

Noon Line



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention/Awareness Month.

- **A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds.**
- Almost **five children die every day** as a result of child abuse. More than three out of four are under the age of 4.
- It is estimated that between 60-85% of child fatalities due to maltreatment are **not recorded as such on death certificates.**
- The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2007 is **\$104 billion.**

Please remember the reason that we play poker, serve beer, wrap presents, and contribute our time to Exchange. During the month, we will highlight lunch speakers that will contribute to the topic of Child Abuse Prevention, a tradition in the month of April.

Also, look forward to the annual Crime Prevention Lunch on April 5th at Crowne Plaza. This is a great time to rub elbows with politicians and law enforcement leaders.

Finally, I encourage you to attend the monthly social this month at Yellowstone Cellars. Owner Clint Peck will be giving us the grand tour and allowing us to taste his Malbec prior to its release. He makes great wines!

Vinnie Iacopini, Editor-in-Chief

"...the importance of dining out, and drinking good wine, and falling in love under the spell of candlelight at the dinner table is to enjoy all that terrorists-especially those whose religious fanaticism seeks to deprive people of all pleasure-would seek to destroy. By indulging in life's passions we do much more than live out our lives. We gain strength in the belief that they are a part of the goodness of man. Eat well, be well." John Mariani

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!

ALL EVENTS NOON AT CROWNE PLAZA UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Events:

April 5th : Crime Prevention Lunch

April 12th: Taylor Mayer PH.D

April 19th: Alan Ostby PH.D, Riverstone Health

April 22nd: Earth Day (please make sure you crush your cans before you throw them in the garbage)

April 26th: Terra Grzley, First Tee

April 28th: Social @ Yellowstone Cellars Winery 5:30pm
1335 Holiday Circle

***"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"
- Robin Williams***

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Exchangites,

Throughout the month of March the great Exchange Clubs across the nation have celebrated the 100 year anniversary of Exchange. The National Exchange Club – a service organization with 700 clubs and approximately 22,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico was founded in 1911 in Detroit by businessmen who wanted to “exchange” ideas. The Exchange Club moved its headquarters to Toledo in 1917. For nearly 100 years, our volunteer efforts have supported the needs of the country and of local communities, making Exchange the country’s oldest American service organization operating exclusively in this country.

In Billings, to commemorate our 100 year anniversary, our club joined forces with the other Billings clubs with an entrance in the St. Patrick’s day parade where we gave out thousands of American flags to our local youth. Additionally, to honor our great contribution to the community, March 27, 2011 was proclaimed Exchange’s 100th Birthday Celebration Day for the City of Billings by Mayor Tom Hanel.

As we celebrate 100 years, please take the time to reflect on all of the great deeds and support our club has provided to the community over the years! Thanks go out to all our members and great volunteers for continually making a difference in the Billings community and keeping our club strong.

Tyler Nose, President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Yellowstone District Exchange Convention is approaching. The District convention will be held this in Helena at the Great Northern Hotel May 13th through the 15th. Any active club members interested in attending and participating on behalf of our club are encourage to contact Tyler Nose at 406-238-0929 or via email Tyler.L.Nose@wellsfargo.com
2. The Downtown Exchange Club Board of Directors is currently working to set the slate of the 2011-2012 Board. The board is currently accepting nominations for Secretary and Board positions for the upcoming year. Anyone interested or who would like hear more about the board responsibilities can contact myself or President-Elect Jason Euell, 406-657-3462 / Jason.T.Euell@wellsfargo.com. Any nominations can be also directed to our attention.
3. APRIL Issue of The Noon Line will feature advertising, with 3 of 4 spots already accounted for, if you’re interested, please contact Vinnie.

NEW GRANTS

At the DEXC Board Meeting Monday, the following grants were awarded to local organizations:

\$1000 Yellowstone CASA

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The following members celebrated anniversaries with the Downtown Exchange Club in March:

Bob Rhodes	31 years!!!
Tim Schruth	30 years!!!
Bill Gibson	29 years!!
Jack Eagle	20 years!
Jerry Jones	12 years
Jan Dietrich	2 years
Kyle Thelen	2 years
Katie Schwend	1 year

The Final Table at the 7th Annual DEXC Charity Poker Challenge (can you find the former Montana Grizzly/New Orleans Saints player?). Thanks to all the volunteers and players from the club that made this a success!



Billings Food Bank Mardi Gras



Jonathan & Lisa



Dr. Ed Lawler

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.

