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~~ Spring Has Sprung! ~~

HAVE YOU HEARD THE CALL?

As we in the Downtown Exchange Club near the end of another fiscal year in June, it's time for some to step forward and heed the call of leadership. Every year at this time members volunteer to serve on the board of directors. There are currently three 3-year board positions and one position that will be one or two years. If you are interested in serving on the board, please talk with Tyler Nose or another board member. As you may know, it will require an increased time commitment on your part but I think that all present and past board members would tell you, that it's worth it!

The board meets for lunch on the 4th Monday of every month at Jakes from 11:30-1pm. The future of our club is only as good as our leaders. We have a lot of new members this year and many of you would be excellent additions to the board. Please don't hesitate to ask any current or past board member if you have questions and don't be afraid to "Answer the Call!"

You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'

George Bernard Shaw

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ACE AWARDS

On Tuesday, March 30, an awards luncheon was held in honor of the Downtown Billings Exchange Club 2010 A.C.E. Award winners. The 2010 A.C.E. Award winners, Helen Webber and Emily Fangmeier are Seniors at Billings Senior High School. They received a plaque, the acknowledgment and support of club members, family, friends, and will receive a \$1,000 stipend upon graduation.

The A.C.E. selection committee consisted of Jim Davies, Tyler Nose, and Jeff Rice.



Emily Fangmeier



Helen Webber

A.C.E. stands for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" and recognizes students who have overcome some type of great physical, emotional, or social obstacle sometime during high school and are now eligible for graduation. This award encourages students to overcome their hardship and remain or get back on track toward attaining a high school diploma. Despite these students perseverance and winning attitudes, they are often overlooked for their accomplishments.

The funds for these annual A.C.E. Awards result from the fundraising events that members are asked to participate in annually, with the main source of club funding generated by Metra Grandstand beer-pouring shifts and the Texas Hold 'Em Charity Poker Challenge. Without club members' participation at these events, we could not recognize these deserving students.

Jim Davies, ACE Awards Committee Chair

80% of Success is showing up

Woody Allen

NEW MEMBERS

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

New Member

Sponsor

April Marsh

Vinnie Iacopini

April was recently a member of the Butte Exchange Club. Please make her feel welcome.

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Bob Rhodes	30 years
Tim Schruth	29 years
Bill Gibson	28 years
Jack Eagle	19 years
Jerry Jones	11 years
Jason Hinch	9 years
Kyle Thelen	1 year
Jan Dietrich	1 year

~ ~ Upcoming Events ~ ~

CRIME PREVENTION LUNCHEON

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, BILLINGS, MONTANA

APR 7TH 11:30AM

Annual event to recognize law enforcement

DISTRICT EXCHANGE CONVENTION

HILTON GARDEN INN, BILLINGS, MONTANA

APR 30TH –MAY 2ND

All members are encouraged to attend

NEW GRANTS

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

- \$800 grant for the **Eagle Mount's** Annual EagleFest. Due to demand, we bought a second table.
- \$400 grant to **Rimrock Opera** to fund a new "anti-Meth in schools" musical program.

~ ~ Future Programs ~ ~

**Apr 7, 2010 Crime Prevention Luncheon
Officer of the Year Awards**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the speakers for the remainder of the month with all have some connection to helping prevent this horrible problem in our community.

~ ~ Charity Poker Challenge ~ ~

On March 27th, the Downtown Exchange Club held their 5th Annual Charity Poker Challenge. The event started with "cards in the air" at 1pm. There were 39 players this year, eight more than last year. Loads of work went into securing sponsors for this event by a large committee of members. The numbers are not final but it looks like we should be able to donate more than \$8,000 to our Child Abuse Prevention Foundation from the proceeds. Thanks to all of you who supported the event by calling sponsors, playing, volunteering or outright sponsoring.



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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