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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello all,

Time flies when you are having fun!! Summer is winding down and we are already three months into our fiscal year. Taking a look back, we have accomplished a lot and responded greatly to the opportunities provided us. With our main fundraising swing completed, I am very thankful and proud of this club for its efforts in one of our most successful fundraising seasons in recent memory. Special thanks again to Jason Euell (Fundraising Chair) and Jerry Michels (Beer Captain) for all your leadership and work this year!! Thank you also to all the members who worked shifts and helped make this a successful year.

In the coming weeks and months, I encourage you all to join us on Tuesday at Exchange and bring a guest if you can. As the Summer is almost gone, we will be starting back up our monthly socials at the Yellowstone Valley Brewing Co. (Last Thursday of every month) and before we know it Christmas will be around the corner!! Look forward to seeing you all at Exchange. Thanks again for all that you do!

Tyler Nose, President Downtown Exchange Club



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 30-- Social at Yellowstone Valley Brewing 5pm
- Oct. 5 --Closed Meeting, guests can attend for lunch only
- Oct. 12--Youth of the Month/Mike Nelson, Northern Hotel
- Oct. 19--Ron Sexton, outgoing Chancellor MSUB
- Oct. 26--Tom Lynaugh, School District 2
- Oct. 28--New member orientation 5:30pm

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome."

Samuel Johnson

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

BY LISA VON LAVEN (LV)

Why did I, Lisa Von Laven, become a member of the Downtown Exchange Club?

In 2002 I switched careers and having always been involved in the community, I found myself looking for a service organization that was a good fit for the new me. I did some research and sought out DEXC. I was given Joan Hendricks name and was very impressed with the welcome reception I encountered when I called and asked her to bring me as a guest. Thank You Joan! On my first visit, I received many warm fuzzies from the members. The second visit proved that the friendly atmosphere was not a fluke. DEXC members are genuinely nice, hard-working, positive people that make me smile and proud to be associated with.

So here I was a member of the Downtown Exchange Club for a mere 8 months and off I go to sunny California in July for the National Exchange Convention. My first impression was the view from the airplane as we were landing in Palm Springs. Nothing but dirt... Hmmm, this should scenic for a girl born in Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, and having grown up in Billings, MT, Big Sky County. My next impression was the intense heat. I like it hot but not that hot. Golfing in 114 degree heat almost took all of the fun out of it.

The events and entertainment were excellent. The speakers were very inspirational. The breakout sessions were not so great. I went to hear about the "Seven Measures of Success", where they thought they were ingenious figuring out that non-profits that operated as a business were successful. I donated the book and the handout I received to Jonathan Peart, Director of Eagle Mount, in the hopes he gets more out of the book than I did the speaker. I then went to the Compassion Fatigue session. I literally became so fatigued I had to leave.

But seriously, there were many inspirational people, a lot of networking, a lot of parties and a lot of hot air – literally. I won't be moving to the desert any time soon, but I will be a member of DEXC for many years to come.

NEW GRANTS

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

- \$1000 to Heights Exchange Club

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sheryle Shandy	19 years
James Smith	8 years
Jerry Simonson	7 years
Kendra Bahm (Baim)	4 years
Lisa VonLaven	1 year

Final Pictures

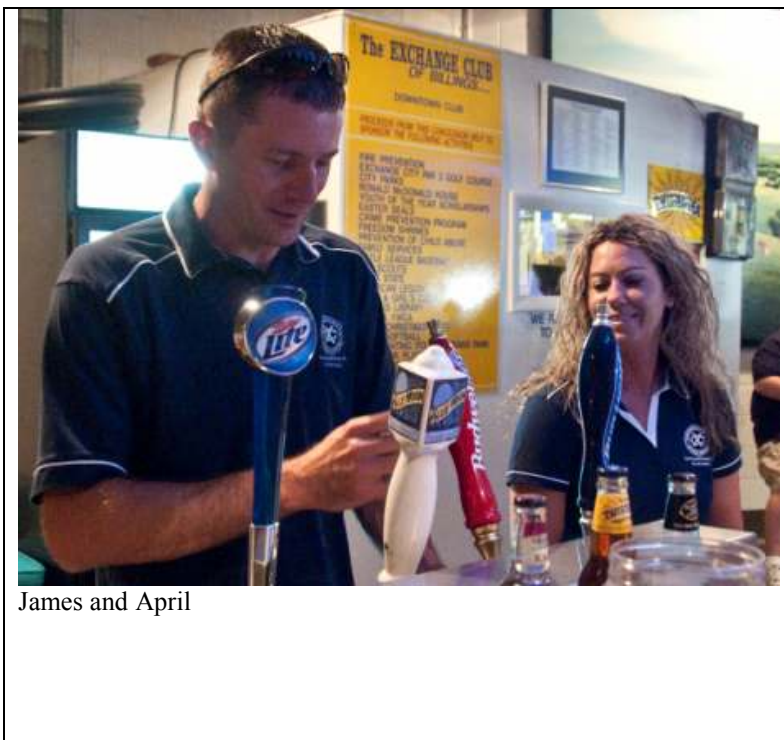
Thanks again to all who worked so hard this year for fundraising.



Jack and Eric behind bars



Sue wristbanding



James and April



Deanna working the crowd

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.

