

# Noon Line



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~~ Spring is on the way! ~~

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

In October of 2006, I joined the Downtown Exchange Club thanks to Dale Brown's invitation to a free lunch. Since then, I've had a great time getting to know the other members of the club at the weekly Tuesday luncheons, monthly social gatherings, and working at our various fundraising events (Hill Climb, Charity Poker Challenge, Horseracing, etc.).

Being a part of this club has been great, but I wanted to get more involved. When an opening occurred, I joined the Board and it has been a great experience. I not only get to meet and know more club members but now have a better understanding and appreciation of how the club functions and the people it directly helps. Becoming more involved whether joining the Board, being on a committee or volunteering, it's something I feel everyone would enjoy and should think about doing.

*Jeff Winkler, Secretary*

*"Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dreams closer"*

**Marcia Wieder**

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## LOCKWOOD FREEDOM SHRINE

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Exchange Clubs of Billings dedicated our new Freedom Shrine at the new Lockwood Junior High School.

The eighth grade class was invited to attend the dedication along with several Exchange Club members from all three local clubs. The event was kicked off with fanfare from a local Marine Corps Color Guard. Our own Sue Vinton, local school board chair, opened the remarks and explained who the local clubs are and why they sponsor these Freedom Shrines. Sue then introduced the keynote speaker, Taylor Brown.



Taylor is a Montana state senator and he did a great job discussing several of the important documents in the Shrine and how they impacted the history of our country. His rousing speech definitely made the students... and the adults present thin about their country in a very insightful manner.

Thanks to Cory Elkin, Trina Besel and Sue Vinton for heading up this project. I think it was a very successful project and it looks great!

*I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.*

**Patrick Henry**

## NEW MEMBERS

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings would like to welcome the following new member for February

### New Member

**Katie Schwend**

### Sponsor

**Dale Brown**

As you all know, new members are the life-blood or our organization. Thanks to those who make the effort to bring in new members

## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

<b>Jens Selvig</b>	<b>20 years</b>
<b>Phillip Hammond</b>	<b>15 years</b>
<b>Brian McGovern</b>	<b>14 years</b>
<b>Steve Nitz</b>	<b>14 years</b>
<b>Trina Besel</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Joseph Soueidi</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Tom Krause</b>	<b>1 year</b>

## ~ ~ Upcoming Events ~ ~

CRIME PREVENTION LUNCHEON

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, BILLINGS, MONTANA

APR 7<sup>TH</sup> 11:30AM

Annual event to recognize law enforcement

DISTRICT EXCHANGE CONVENTION

HILTON GARDEN INN, BILLINGS, MONTANA

APR 30<sup>TH</sup> –MAY 2ND

All members are encouraged to attend

CHARITY POKER CHALLENGE

ELKS CLUB, BILLINGS, MONTANA

MAR 27<sup>TH</sup> NOON

Annual fundraiser for our CAP Foundation

## NEW GRANTS

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

- \$1,500 grant for the **Eagle Mount's** Annual EagleFest. Seats may still be available if you would like to attend
- \$250 grant to **Forever Families** to fund new and existing programs

## ~ ~ Future Programs ~ ~

**Mar 2, 2010** Ann McKittrick, Candidate  
Yellowstone District Court

**Mar 9, 2010** Jane McCracken, YWCA  
Development Director

**Mar 16, 2010** MYSTERY TUESDAY

**Mar 23, 2010** Damon Gannett, Candidate  
Yellowstone District Court

**Mar 30, 2010** Ace Awards Luncheon



Chazlyn Miller

## ~ ~ Youth of the Month ~ ~

This Month's Winners of our Youth of the Month (YOM) program were Chazlyn Miller and Jody Lowenstein from Billings Senior High School. Both attended with their parents and gave an overview of their activities at Senior High as well as some insight into their community activities.



Jody Lowenstein

## *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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