

History of Exchange

The first Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan in 1911 by Mr. Charles Berkey.

- In 1917 the National Exchange Club was organized as a non-profit educational organization.
- There are 700 locally based Exchange Clubs in the USA.
- Our Exchange Club activities and mission are focused on Community Service, Americanism, and Service to our Youth; with the Prevention of Child Abuse being our overriding theme, locally and nationally.
- The Michigan City Men's Exchange Club was formed in 1950 with a charter membership of 34. Today our members total over 75 making us one of the largest clubs in the country.
- Our Club is governed by five Officers and nine Board members and elections are held annually.
- Exchange Clubs offer its members unique opportunities that can improve the leadership skills.



Fund Raising Activities

The Men's Exchange Club of Michigan City is very active in its Fund Raising Activities. Each year the Fund Raising Committee is responsible for developing the plans required to continue supporting our mission.

- Cash Raffle - During the summer months, a raffle is held allowing lucky ticket holders to win large cash prizes. Members sell the reasonably priced tickets and the winner will be drawn at a party hosted by the club at the DAV hall.
- Spring and Fall Community Raffles are held as fund raisers also. Local businesses support this activity by donating items for a silent auction. Tickets are sold to these dinner events.
- Two Port-a-Pit Chicken Sales.
- "Give Back" Events at participating local restaurants.

Club Programs

- Student of the Month/Year Awards
- A.C.E. Student Excellence Award
- Student Day in Court for 5th Graders
- Student Essay Awards Banquet
- Child Abuse Prevention Advocate Award
- Book of Golden Deeds Award to Outstanding Citizen
- Community Service Awards – Fire, Police, EMS
- Proudly We Hail Awards
- Give Kids a Flag - at Parades



Who are Supported?

The monies earned by our Exchange Club volunteers/members are provided to local organizations in need of support. The Board makes all decisions with respect to the distribution of funds.

Dunebrook, Prevent Child Abuse Center
Boys and Girls Club
Paladin
Salvation Army
Sand Castle Shelter for the Homeless
Michigan City Zoological Society
Holiday Food Distribution
Pop Warner
Reins of Life
Meals on Wheels
LaPorte County 4-H Club
Toys 4 Tots
Operation Serving Heroes