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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello all,

It's Christmas Season! That's right, it starts in October for most people these days and it's no different for the Downtown Exchange Club. You may not know that the board and many club volunteers are already starting to get the season underway with the many things that keep our club busy this time of year.

First off, and most importantly, the Christmas Wrapping Party will take place on December 7th this year at Highlands Golf Club. If you are new to the club or haven't attended this event, I highly recommend it. This not only is an event to help wrap presents for needy children, but allows us to relax and enjoy the friends we have in exchange. It also allows us to reflect on the year and give out some well deserved awards to the members. Definitely our number one social for the year.

The aforementioned gifts that will be wrapped by the club are purchased by the club the day before the party at the west Billings Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart has been a gracious partner over the years in donating \$500 of the roughly \$3500 we spend every year. Santa will accompany us to Orchard, Newman, and Ponderosa elementary schools to hand these out to 1st and 2nd grade kids.

Finally, the much anticipated Rimrock Mall gift wrapping fundraiser. You can read more about this on page 2.

Happy Halloween!

Vinnie Iacopini, Editor-in-Chief



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lunch Guests:

Nov. 2nd : Sue Runcles, Liaison for the Homeless, School District 2

Nov. 9th : Maria Beaumont, Keeping Kids in School, School District 2

Nov. 16th : Rob Ridgeway, Inventor

Nov. 23rd : Keith Beeman, Superintendent, School District 2

Nov. 30th : Melinda Middleton

No more scheduled Lunches for the Year

"You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith."

Mary Manin Morrissey

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Youth of the Month/Year Program An Important Part of Exchange

One of the most popular Exchange youth projects, the Youth of the Month/Year Award recognizes hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. This proven program not only rewards outstanding young people, but also provides an incentive for other youngsters to strive for equally high levels of achievement. The club's Youth of the Year advances to district competition, and ultimately, an opportunity to vie for the prestigious National Youth of the Year Award.



Chelsea Walter

Rod Owens-Koehler

Max Dimich-Louvet

Allison Dimich

Rimrock Mall Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Last year, the Downtown Exchange Club took on a new fundraising event that turned out to be more fun than anyone could have imagined. The Rimrock Mall asked us to do the holiday gift wrap during the time from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This was met with a bit of speculation by all involved as is often the case for new things. The Board of Directors enlisted the help of some of the organizations that we have helped over the years... Yellowstone CASA, Family Support Network, and Eagle Mount. The event turned out to be a success with several thousand dollars raised.

Once again this year, the DEXC will be at the Rimrock Mall for this spirited fundraiser. We will definitely be partnering with other organizations again but we WILL need help from you the membership to make this happen. Please stay tuned for further updates on shift schedules and details.

NEW GRANTS

At the board meeting on Monday the following grants were awarded to local organizations:

- None Reported

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The following members celebrated anniversaries with the Downtown Exchange Club in October.

Burt Hoffman	56 years!!
Jim Davies	35 years!!
Jeff Mrachek	14 years
Tyler Nose	6 years
Mike Dockery	5 years
Jeff Winkler	4 years
Jeff Gruizenga	4 years
Brandon Berger	4 years

Final Pictures



Don't know why this picture appeals to me so much...Is it Lisa, Andy, Ty, and Dax? Or the Vodka distiller?



Once a Griz always a Griz!

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.

