

Our Mission

- The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings is a service club focusing on youth-oriented programs, including child abuse prevention, patriotism and education, as well as assisting those in need, all to make this a better community in which to live.



Giving flags away is an Americanism project.

Activities Supported by Exchange Clubs

Clubs sponsor a wide range of activities to improve our community, help the disadvantaged and encourage good American citizenship. The principal areas of Exchange's National Program of Service are Youth, Americanism and Community Service. Child Abuse Prevention is emphasized as the national project for all clubs. Members also initiate activities to meet unique local needs. These activities range from raising funds for the homeless to funding programs aimed at kids with cancer to helping local Boys and Girls clubs.

History

The first local Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan in 1911. Charles A. Berkey is the man who is credited with the founding of this great organization. The second was the Exchange Club of Toledo, Ohio formed in 1913. Subsequently, two others were organized in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cleveland, Ohio. These four clubs were the first to be chartered by The National Exchange Club in 1917. Since then hundreds of clubs have been chartered in the United States and Puerto Rico. The National Exchange Club headquarters is located in Toledo, Ohio. Their chief objective is to help all Exchange Clubs realize their full potential of community service. The Downtown Exchange Club of Billings was started in 1950. In 1977 the Downtown Exchange Club assisted the City of Billings in building the Par 3 Exchange Golf Course.

A portion of the profits from the Par 3 Exchange Golf Course are transferred to the Downtown Exchange Club to be spent on projects involving Parks and Recreation. 1955 was the first year the Downtown Exchange Club obtained beer concessions at the METRA Park Race Track now known as Yellowstone Downs. The funds earned from these activities have been passed along to local not-for-profits and other charitable activities ever since. Since 1971 the Downtown Exchange Club has provided presents to first and second graders of one or more Billings Public schools. For over 30 years scholarships have been provided to area high school seniors to further their academic careers. As a celebration of 50 years of service to the Billings community, the Downtown Exchange Club formed the Billings Exchange Clubs Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse. This Foundation's sole purpose is to fund those programs which work most successfully in the prevention of Child Abuse.

The Downtown club has contributed well in excess of one million dollars to community organizations and thousands of hours of volunteer efforts.



Par 3 Golf Course provides affordable golf opportunities for the Billings Community.

What is Expected of Me?

The Downtown Exchange Club meets every **Tuesday at Noon at the Billings Crowne Plaza Hotel**. Member dues are billed quarterly and include meals at the weekly meetings. Meeting attendance is not mandatory but highly recommended! Volunteering at the major fund raising events is a membership priority. These events occur throughout the year and usually involve an annual commitment of less than 30 hours. An initiation fee of \$50.00 is to be included with your membership application. This fee includes a club shirt with the club logo.



EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

Personal Information

Name: _____

Nickname: _____ Sex M ___ F ___

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Spouse: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Birth Date: _____

Work Information

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Bill Club Dues to ___ Business ___ Home

Club Information

Applicant Signature: _____

Application Date: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Initiation Fee: _____ Approval Date: _____

Return this portion to: **Downtown Exchange Club**
PO Box 808
Billings, MT 59103-0808

What is Exchange?

Exchange is an all-volunteer, national service organization for people who want to serve their community, develop leadership skills and enjoy new friendships. Exchange is made up of nearly 1,000 clubs and 33,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Exchange is known to millions as America's Service Club, and with good reason. From our organization's earliest days, Exchange Clubs have been unselfishly serving their communities and improving the quality of life. The diverse array of Exchange-sponsored programs and projects has made a considerable impact on America, enhancing the lives of countless men, women and children across the nation.



The Exchange Club 'Santa' giving presents to first and second graders.

Why Join?

To help us build a better America through local community interaction, and in so doing, bring out the best in yourself. Exchange helps members to develop leadership, networking, and organizational skills that contribute to success in business, family and personal endeavors. More importantly, Exchange provides members with the opportunity to share their time and talents to help others whether by reaching out to an abused child who needs love and affection...helping to organize a community crime prevention program...or wielding rakes in a clean-up project. Through these and many other positive, public-spirited projects, Exchangites are making a real difference in cities and towns across America.

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More information is available at www.billingsdexclub.org
Meetings are weekly on Tuesday at noon at the Billings Crown Plaza Hotel.

Projects & Areas of Interest

- ◇ Child Abuse Prevention
- ◇ Highway Clean-up
- ◇ ACE Awards
- ◇ Freedom Shrine
- ◇ Crime Prevention Luncheon honoring law enforcement
- ◇ Christmas Gift Program (Presents for disadvantaged first and second graders)
- ◇ Par 3 Golf Course
- ◇ Partnerships with local school organizations to provide updated playgrounds

Projects funded in past years

- ◇ All City Graduation Party
- ◇ American Legion Boys State
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- ◇ American Red Cross Hero's Breakfast
- ◇ Angela's Piazza
- ◇ Big Brothers & Sister
- ◇ Big Sky Elementary PTA Playground Equipment
- ◇ Big Sky Hospice
- ◇ Big Sky Senior Services
- ◇ Billings Aquatic Club
- ◇ Billings Boys & Girls Club
- ◇ Billings City Recreation
- ◇ Billings Deaconess Research Foundation
- ◇ Billings Exchange Clubs Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse
- ◇ Billings Food Bank
- ◇ Billings High Schools Angel Fund
- ◇ Billings Parks & Recreation Foundation Trails
- ◇ Billings Preservation Society Moss Mansion
- ◇ Billings Rape Task Force
- ◇ Boy Scouts of America
- ◇ Boys & Girls Club
- ◇ Camp Connection
- ◇ Community Resource Alternatives Grant
- ◇ Community Day Care
- ◇ Computers 4 Kids
- ◇ Eagle Mount
- ◇ Easter Seals
- ◇ Elder Abuse Prevention
- ◇ Family Support Network
- ◇ Family Services
- ◇ Family Tree Center
- ◇ Festival of Trees
- ◇ Family Violence Task Force
- ◇ Fantasy of Lights
- ◇ Friendship House
- ◇ Gateway Park Committee
- ◇ Growth Thru Art, Inc
- ◇ Health South Sports Medicine Go For It
- ◇ In Care Network
- ◇ Jeremiah Learning Center
- ◇ Kids n Cowboys
- ◇ Meals on Wheels
- ◇ Midland Empire Riding Academy
- ◇ Miss Montana Organization Bully Free Schools
- ◇ Montana Pro Rodeo Club
- ◇ Montana Rescue Mission
- ◇ Moss Mansion child training
- ◇ MWP Parenting Center
- ◇ National Exchange Foundation Quarters for Kids
- ◇ New Day
- ◇ Odyssey of the Mind Grant
- ◇ PLUK
- ◇ Poly School PTA
- ◇ Riverside Little League Sponsor
- ◇ RMC Outreach
- ◇ Ronald McDonald House
- ◇ Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic
- ◇ Special K Ranch
- ◇ Special Olympics
- ◇ Special Olympics Breakfast of Champions
- ◇ Treasure Trails Girl Scouts
- ◇ Trinity Lutheran
- ◇ Tumbleweed Runaway Program
- ◇ Yellowstone Art Center Education Room
- ◇ Yellowstone CASA
- ◇ Yellowstone River Parks Assoc.
- ◇ Yellowstone Rodeo Assoc
- ◇ YMCA Youth
- ◇ Young Families
- ◇ Youth for Understanding
- ◇ Zonta - Trivia Night
- ◇ Zoo Montana
- ◇ Zoo Montana Amphitheater

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