



The Lakes & Prairies

EXCHANGITE

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October 2022

Event Calendar

- Oct 26 Exchange Club of Little Falls chartered in 1948.

Lakes & Prairies District board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Zoom.
- Nov 2 Exchange Club of Rochester's Book of Golden Deeds dinner at Empire Event Center; social starts at 6 p.m.
- Nov 4 Exchange Club of Owatonna chartered in 1953.
- Nov 5 Exchange Club of East Minneapolis chartered in 1955.
- Nov 8 Election Day.
- Nov 9 Exchanging Ideas session on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 10 Exchange clubs of Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Waterloo Sunrise, and Waverly One Nation Under God banquet at Elk's Club in Waterloo; social starts at 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 15 **Form 990 submission deadline (see Page 3).**
- Nov 17 One Nation Under God Mayor's Prayer Breakfast conducted by Exchange Club of Owatonna, 7:30 a.m. at the Country Club.
- Nov 18 Exchange Club of Steele County conducting One Nation Under God program at VFW in Owatonna starting at 7 a.m.

United through service

By Annette Duncan,
Lakes & Prairies 2022-23 District
President

What an exciting past several weeks! I have had the opportunity to participate in events throughout the district and share in the wonderful service each club provides to their unique community.

Thank you to the Faribault Exchange Club for inviting me to your 75th anniversary celebration! The room was packed with people that love the work of Exchange, current and past, and multiple generations.

The history of our clubs and the work they do is so important because it is a part of the story we can share with future generations. If you don't currently have a historian in your club, consider appointing one or



two, and start showcasing the impact you've made on your community.

Thank you to the Waverly Exchange Club for allowing me to volunteer at your Best Dam Run! You even let me wear a fancy vest and direct traffic! A special shout out to Jeff Mag-samen (pictured above) for manning the highway with me and ensuring all runners were safe while they participated in this exhilarating fundraiser. I saw young families, and individuals well past retirement out and running for this cause. I also saw other service organizations supporting Exchange. When you do worthwhile things in your community, everyone comes out to support you. Keep up the great work in Waverly!



A celebratory photo recognizing the Exchange Club of Faribault's 75-year anniversary was captured at the Club's meeting, Oct. 4. Joining Annette was Ray Bauer (second from left), a member since 1971; Club President Lori Christensen (second from right), and Interim Division 1 Director and Volunteer Field Representative Katie Smith.

Thank you to the Owatonna Exchange Club for introducing the Quilts of Valor banquet to the Owatonna community! At this event, five veterans were recognized for their service to our country with a beautifully handcrafted quilt made specifically for each veteran. Many tears were shed that evening. This was a powerful testament to the impact Exchange can have on the lives of those around us—especially our veterans. *(United through service continued on Pg 2)*

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Moonlighters Exchange Club Master of Ceremonies Ben Cass congratulates Sergeant Tracy Duchene (pictured left), Sept. 22, for being announced Owatonna Police Officer of the Year, during the Club's recognition banquet at the VFW.

Talk to your local veteran's office and see if they would be willing to send out a thank you card on your behalf with an invite to your next meeting. Maybe consider introducing this program into your own community? I also had the opportunity to attend this club's Firefighter of the Year banquet, which was spectacular (see Page 4).

Thank you to the Moonlighters Exchange Club, my home club, for another fabulous Police Officer of the Year banquet! It is amazing to be stopped in the streets by an officer saying, "Hey, wasn't your group the ones that had the Police Officer of the Year banquet? That means so much to us—thank you." And for the record, when I am stopped in the street, it is because we tend to have events in the streets here in Steele County, not because I was being pulled over! For those that are not aware, this Club is also in the process of building a Veteran's Memorial. This has been quite the undertaking, but so very worthwhile and something the entire community, including every service organization, has been able to support.

I know you have a special project you conduct in your community, or if you don't, consider joining me for our monthly Exchanging Ideas Zoom calls held the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., to hear about what other Exchange

clubs are doing in the district and start something new. The Zoom meeting ID is 858 3539 1452; Password: 229135. We have a pretty good time each month and share a lot of fabulous ideas that can be used across the district.

KeeP being great and sharing the beauty Exchange has to offer!

(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 EXCHANGE CLUBS OF
CEDAR FALLS, WATERLOO,
WATERLOO SUNRISE, & WAVERLY
INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL:

One Nation Under God Banquet

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION
AND HONOR OF OUR GREAT NATION!

KEYNOTE BY PAT KINNEY

THE SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM
"HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL IOWA
VETERANS FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO PRESENT"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

5:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

ELK'S CLUB, 407 E. PARK AVE. WATERLOO

\$35 per person (includes Dinner & Program)

Attendees encouraged to wear red, white & blue!

RSVP & payment due by Nov. 1

For questions email: ExchangeClubOfWaterloo@gmail.com

**The Lakes & Prairies
District wishes to
recognize members who
have joined their
respective Exchange
clubs during September
2022**

Waverly: Jessica Gulick, Sept. 7

New banner project launched to honor veterans

Courtesy: Exchange Club of Waterloo

A new component of the Waterloo Veterans Way Art & History Walk along the downtown 4th Street corridor is being launched.

The new Veterans Walk of Honor will feature banners along 16 blocks of the corridor from Washington to Adams streets; each honoring a current, retired, or fallen veteran from the Cedar Valley region.

The Sept. 27 ribbon cutting showcased three sample veteran banners currently on display across from the Waterloo Convention Center (WCC). The WCC is also the location for the Sullivan Brothers Family Memorial that is currently under construction.

Waterloo's Veterans Way is a place-based art and history walk in honor of those who have served our nation in military service. The original design

concept first shared with Waterloo's veteran community in 2021 includes multiple civic destination projects and a connecting walk, with thematic elements honoring Waterloo's rich history of military service.

The Exchange Club of Waterloo, a local volunteer civic organization, is partnering with the city of Waterloo, Main Street Waterloo, and Experience Waterloo to launch the Veterans Walk of Honor component.

The annual banners can be sponsored for \$200 each and will be on display from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. New applications for 2023 are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. More information and applications can be found at WaterlooVeteransWay.com.

Waterloo Mayor Quentin Hart

shared, "The Veterans Way Art & History Walk is a way to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in a highly visible manner. The banners, which will extend from the Sullivan Brothers Museum all the way to Sullivan Park <planned>, will help connect the East and West sides of Waterloo as well as the downtown with neighborhoods. Just as important, this unites our residents in support of a common, noble cause."

The project is also an economic driver for the community. Jessica Rucker, Main Street Waterloo director added, "The Veterans Way project raises the visibility and adds to the walkability of our vibrant downtown, bringing additional tourism activity for our businesses."

FILING REQUIREMENT – 990 FORM

Filing Deadline – November 15th – Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Exchange Clubs and Districts

Exchange Clubs and districts are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Clubs/districts that complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, should also submit a scanned copy to financial@nationalexchangeclub.org

Any club or district that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the club or district's tax-exempt status will take place on the filing due date of the third year. The e-Postcard is due on November 15th each year. Filing the e-postcard is simple by accessing the following site:

www.irs.gov/990n and login to the account to start filing. (If you do not have an existing account, you will need to create one) This form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form.

You will need the following items of basic information handy:

1. Tax Identification Number
2. Tax year
3. Confirmation of annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less
4. Legal name and address (typically shown as: The National Exchange Club, DBA The Exchange Club of [club name])
5. Name and address of primary officer
6. Website, if any



Owatonna Firefighter of the Year

The Exchange Club of Owatonna conducted their 20th Annual Firefighters Banquet, Oct. 11, at the Eagles Club. Owatonna Exchangite and District President-Elect Gail Buckingham (left) presented 2022 Firefighter of the Year Jason Karsten with an engraving that will be part of the boardwalk at the Village of Yesteryear in Owatonna.



Capital campaign donation

The Exchange Club of Steele County recently presented the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity in Owatonna a \$5,000 check for their capital campaign for a new office location. Center Executive Director Beth Hortop has announced a purchase agreement has been signed for the building at 1820 Hartle Avenue in Owatonna. The check presentation during the Club's regular meeting, Sept. 16, included Club President Mary Wencil (left), Hortop (center), and Club and Center Board Director Bruce Kubicek.

Save the Date—May 19-21, 2023

The Lakes & Prairies District Convention will be at the Waterloo Convention Center. More details coming in November's Exchangite!

ONE NATION UNDER GOD MONTH

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 National Headquarters Closed Veterans Day 11/11@7 Event IRS Form 990 Due	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 National Headquarters Closed Thanksgiving Day	25 National Headquarters Closed	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3