



The Lakes & Prairies EXCHANGITE

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Event Calendar

Oct 14 Exchange Club of Rochester chartered in 1947.

Oct 18 Lakes & Prairies District Board Retreat in Mason City.

Oct 25 National Day of Service.

Oct 26 Exchange Club of Little Falls chartered in 1948.

Nov 4 Election Day; Exchange Club of Owatonna chartered in 1953.

Nov 5 Exchange Club of East Minneapolis chartered in 1955.

Nov 11 Veterans Day.

FILE YOUR 990-N FORM!

Clubs risk losing their **tax-exempt status** if they fail to file a Form 990-N (or other required IRS form) for **three consecutive years**.

Deadline: November 15th annually Form 990-series returns and e-Postcards must be submitted on time to remain compliant.

File your e-Postcard at www.irs.gov/990n Send a copy of your e-Postcard to the National Exchange Club Finance Department to confirm compliance.

District Leaders: Help verify club filings using the IRS Tax-Exempt Organization Search: www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search
Let's work together to ensure every club remains in good standing



The Exchange Club of Waverly brought the big U.S. flag to the Waverly-Shell Rock vs. Mason City football game Friday, Sept. 26. Members of each football team and the Excel Club carried it onto the field for the national anthem.

The Lakes & Prairies District wishes to recognize the newest members who joined their respective Exchange club in September and so far in October:

Excel of Waverly-Shell Rock High School: Alex Barber, Avery Corcoran, Aridane Hernandez-Bergia, Ella Kapparos, Lily Myrmo, Julie Ruden, Hadley Spooner, Anna Viviani, and Zachary Zart (all as of 9/30).

Getting Noticed – Strengthen Your Club's Public Relations

Does your club have a solid Public Relations plan? Exchange Clubs do incredible work, let's make sure it gets recognized!

Engage your community through:

- **Social Media**
- **Club/District Websites**
- **Print, TV, and Radio**
- **Public Officials**
- **Billboards, Brochures, Posters**

For the complete NEC Public Relations Guide, visit the Member Website > Resources > Public Relations Tools. Start today and build momentum for a successful 2025–2026!



The Exchange Club of Steele County presented The Exchange Club Center for Family Unity in Owatonna a check for \$5,000 during their regular meeting Friday morning, Sept. 19. The check presentation was made by Club President Dom Korbel (pictured left) to the Center's Executive Director Beth Hortop. A major portion of the donation came from funds raised by Club members and friends working the parking gates at this year's Steele County Free Fair.



The Exchange Club of Owatonna recognized the local fire department's Senior Administrative Technician Bonnie Hermel (pictured left) as their 2025 Owatonna Fire-fighter of the Year during a banquet Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Eagles Club. Presenting the award was Club Secretary Sharon Klein. Bonnie was recognized for her outstanding support work even though she doesn't respond to emergency calls. Her selection was made by the fire chief with input from fire department staff and previous recipients.



The **National Day of Service** is a powerful tradition where Exchange Clubs across the country unite to serve their communities. It's a coordinated day of volunteerism and impact—an opportunity to show what Exchange is all about. Whether it's organizing a cleanup, hosting a donation drive, or supporting a local cause, your club's participation helps amplify our collective mission.



The Exchange Club of Owatonna recognized 11 local veterans during their Quilts of Valor program, Sept. 11, at Torey's Restaurant. Quilt of Valor prides itself on having every quilt awarded to a veteran be volunteer-made, and then awarded to nominated service members and veterans. (Courtesy: Lizzie Cooper/Owatonna People's Press)



Members of the Moonlighters Exchange Club of Owatonna during their regular meeting Monday evening, Sept. 22, posed with the cleaning products collected in September for The Lighthouse of Southern MN, dedicated to providing shelter and support for those experiencing homelessness in the community.

Past issues of the Lakes & Prairies Exchangite newsletter may be accessed on the district's website. (The web address is listed at the top of Page 1.)



National Summary Report September 30, 2025

District:	# of Clubs	Active as of Jul 1, 2025	Active as of Aug 31,	Sep 2025 Adds	Sep 2025 Drops	Active as of Sep 30, 2025	MTD Change	YTD Change	YTD % Growth	YTD % Retention
Alabama District	19	583	609	22	18	613	4	30	5.1%	96.2%
California-Nevada District	24	538	541	5	0	546	5	8	1.5%	98.3%
Connecticut District	32	759	755	7	18	744	-11	-15	-2.0%	96.4%
Dakota Territory District	6	265	257	0	10	247	-10	-18	-6.8%	93.2%
Florida District	24	628	608	17	38	587	-21	-41	-6.5%	88.7%
Four Corners District	19	299	292	1	0	293	1	-6	-2.0%	96.0%
Georgia District	32	1516	1510	13	10	1513	3	-3	-0.2%	97.2%
Indiana District	18	467	459	11	8	462	3	-5	-1.1%	95.5%
Lakes and Prairies District	19	430	447	9	22	434	-13	4	0.9%	93.7%
Lincolndland District	24	450	446	1	15	432	-14	-18	-4.0%	95.3%
Michigan District	21	476	469	1	11	459	-10	-17	-3.6%	95.4%
Mid-America District	9	268	271	3	17	257	-14	-11	-4.1%	92.9%
Mid-Atlantic District	23	510	510	2	1	511	1	1	0.2%	98.8%
Mississippi District	20	471	480	10	2	488	8	17	3.6%	98.3%
New England District	13	431	432	13	16	429	-3	-2	-0.5%	95.4%
North Carolina District	27	631	617	30	132	515	-102	-116	-18.4%	75.8%
Northern California District	10	187	190	2	5	187	-3	0	0.0%	96.8%
Northwest District	10	265	258	0	4	254	-4	-11	-4.2%	94.7%
Ohio-West Virginia District	25	517	514	7	9	512	-2	-5	-1.0%	95.9%
Puerto Rico District	7	111	111	0	18	93	-18	-18	-16.2%	83.8%
South Carolina District	21	1030	1045	12	21	1036	-9	6	0.6%	96.4%
Tennessee District	27	644	657	7	9	655	-2	11	1.7%	97.2%
Texas District	22	798	754	19	33	740	-14	-58	-7.3%	89.0%
Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast District	20	985	978	133	35	1076	98	91	9.2%	94.6%
Virginia District	15	326	323	21	34	310	-13	-16	-4.9%	87.7%
Yellowstone District	16	503	502	8	5	505	3	2	0.4%	98.2%
Total	503	14088	14035	354	491	13898	-137	-190	-1.3%	