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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the President! Here we are in April and you're already reading the first issue of the 2008-09 newsletter. My plan is to publish this on a monthly basis going forward. We've been pretty busy and I wanted to share some of our recent as well as upcoming events with everyone in this newsletter

With Spring in full swing, a lot of you will be heading outdoors to enjoy what our great state has to offer. It's nice to be able to golf on Saturday and maybe ski on Sunday. Not a lot of places you can do that.

I also want to encourage all of our members to try and get to know the new members and help share our philosophy and ideals. If you think back to when you were a new member, it was sure nice when someone went out of their way to introduce themselves and get to know you a little better. For those of you who are new, please take it upon yourselves to get to know as many people as you can. I remember back to when I joined. I sat at a different table every Tuesday at lunch and introduced myself to everyone at the table. It took a while, but soon I knew almost everyone in the club at least a little. I know we are all busy but I encourage you to attend as many lunch meetings as you can. This is a great way to find out what is happening and get to know everyone.

*Dale Brown, President*

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## CRIME PREVENTION LUNCHEON

The Billings Downtown Exchange Club held its 51<sup>st</sup> annual Crime Prevention Luncheon on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza. The Crime Prevention Luncheon honors local law enforcement officers from each of the Billings Police Department, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department and the Montana Highway Patrol. This year we honored four recipients as the Police Department had two well deserving individuals.

This year's honorees were Officer Harley Cagle and Detective Ken Paharik from the Billings Police Department, Lieutenant Mike Schieno from the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department and Trooper Jason Grover from the Montana Highway Patrol. Each honoree was presented with a revolver on behalf of the Downtown Exchange Club.



We had nearly 120 people attend the luncheon this year. Invitations were extended to each of the respective departments and the recipients' families. All were very well represented. Also in attendance were individuals from City and County government, law enforcement agencies & local judges, City and County attorneys and of course the members of the Downtown Exchange Club. Everyone was treated to a steak lunch with all the trimmings.

This year we were honored to have Governor Brian Schweitzer as the keynote speaker. Jens did a great job of capturing the moment with photos of the Governor with each of the award winners and we even snuck in our distinguished Club President Dale Brown for one shot.

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In addition to the Governor, Chair of the County Commission Bill Kennedy provided some very nice opening remarks. The heads of each of the respective law enforcement agencies were seated at the head table to make the introductions of the recipients. We must also not forget the wonderful job Vinnie Iacopini did as the Master of Ceremonies – very smooth under pressure and kept the event moving on schedule.

All in all this years event was a huge success. Many thanks to all those that helped put it on. This is one of the Downtown Exchange Clubs major events of the year and one that we take a lot of pride in putting on in order to recognize a few of the individuals that make our communities a safer place to live. This year the Governor...next year the President!

*Brandon Berger, Crime Prevention Chair*

## ~~Future Programs~~

- May 5, 2009 Russ Squire, Red Lodge Renaissance**
- May 12, 2009 Aaron Romero, Stars & Stripes Boxing Club**
- May 19, 2009 Joy Mariska, Billings Area Family Violence Task Force**
- May 26, 2009 Robert Beers, Athletic Director, Rocky Mountain College**

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

This year's Yellowstone District Convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, MT. The convention begins on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> with a Dinner and entertainment. There will be seminars for members on Saturday followed by a Collegiate Golf Challenge on Saturday afternoon. The club has budget for several members to attend so if you are interested, please see Dale Brown or Russ Yerger for details. This is a great event and I would encourage you to attend and interact with fellow Exchangites from throughout the Yellowstone District.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT EXCHANGE CONVENTION

HILTON GARDEN INN, MISSOULA, MT

JUNE 5-7

Open to all Exchange Club Members

CASA GOLF TOURNAMENT

LAKE HILLS GOLF CLUB, BILLINGS, MT

JUNE 19, 2009

CHECK IN AT NOON, SHOTGUN START AT 1PM

A DAY AT PAR 3 GOLF COURSE

EXCHANGE CITY PAR 3 GOLF COURSE

JUNE 23

Our weekly meeting will be held at the clubhouse followed by a round of golf for those who can stay. Mark Hahn will give an update on the course and the golf is free.

MUSTANGS FOOD DRIVE

DEHLER PARK AT COBB FIELD

JULY 4TH

Our annual Food Drive and American Flag distribution at a Mustangs game.

## ~~ Blue Ribbon Award ~~



The Billings Family Tree Center held an Open House on April 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. The four Billings Exchange Clubs were honored with the annual "Blue Ribbon Award" for their efforts to prevent child abuse in our community. The Exchange Clubs of Billings have supported the efforts of the Center through financial contributions as well as volunteers. Additionally, the Center is an Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center, and has benefited greatly from its affiliation with the National Exchange Club Foundation.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has put forth the following slate of nominations for 2009-2010

<b>President</b>	Vinnie Iacopini
<b>President Elect</b>	Tyler Nose
<b>Vice President</b>	Jason Euell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kendra Bahm
<b>Secretary</b>	Jeff Winkler
<b>Past President</b>	Dale Brown

### Board Members:

Brandon Berger	Trina Besel
Jim Davies	Cory Elkin
Phil Hammond	Tex Janecek
Melodie McDermott	Jonathan Peart
Jens Selvig	

## COMMITTEES

The following committees will need to be filled for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

**Fundraising**  
**Public Relations**  
**Membership**  
**Community Service**  
**Programs of Service**  
**Child Abuse Prevention**

Committee chairs will be decided at the June board meeting. If you would like to serve on one of the following committees, please contact a board member and let them know your interest. You are encouraged to participate in one or more committees and your input is invaluable to the strength of our club.

## ~~ ACE AWARDS ~~

On Tuesday, March 31, an awards luncheon was held in honor of the Downtown Billings Exchange Club 2009 A.C.E. Award winners. The 2009 A.C.E. Award winners, Trevor Eastman, Jonathon Buciuman, and Cherokee Rawals are Seniors at Billings Senior High School. They received a plaque, the acknowledgment and support of club members, family, friends, and Senior High Guidance Counselor Pamela Johnson and will receive a \$1,000 stipend upon graduation.

The A.C.E. selection committee consisted of Ron Yates, Jim Davies, Tyler Nose, and Jeff Rice.

A.C.E. stands for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" and recognizes students who have overcome some type of great physical, emotional, or social obstacle sometime during high school and are now eligible for graduation. This award encourages students to overcome their hardship and remain or get back on track toward attaining a high school diploma. Despite these students perseverance and winning attitudes, they are often overlooked for their accomplishments.

The funds for these annual A.C.E. Awards result from the fundraising events that members are asked to participate in annually, with the main source of club funding generated by Metra Grandstand beer-pouring shifts and the Texas Hold 'Em Charity Poker Challenge. Without club members' participation at these events, we could not recognize these deserving students.

*Jim Davies, ACE Awards Committee Chair*

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*"Exchange has chosen to recognize these worthy students because it is our belief that recognition of a deserving youth can positively impact the student's entire future."*

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## NEW MEMBERS

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings would like to welcome all of the new members in this fiscal year.

**Bob Smith**  
**Scott Smith**  
**Tom Krause**  
**Jan Dietrich**  
**Debby Witner**

**Robby Smith**  
**Kevin Lundin**  
**Erin Prill**  
**Kyle Thelen**

## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The following members are celebrating anniversaries with the Downtown Exchange Club in April.

<b>Mac Fogelsong</b>	<b>7 years</b>
<b>John Gransberry</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>Todd Sherman</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>Daniel Tidswell</b>	<b>1 year</b>

## *The Exchange Club Covenant of Service*

*Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:*

*To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political, and Business ideals;*

*To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;*

*To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;*

*To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and comradeship in my social and business relationships;*

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



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