



# The Lakes & Prairies

## EXCHANGITE

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### Event Calendar

- Dec 25 Christmas Day.
- Dec 28 Lakes & Prairies District board meeting, 5:30 p.m., on Zoom.
- Jan 1 New Year's Day.
- Jan 11 Exchanging Ideas session on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### Sharing the holidays with friends

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Can you believe it? Another year has come and nearly gone.

A year, spent with friends and family, sharing our time, talents, and treasures, making a difference in our communities. This is the season of giving for many; in Exchange every season is the season of giving.

We know the struggles of our neighbors and we come together to do something about it. We see a voice not spoken and speak out. We see a country divided and we bring it together. That is and has always been the Exchange way.

Let's take this spirit of giving a step further. Think about the people in your circle. Think about the people that surround you each day that have big hearts and want to make a difference, but just don't know how. My request to you before the end of the year is to give the gift of Exchange to that person. Invite them to be a part of something bigger than themselves. Let them decide if this is the right path for them, but at least give them the opportunity to choose Exchange.

As many of you are aware, I meet with Exchangites across the district every second Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom (just a reminder, all are invited: Meeting ID 858 3539 1452; Password 229135). During these meetings we discuss whatever topics are important to those that join and together work to find solutions. This last meeting, we discussed projects vs. membership: which do you prioritize? We had great conversations and at the end decided that regardless of the size of your chapter, programs and projects are your priority, and membership will follow.

We discussed numerous, impactful projects that could be done for small clubs as they build their membership up. If your club is experiencing this same question, I encourage you to reach out, I'd love to share some of the great ideas that came out of this last discussion. There we go again—sharing!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year fellow Exchangites! I pray this is a time of peace, reflection, and blessing for each of you!

*(Do you have an event you'd like Annette to attend coming up? Email, text, or call her today so she can get it on her schedule.)*

**The Lakes & Prairies District wishes to recognize members who joined their respective Exchange club during November 2022**

Owatonna: Pamela Mikeworth, Nov. 3.

**Save the date: May 19-21, 2023, for the Lakes & Prairies District Convention in Waterloo**



**Faribault Exchange Prayer Breakfast**

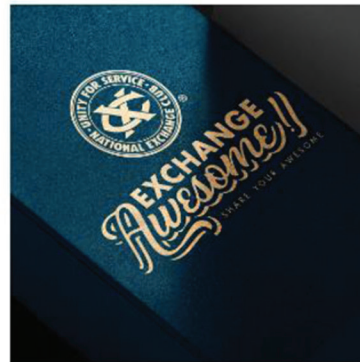
The Exchange Club of Faribault Tuesday, Nov. 22, conducted their annual Prayer Breakfast at Bashers Bar & Grill. Local resident, Jeff Jandro (pictured above, left photo), spoke about his 61-year faith journey; how God saved him from a troubled life of addictions, and opened his heart of generosity. He has supported many local organizations that help the underserved, started a foundation and trusts for many of them. Club Member Steven Hauer, who is a pastor, prayed for several community leaders. Among the leaders in attendance pictured with Prayer Breakfast Master of Ceremonies George Farmer (above, right photo, far left) were (left to right): County Attorney Brian Mortenson, school board members Linda Boudreau and Linda Moore, along with Rice County Sheriff Jesse Thomas. (Courtesy: Lori Christensen)



**Ringling the bell**

Exchange Club of Steele County's Randy So-brack took a selfie during his bell-ringing shift for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at Fleet Farm in Owatonna Friday, Dec. 2. It was a collaborative effort of the Steele County, Owatonna, and Moonlighters Exchange clubs as members rang the bell, Dec. 2, not only at Fleet Farm, but Cash Wise, Fareway, and Hy-Vee.

*Exchange Awesome*



We want to know how your clubs and members are awesome! Share videos of your clubs being awesome on our Exchange Club Members Facebook page and encourage members to do the same. Be sure to use the hashtags #ExchangeAwesome and #ExchangeNation in your posts! Each week, one winning club will be chosen and will receive a \$25 Shop Exchange credit.

Any projects that you and your club do will contribute to the National Service Award. We can't wait to share and recognize Exchange's awesomeness!



# How To Report Programs of Service and Officers



**Did you know** that Exchange has a secure database on its Member Resources page with functions allowing clubs to report Programs of Service projects and fundraisers, track projects, and enter/update club officer information? This easy-to-use tool is designed to help Exchange Clubs by simplifying processes that had once been known to take a great deal of time.

The benefits of the database sell themselves! When Exchange Clubs enter their Programs of Service projects online, they open the door to tracking progress toward earning the National Service Award and planning for those projects still needed, as well as ensuring accurate recording of their activities – in just a few, quick steps!

## How to Report Programs of Service Projects

### Entering Programs of Service Projects:

Please note that only a club officer can enter Programs of Service projects.

1. Visit [NationalExchangeClub.org](http://NationalExchangeClub.org),
2. Login to the Member Resources area,
3. Locate the "Manage My Club" option and click 'go' to view club details,
4. Proceed to the Programs of Service (POS) tab,
5. Select "Add New Program of Service" and enter the details of the project/ fundraiser; each project/fundraiser will be entered individually.

Once a project's details have been submitted, the POS summary will appear on screen.

## Retrieving Programs of Service Reports

1. Select the "POS Detail Report".
2. Click on the "Report Menu" and select the desired report.

Once the desired report is selected, the report criteria and filters can be used to locate the desired data.

All Exchange Club District officers are given "POS Snapshots" which provide summarized report of all projects entered within their districts, as well as information about Exchange Clubs earning the National Service Award.

## How to Report Club Officers

Club election results should be reported to National Headquarters, through the Member Resources page of the website, by April 30. Current functionality for reporting officers includes adding new officers, entering term end dates, editing officer information, and updating club address and meeting information.

### Adding an Exchange Club Officer:

Please note that only a current club officer can enter information about new officers.

1. Visit [NationalExchangeClub.org](http://NationalExchangeClub.org),
2. Login to the Member Resources area,
3. Locate the "Manage My Club" option and click 'go' to view club details,
4. Proceed to the officers tab,
5. Select "Add Officer" and enter the necessary information about the new officer.

Once the officers have been entered, the offices and the members' names will be displayed on the Officers tab.

Any changes that need to be made throughout the year can also be edited in this section of the Member Resources page. Upon entering officers, please ensure the contact information is current.

Please be sure your club's information is always up-to-date. A current mailing address and other contact information, as well as correct meeting dates/times and locations, ensures the club receives important materials from National Headquarters and also populates accurately on the public website.



**Officer of the Year**

The Exchange Club of Faribault recently recognized Rice County Investigator Jason Witt (pictured center) as their Officer of the Year. Witt was recommended for the award by Sheriff Jesse Thomas (pictured right) and Chief Deputy Joe Yetzer. Thomas called Witt a “no nonsense kind of person,” known for getting the job done and being aggressive investigating cases so crime victims may see a resolution. “He cares about the calls and cases that come into the Sheriff’s Office and genuinely cares about the victims of crimes,” said Thomas. Witt has also been a member of the SWAT team, volunteers as an instructor for the Youth ATV classes, and was formerly with the Cannon River Drug and Violent Offenders Task Force before becoming an investigator. The award presentation photo also included Club Member George Farmer. (Courtesy: Lori Christensen)

Share your club’s news!  
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# JANUARY 2023

| SUNDAY              | MONDAY   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|---------------------|--|---------|-----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1<br>New Year’s Day | 2<br>Collegiate Club Bi-Annual<br>Dues payment Due at<br>National Headquarters | 3       | 4         | 5        | 6<br><b>NATIONAL MID-YEAR<br/>LEADERSHIP</b>       | 7        |
| 8<br><b>SUMMIT</b>  | 9  | 10      | 11        | 12       | 13<br>Dues Payment Due at<br>National Headquarters | 14       |
| 15                  | 16<br>National<br>Headquarters<br>Closed<br>Martin Luther<br>King, Jr. Day     | 17      | 18        | 19       | 20   | 21       |
| 22                  | 23   | 24      | 25        | 26       | 27   | 28       |
| 29                  | 30   | 31      | 1         | 2        | 3  | 4        |