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~~ Happy New Year! ~~

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

What a great start to a New Year! The board just approved 5 new members! I am excited about all of our new members and the new projects that we have undertaken in the last few years. Our Hillclimb Fundraiser is in its third year and improving each time. The board just approved the Rimrock Mall Gift Wrap fundraiser for 2010 and we think we can make some changes to improve that as well.

We all know that this is a difficult time for charitable organizations and with your help we are striving to match or improve on our grants from previous years.

If you are a new member or a seasoned member that has not been involved in our club recently, I encourage you to get involved... Volunteer for a committee or even a board position! All of you make the Downtown Exchange Club a great, vibrant organization and I thank you for your efforts.

Dale Brown, Past President

"Never take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway."

Anonymous

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GIFT "WRAP-UP"

In December, the Downtown Exchange Club of Billings pulled off one of our most ambitious new fundraising projects in years. This was truly a team effort with assistance from the majority of our members along with folks from Eagle Mount, Family Service Inc., and Yellowstone CASA. I don't think that it would have been possible without help from our partner organizations.

I would like to especially thank Tyler Nose and Jonathan Peart for spearheading the entire project. Their enthusiasm was infectious and it made the entire project seem easier. A big Thank-You also goes out to Jerry Michels and Jason Euell for assisting with the opening and closing of the booth on many occasions.



The staff at the Rimrock Mall was also a great help to us and came to the rescue when we ran out of wrapping paper. They also helped us wrap gifts and were happy to put the funds right into our cash register.

The board is happy to announce that **we have just agreed to participate in this project again in 2010.** Tyler, Jonathan and Jason will negotiate some changes with the Mall and we look forward to another successful project this year!

The man who smiles when things go wrong has thought of someone to blame it on.

Robert Bloch

NEW MEMBERS

The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings would like to welcome the following five new members for January.

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Chris Cook	Tex Janacek
Tom Dwyer	Jack Eagle
Andy Gott	Phil Hammond
Karen Morgan	Jim McRae
Dax Simek	Jeff Mrachek

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

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Edward Lawler	21 years
Scott Smith	21 years
Steven Jones	11 years
Gregg Wilson	11 years
Deanna Darnielle	10 years
Chris Hayes	6 years
Bob Smith (rejoined)	1 year
Robbie Smith	1 year
Scott Smith	1 year
Kevin Lundin	1 year

~ ~ Upcoming Events ~ ~

FREEDOM SHRINE INSTALLATION

LOCKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, BILLINGS, MONTANA

FEB 17TH 9:30AM

This will be in the new middle school building.

CHARITY POKER CHALLENGE

ELKS CLUB, BILLINGS, MONTANA

MAR 27TH NOON

Annual fundraiser for our CAP Foundation

NEW GRANTS

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

- \$500 grant for the **Billings Food Bank's** Annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction. Seats may still be available if you would like to attend
- \$500 grant for the **Billings Community Daycare** to fund new and existing programs

~ ~ Future Programs ~ ~

- Feb 2, 2009** **Bill O'Connor, District Judge**
"To See, To Hear, To Speak"
- Feb 9, 2009** **Timothy Schruth, UBS**
How to introduce a Speaker
- Feb 16, 2009** MYSTERY TUESDAY
- Feb 23, 2009** **Shirley Folkwein,**
Yellowstone CASA

~ ~ Youth of the Month ~ ~



Marv Wilcox

This Month's Winners of our Youth of the Month (YOM) program were Ryan Huntington and Mary Wilcox 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.



Ryan Huntington

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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