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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Exchangites!

We are in full swing with our fundraising season at Metrapark. I hear we are doing even a bit better than last year so we'll let you know the final tally as soon as possible. That would make this the 3rd year in a row of increased sales! As of today, about 95% of our members have worked shifts. This is the easiest way you get to know your fellow club members and it's a lot of fun. Also forthcoming, the board of directors is working on some new and exciting fundraising opportunities that don't involve beer or gambling. This should give our club additional revenue to present to our charities in a great time of need. Almost all of our Child Abuse Prevention charities are experiencing a down year of fundraising and are struggling to make up for the lost revenue from donations, fundraising, grants, etc. As the fall weather hits and the kids go back in school, we will begin our Thursday socials once again. These take place the last Thursday of the month at Yellowstone Brewing. Plan on attending, they are a lot of fun! Thanks again for all you do and let's have some fun this fall in Exchange!

Vinnie Iacopini, President

GRANTS APPROVED

- A grant for \$3,500 was approved for the Family Tree Center. This is an annual grant for their operations.
- A grant for \$500 was approved for the Parents of Downs Syndrome (PODS) Organization.

MONTANA FAIR

We are right in the middle of fundraising season for the club. MontanaFair started off a little slow with some unseasonably cool weather the first weekend but some big night shows and a rodeo the last two days helped us finish strong. Fundraising Chairman, Tyler Nose reported that our gross sales exceeded last year. Final numbers will be reported later this year after the horseracing season concludes. Thanks to everyone who worked shifts. We have a strong group of members who always work a lot of shifts and it was nice to see many of the new members pitching as well.



The new keg cooler in the Yellowstone Room really helped speed up the process and will hopefully help improve our margins as well. Please continue to sign-up for shifts for the remaining two weekends of HorseRacing. We are on track for a great year!



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~~ Beartooth School ~~



New Beartooth Elementary playground



Old Beartooth Elementary playground

Four members of the Downtown Exchange Club recently attended the dedication of the new playground at Beartooth Elementary School. This was a project we became involved in last fall. When Beartooth School reopened, their PTA had a goal of building a new playground. The old one was dilapidated and unsafe. It was finished just before school let out last spring and the reception from the kids was great!



Our club was able to provide a grant for \$10,000 to help the PTA finish the fundraising about a year early than they had hoped. These grant funds came from the operation of the Exchange City Golf Course that we own in conjunction with the city of Billings. These funds are mainly used to give back to the community in a way that supports the public and not any specific organization or group.

~~ Future Programs ~~

- Sep 1, 2009 Gregg Wilson
 Associated Employers of Mt**
- Sep 8, 2009 Jens Selvig III
 Selvig Commercial Photography**
- Sep 15, 2009 Pam Purcell, Mary Beth Gregory
 Grace Montessori Academy**
- Sep 22, 2009 John Louk and 2 representatives
 Montana Boys State**
- Sep 29, 2009 Carolyn Baker
 Adventure Scuba**

~~ NEW MEMBERS ~~

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings would like to welcome the following new members.

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| Howard Sumner | Robert Beers |
| Toby Walker | Royal Caraveau |

~~ MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES ~~

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

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| Jerry Michels | 21 years |
| Eric Hoffman | 20 years |
| Jeff Rice | 12 years |
| Cory Elkin | 2 years |

~~ Upcoming Events ~~

HORSE RACING

METRAPARK GRANDSTANDS, BILLINGS, MT
AUG 22ND - SEPT 13TH WEEKENDS

We sell beer in the grandstands for this event.

BREAKFAST EXCHANGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

BRIARWOOD GOLF COURSE, BILLINGS, MT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2009^S

Our club supports this event by sponsoring a team

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WRAPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

BRIARWOOD GOLF COURSE, BILLINGS, MT
DECEMBER 15TH

This is the wrapping party for "Santa in the Schools as well as our annual Christmas party

SANTA IN THE SCHOOLS

SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, BILLINGS, MT
TBD (DECEMBER)

This event is not to be missed. Many club members say it is the highlight of our year for them.

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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