

# Noon Line



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Exchangites,

Hope and Change are popular buzzwords these days that tend to be loosely thrown around. Actually those words should not to be used that dispassionately. Hope and Change happen on a local level and REAL differences are made every day by Exchange members all over the world. Right here in our club, we directly affect thousands of Billings area youths and their parents every year. Hope is having someone in your community give you a hand up...our board members don't take this lightly and seriously consider every dollar that flows through the club to ensure it is given to quality purveyors of hope.

Change, as they say, is inevitable. And if there is one thing I have tried to accomplish in my life, it's to be an agent of change. Unfortunately, not all change is good. This year, with the help of you all and my board, I hope to take the club through a year of turbulent times in the world and a poor economy that threatens service clubs everywhere.

This unpleasant economic change has already claimed one Exchange Club in Billings and many more nationwide. We, as a club, need to be prepared to change to continue the great success we have had for almost 60 years. And as we celebrate this great birthday of our club next year, we will likely do it in grand fashion as a club with a new look for the 21st century!

*Vinnie Iacopini, President*

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## FUNDRAISING SEASON IS HERE!

Summer is here and our great fundraising season is moving into full swing. This weekend (July 24, 25, and 26) we will kick off our fundraising for the calendar year with the Great American Championship Hill Climb which is held annually in the South Billings Hills. Club participation has been excellent and we look forward to a great fan turnout. New this year, at the leadership of Jerry Michels and Deanna Darnielle, our club will also be participating in the Billings Antique Car Show this weekend, which will add additional revenues to our club.



Our main fundraising event is the MontanaFair which is August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Please mark your calendars!! The fair staff is very excited about this year's event and is looking for their third straight year of attendance and revenue growth. They are hopeful headline acts such as Trace Adkins, Kelly Clarkson, and Peter Frampton will bring large crowds to Metra Park and ultimately the Fair Grounds and DEXC Patio. The Bad Larry's will be performing again for us nightly on the patio. Also, new to the Yellowstone Room we have installed one of our large tap coolers so we can serve draft product. This should be a welcomed change to the Yellowstone Room that will help us improve our sales margins, reduce serving time, eliminate can waste, save your valuable fingers. Looking forward to another great season and thank you all for your volunteer efforts!

*Tyler Nose, Fundraising Chair*





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

These are your 2009-2010 Officers and Directors

<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 are the committee chairs for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

<b>Fundraising</b>	Tyler Nose
<b>Public Relations</b>	Dale Brown
<b>Membership</b>	Phil Hammond
<b>Community Service</b>	Trina Besel
<b>Youth Programs</b>	Jim Davies
<b>Child Abuse Prevention</b>	Brandon Berger

Committee chairs are appointed at the beginning of the new fiscal year. If you are interested in service on one or more of the 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.



## ~ ~ NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS ~ ~



On Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, Jason Euell, Kendra Bahm and Dale Brown headed south to attend the 91<sup>st</sup> National Exchange Club Convention in Jacksonville Florida. The theme of this year's convention was "Changing the Beat, Step Forward". The schedule was full of energy and enthusiasm. From the opening night entertainment to the banquet on Saturday, there were awards presented, new officers elected and lots of ideas *Exchanged!* Margie Miller for the Exchange Club of Folly Beach S.C. was elected to National President elect and Claude Carmack from Mechanicsville and Glenn-Allen Richmond, VA. was installed as National President. The highlight of the convention was past downtown member Jim Powell being honored as the "Exchangeite of the Year". Way to go Jim!!

Out time was not all spent in meetings. We did have a little time to explore the local area as well. We drove down to St. Augustine, the home of the oldest fort in the U.S. We visited a lighthouse, an alligator farm, cruised the river and went to the beach! We also got to visit the TPC at Sawgrass. You golfers might have heard of that.

This was my second convention and I think the best part was interacting with other Exchangeites and sharing ideas and camaraderie. Exchangeites are gathering together all over the country to do good things in their communities. "You can make a change with Exchange".



Members of the Yellowstone district who attended the National Convention



Dale, Kendra and Jason at the National Convention banquet

## ~~ Upcoming Events ~~

GREAT AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP HILLCLIMB

SOUTH HILLS, BILLINGS, MONTANA

JULY 24-26

This is one of our major fundraising events

MONTANAFAIR

METRAPARK, BILLINGS, MT

AUG 7<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

We sell beer at the patio and Yellowstone room

HAPPY CADDY CUP

BRIARWOOD GOLF COURSE, BILLINGS, MT

AUG 21, NOON

The club has two teams participating in this event

HORSERACING

METRAPARK GRANDSTANDS, BILLINGS, MT

AUG 22<sup>ND</sup> - SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup> WEEKENDS

We sell beer in the grandstands for this event.

## *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.*



# EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB