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Event Calendar

- Nov 4 Exchange Club of Owatonna chartered in 1953.
- Nov 5 Exchange Club of East Minneapolis chartered in 1955.
- Nov 6 District meeting for club presidents through Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Nov 7 Election Day; District meeting for club secretaries through Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Nov 11 Veterans Day.
- Nov 13 District meeting for club president-elects through Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Nov 14 District meeting for club treasurers through Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Nov 20 Region 3 Networking & Support Meeting through Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day.

District's Fellowship Bell seeks to encourage interclub visits

By Gail Buckingham, Lakes & Prairies 2023-24 District President



The Interclub Fellowship Bell is on the move! The Exchange Club of Rochester claimed it from Mason City, and Owatonna was the next visit. From Owatonna, it will be on its way to a different Exchange club! It is traveling around the Lakes & Prairies District with a goal to visit each club before the District Convention in Rochester, May 16-19, 2024.

The Interclub Fellowship Bell was introduced during last year's district convention in Waterloo. The purpose of the Bell is to encourage more frequent interclub visits. The club with the highest number of possessions will receive an "Outstanding" certificate and a gift certificate to The National Exchange Market Place.

The clubs in Region 3, Lakes & Prairies District Exchange are in their busy season for community events! Listed are the events around the area I have heard about. As you can see, (Interclub fellowship continued on Page 2)



The Exchange Club of Rochester President David Gibson (left in left photo) presented the Interclub Fellowship Bell to the Exchange Club of Owatonna's Acting President Steve Carroll during their meeting Thursday, Oct. 19. The Rochester Exchange Club members making the Bell delivery included (left to right in right photo): Gibson, Sherry Irwin, Immediate Past President Wayne Linander to Carroll.

The Lakes & Prairies District wishes to recognize members who joined their respective Exchange club during late September/early October 2023

Moonlighters: Meghan Malchow, 9/19; **Owatonna:** Jordan Ludewig, 10/3; **Waseca:** Jake Lieser, 9/27; Kent Schultz, 9/27; and Joseph Hager, 10/3.

(Interclub fellowship continued from Pg 1)
activity is high:

- **The Exchange Club of Rochester's Book of Golden Deeds is in the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 1.**

- **The Exchange Club of Owatonna is celebrating their 70th anniversary during their noon meeting Thursday, Nov. 2.**

- **Exchange clubs in the Cedar Valley of Iowa (Waterloo, Waterloo Sunrise, Cedar Falls, Waverly, Waverly-Shell Rock Excel) collaborate with their One Nation Under God program on Thursday evening, Nov. 9.**

- **The Moonlighters Exchange Club will be dedicating the Owatonna Veterans Memorial Saturday morning, Nov. 11.**

- **The Exchange Club of Little Falls is celebrating their 75th anniversary Thursday evening, Nov. 16.**

Did you know you are always welcome to visit an Exchange club when you are traveling? On The National Exchange Club website, go to Community, then click on Club locator. Put in your choice of location and you will receive local Exchange clubs with the date, time, and location of their meeting!

For those seeking value with their Exchange membership, there are travel benefits for Exchange club members. On The National Exchange Club website, go to Resources, then National. Under this heading the member benefits appear. Car rental companies such as Avis® and Budget® offer 35% off their base rates when the special code is used.

Wyndham Hotels offer 20% off their "Best Available Rate" at their hotels when you use the National Exchange special code.

The National Exchange Club brings benefits to you in so many ways!

Exchange clubs are doing great things! Make sure The National Exchange Club has received your programs of achievement so your club

can receive the recognition they deserve!

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



Exchange's National Day of Service: October 28, 2023

What are you and your club planning to do in your community this year? Share your plans on the Facebook Members Page!

The following responses to the question above were received by District President Gail Buckingham:

- **Exchange Club of Waverly:** We did our service project in conjunction with Waverly's United Way Day of Caring. Our group planted 20 trees at the new community ball diamonds. We got a special award afterward for being the first organization to sign up.

On Nov. 7, we are providing a free meal for all area veterans and their spouses. This is a first-time event for us.

We have been approached by the city of Waverly to build three more raised beds for the small gardens people can rent from the city. That project will probably take place in the spring.

- **Exchange Club of Owatonna:** On Nov. 4, for our Oct. 28 National Day of Service, we are doing yard clean-up for seniors. We work with our local Healthy Seniors of Steele County. We had to move it to the 4th as we partner with a volunteer to haul the leaves away, instead of bagging.

Volunteering at community sites for second date of time.

- **Exchange Club of Little Falls:** Around Dec. 14, we give out gifts to children around our community at the Boys and Girls Club, day care centers, etc. We must stay a little fluid on the date as we must coordinate with all those sites, and work with the weather. Can't give away if the kids are home for a snow day.

We also support the I.C.E. Fest - Sunny Zwilling Ice Carousel Memorial Extravaganza/Explore Minnesota.

- **Exchange Club of Mason City:** We discussed doing something with the VFW around or in accordance with Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

We are also planning on being a part of the Halloween Party event hosted by the Mason City Park and Recreation Department.



Waverly Firefighter/Year

The Exchange Club of Waverly recognized their Firefighter of the Year during their regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 19. Jim Schutte has been a firefighter for more than 42 years and holds many advanced certifications. He serves as a mentor to new members and has a strong commitment to the community. *(Courtesy: Exchange Club of Waverly Facebook Page)*

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FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE
OWATONNA VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
CEREMONY BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

2410 AUSTIN ROAD, OWATONNA, MN 55060

We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you!!

FILE YOUR 990-N FORM!

Clubs are at risk of losing their tax-exempt status if they have not filed a Form 990-N information return (or other required form) during the last three years. Form 990-series returns and e-Postcards are due by November 15th each year. Additional information is available from the IRS site at: www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits

All clubs are instructed to send a copy of the e-postcard to the finance department in order to ensure that all clubs have met the IRS filing requirements.

www.irs.gov/990n

Please help verify that all clubs have filed the proper form. District leaders can use the following website to search for clubs in their district to ensure they have filed the proper forms:

www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search

Keep your Exchange Club in Compliance with IRS Requirements

The IRS provides interactive online training to help your Exchange Club maintain its exemption at StayExempt.irs.gov. Its [Virtual Tax Exempt Organization Workshop](#) helps club treasurers understand the benefits, limitations, and expectations for exempt organizations.

If you have a technical or procedural question about exempt organizations, visit the [Charities and Nonprofits](#) homepage on IRS.gov. If you have a specific question about exempt organizations, call EO Customer Account Services at 877.829.5500.

For questions, contact the finance department at financial@nationalexchangeclub.org or 419.535.3232.



Owatonna Firefighter/Yr

The Exchange Club of Owatonna recognized their Firefighter of the Year at the Eagles Club Thursday, Oct. 12. Mitch Terpstra has been with the Owatonna Fire Department since 2019.



New member induction in Waseca

Lakes & Prairies District President Gail Buckingham (pictured far left) recently inducted six new members at the Exchange Club of Waseca. The new members from second left to right are Joe Hager, Jessica Stuckmayer, Amy Schmidt, Jake Lieser, Kent Schultz, and Dwight Tostenson pictured with Club President Mikhail Rostislavovich...Congratulations Waseca!!



Flag display participation

Exchange Club of Waverly members carried Old Glory in the recently held Wartburg College Homecoming Parade. A great way to display the Stars and Stripes! In the above right photo, 10 Exchange Excel Club of Waverly-Shell Rock High School members and 14 Waverly club members prepare to transfer the American flag to their high school football players when they are done warming up.





National Summary Report September 30, 2023

District	# of Clubs	Active as of Jul 1, 2023	Active as of Sep 1, 2023	Sep 2023 Adds	Sep 2023 Drops	Active as of Sep 30, 2023	MTD Change	YTD Change	YTD % Growth	YTD % Retention
Alabama District	22	562	564	10	6	568	4	6	1.1%	97.7%
California-Nevada District	27	553	565	5	2	568	3	15	2.7%	99.5%
Connecticut District	34	929	929	9	2	936	7	7	0.8%	98.7%
Dakota Territory District	7	280	276	0	2	274	-2	-6	-2.1%	97.5%
Florida District	29	762	703	12	0	715	12	-47	-6.2%	91.2%
Four Corners District	19	302	307	17	14	310	3	8	2.6%	94.4%
Georgia District	33	1545	1516	9	17	1508	-8	-37	-2.4%	95.4%
Indiana District	16	427	427	4	2	429	2	2	0.5%	98.6%
Lakes and Prairies District	17	411	408	10	1	417	9	6	1.5%	96.8%
Lincolnland District	25	589	571	1	9	563	-8	-26	-4.4%	95.1%
Michigan District	22	506	503	1	3	501	-2	-5	-1.0%	98.4%
Mid-America District	11	278	273	5	25	253	-20	-25	-9.0%	88.5%
Mid-Atlantic District	23	545	542	1	6	537	-5	-8	-1.5%	97.4%
Mississippi District	24	586	593	12	14	591	-2	5	0.9%	94.4%
New England District	13	446	451	10	10	451	0	5	1.1%	97.1%
North Carolina District	28	746	748	10	17	741	-7	-5	-0.7%	97.1%
Northern California District	12	220	219	0	0	219	0	-1	-0.5%	98.2%
Northwest District	11	299	298	3	6	295	-3	-4	-1.3%	96.7%
Ohio-West Virginia District	24	542	550	3	5	548	-2	6	1.1%	98.0%
Puerto Rico District	8	117	117	0	0	117	0	0	0.0%	100.0%
South Carolina District	21	1116	1090	16	51	1055	-35	-61	-5.5%	90.9%
Tennessee District	28	678	684	11	17	678	-6	0	0.0%	95.7%
Texas District	26	835	824	7	25	806	-18	-29	-3.5%	94.4%
Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast District	19	599	599	263	156	706	107	107	17.9%	72.6%
Virginia District	16	360	357	29	45	341	-16	-19	-5.3%	84.2%
Yellowstone District	22	750	750	7	7	750	0	0	0.0%	97.3%
Total	537	14983	14864	455	442	14877	13	-106	-0.7%	

ONE NATION UNDER GOD MONTH

NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	2	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10 National Headquarters Closed Veterans Day Observed	11 11/11@7 Event Veterans Day
12	13	14	15 IRS 990/990-N Form Due	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 National Headquarters Closed Thanksgiving Day	24 National Headquarters Closed Native American Heritage Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2