are \$144 a night. The rate is good for Friday and Saturday nights. The Hampton will hold the rooms until May 9th. This will be a one day conference, but because of the drive some people may want to stay over at least one night. The conference call with conference registration information should be coming out soon.

Convention registration and hotel reservations are open for the National Convention in Phoenix July 12-15. It's at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. The pictures of the hotel look really great. Tim and I can't wait to go even if it's going to be hot as blazes. The National Convention is a great time. If you can't go this year, think about going to the next one.

New members Jeff and Beverley Amarello's 50th wedding anniversary was March 17th, so after the meeting on the 17th we had cake to celebrate with them. Members also brought cards to help celebrate their special day. Beverley and Jeff were totally surprised. Great job, Judi Hartman for orchestrating this surprise!



The Book of Golden Deeds dinner will be May 4th at the Lake Tansi Restaurant and Bar. More details to follow.

Our next meeting is April 7th. Our speaker will be Marine Corps League Commandant Brian Hudgins. Hope to see you there!



April Exchange membership anniversaries:

Melody Brown – 1 year

Dan Smith – 2 years

Jean Smith – 2 years

Star Realty – 4 years

John Lyon – 23 years



April Birthdays:

4/6 – Jean Smith

4/15 – John Lyon

4/18 – Michael Albin



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.