



Rocky Mountain Exchanger

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Mission Statement

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

President Elect's Message

WAY TO GO ROCKY MOUNTAIN!

National Exchange just finished the annual Stand Up America campaign. The goal was 1,000 new Exchangites by March 15, 2003. The cumulative total increase is 708. There are 30,000 total members. See www.nationalexchangeclub.com.

Rocky Mountain gained 27 new members through the campaign for a total of 570. Mesquite lead the way with 7 new members; Bonneville and Murray clubs with 5 each, Manti 3; Colorado Springs; Tooele and Sandy clubs 2 each; and Taylorsville 1. Congratulation to all of the clubs who participated.

2003 NAT'L LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2002/2003 District President-Elect took part in a very successful National Leadership Conference the end of February in Toledo. National President-elect Pam Sudlow presented her theme for the coming year – *Exchange: Growing Our Future Together*. Exchange is only getting better and Rocky Mountain District is looking forward to a bright future.

NATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Clubs for earning the National Service Award Exchange Club of Ogden (Noon), UT 12/20/02

Exchange Club of Greeley, CO 1/20/03
Exchange Club of Murray, UT 3/05/03
Exchange Club of Tooele, UT 3/31/03

Calendar

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

April 7, 2003 – Club Youth of the Year Application due to Martin Gibson, District Chair.
April 14, 2003 – Club A.C.E. Award Application due to Martin Gibson, Dist. Chr.
April 15, 2003 – Club submits Officer Election Reports to National Headquarters

EVENTS

March 27, 2003 – 92nd Birthday
April – National Child Abuse Prevention Month
May 15, 16, 17th, 2003 – District Convention Colorado Springs. More details inside.
May – Freedom Shrine Month.
July 1 2003 – Administrative year begins
July 16-20, 2003 – 85th National Convention, Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, AL
National Convention in SLC in 2005

Clubs Exchanging Ideas

Colorado Springs, Colorado

We established closer ties with Pikes Peak Family Connections and will host the upcoming Rocky Mountain District Convention.

Pikes Peak Family Connections (www.fetcs.org/ppfc.html) with affiliates in the Family Empowerment Team work to prevent child abuse. We made a substantial donation to their respite day care center and worked there on the Day of Service.

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With them, we are also sponsoring the "Strong Families Today Create Strong Communities Tomorrow" Child Abuse Prevention Rally. "Communities" incorporates the CO abbreviation for Colorado in the name of the CAP rally.

Plans are coming together for a fun and educational time at the Rocky Mountain District Convention. May is beautiful in Colorado. Plan to stay for Sunday, May 18, to see "In Their Honor Air Show" (www.intheirhonorairshow.com) Discount tickets available. The Double Tree World Arena Hotel has rooms at the convention rate before and after the convention.

Greeley, Colorado

Becky Sperber, president, reports: Our club had the first committee meeting of the year to prepare for our Stampede food/beer booth fund raiser. The rodeos and concerts begin June 26 and end July 6 with the Demolition Derby. Chairperson Betty Hoffner has the function operating like a well-oiled machine. New members are amazed at her consistent attention to detail and the annual success. Betty Hoffner is an amazing "Event Planner".

Every month we select an area agency in need of support. Last month the day of sharing was Weld Food Bank. We passed a collection envelope at our weekly Tuesday meetings and collected enough money for the food bank to purchase over \$2,000 worth of food. This month our day of sharing tribute will be to the Woman's Place, an agency for victims of domestic violence.

Breakfast XC of Bountiful, Utah

Ogden, Utah

At the recent "Pride Day" meeting of the Ogden Noon Exchange Club, two longtime members, Sharm Christensen and Marv Rabe, were awarded National Exchange Club certificates for, respectively, Outstanding Treasurer and Outstanding Secretary. In addition, they were also awarded plaques recognizing their dedicated services in their offices for

over 20 years.

Rabe and Christensen first joined the Ogden Noon Exchange Club in, respectively 1950 and 1980 and have contributed greatly to the success of the



Club President Russ Scholtec, left, presents award to T. F. Davidson, center, Secretary Marv Rabe right.

organization. Thomas F. Davidson, who retired in 1990 as Vice President/Technical, Thiokol Corporation, was chosen for the "Community Service Award for 2003" because of his extensive contributions to various Ogden-area service organizations, which include: Member of Board of Directors for Habitat of Northern Utah, Weber State University



Sister Stephanie receiving Book of Golden Deeds Award from Club President Russ Scholtec

Wildcat Club, Athletic Board; Member, Utah Musical Theater, State Board of Education; Trustee, Ogden Dinosaur Park & Museum Foundation; Member, Governor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped; Trustee, Weber State University; Member, Ogden School District Strategic Plan Committee; Chairman, American Red Cross of Northern Utah.

Sister Stephanie Mongeon of Ogden Regional Medical Center, received the 2003 Book of Golden Deeds Award as a result of her many years of compassionate efforts to improve the Ogden-Area Community. She accepted the honor on behalf of the Sisters of the Mount Benedict

Monastery.

*Breakfast XC of Ogden, Utah
Utah Valley, Utah
St. George, Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah*

Bonneville-Salt Lake City, Utah

Tristan Lawyer, Mount Vernon School and member of the Utah State Basketball 1A champs, received the A.C.E. award.

Richard Gordon, Book of Golden Deeds chair, reported that Jim Nelson received the 2003 award for his years of tireless work at the Salt Lake Transient Center. His daily service to hundreds of people goes on in spite of recent blindness.

The club has awarded Youth of the Month for three months running and instituted a Symphony Night social event for club members. President Diane Strasser.

*Sugarhouse-Cottonwood SLC, Utah
Sandy, Utah*

Cedar City, Utah

Breakfast XC of St. George, Utah

Breakfast Exchange of Bountiful, Utah

Taylorsville, Utah

Exchangites Jim Maloney, Jerry Milne and Morris Pratt received Outstanding Volunteer awards from the city of Taylorsville. Jim, past club president, served on the Taylorsville Dayz committee as parade chairman for three years.

Jerry is a master gardener, involved with the community garden from its beginning. He prepares the soil and does general up-keep annually. An original member of the city's Leisure Time, Arts, Recreation and Parks committee, he's advocated beautification of our streets and neighborhoods.

Morris wears many volunteer hats, among them, membership on the city's Historical Preservation Society, Ordinance Review Committee, General Plan Committee, Steering Committee, and Multipurpose Center Committee. He is also President of his chapter of Sons of the

Utah Pioneers.

Megan Rytting, Hunter High School, received the club's Student of the Year award.

We invite members of Salt Lake area clubs to join us Saturday, May 24, 10:00 A.M. at the Freedom Shrine, Jordan River Parkway, 650 W 4700 S. for a "Proudly We Hail!" Memorial Tribute to Veterans of Taylorsville. Slated for the program are a Flag Display and Ceremony, Taylorsville Senior Center Choir, and speaker from the Governor's Office.

A.C.E. is an acronym for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence. The A.C.E. Awards are presented on the club, district and national levels to students who overcome considerable physical, emotional or social obstacles and are eligible for high school graduation.

Murray, Utah



A.C.E. Award winner Aaron Dangerfield, Creekside High School, with President Dill Strasser

Manti, Utah

Tooele, Utah



Tooele A.C.E. Awards

Exchangite, Ruth Gowans, Utah State University, awards a \$250 scholarship to Joseph Eckman and Amber Rydalch from Tooele Alternative School. Dill Strasser is Club President

Mesquite, Nevada

[Ed. note] Congratulations to the Mesquite club for a fine club newsletter!

We donated \$1000 to assist with medical expenses for Brittany Bergeron who was savagely attacked in Mesquite.

Our fund-raiser, "Mesquite Madness V," an auction, is hailed as the "city's most successful charity fund-raiser."

Our national "Award Winning" patriotism project, *Give Me Liberty*, is on its way to going national in scale. It is a specially designed handbook/curriculum to teach fifth graders about our American heritage.