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New Member Orientation Program – President-elect Sharon Droste collaborated with Secretary Wanda Martin to conduct an overview of Exchange. Sharon began by discussing the history of the organization and our current areas of focus. Here is the text from Sharon's presentation.

Introduction—*Today we are conducting a new member orientation program. While some of you are long-time Exchange Club members, we all bear some responsibility in addressing questions posed to us from prospective and new members. It's always good to have a little refresher course about Exchange. Please note this presentation is an overview about Exchange and doesn't go into great detail about any one area. We are counting on sponsors and mentors to assist in answering specific questions of new members as they arise. If you don't know the answer, and we can't all know everything, find someone who might.*



President-elect Sharon Droste

History and Structure of Exchange—*The first National Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan, on March 27, 1911, and formally incorporated in August 1917 as a nonprofit, educational organization. "Unity for Service" is the officially adopted motto of Exchange. Our own Exchange Club of Waterloo was chartered on April 28, 1948. The Exchange Club of Waterloo is part of Region 5 made up of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Heartland District, of which we are a part, is made up of 11 clubs - Cedar Falls, Metro of Waterloo, Exchange Club of Waterloo, Sunrise of Waterloo, Mason City, Waverly, Carthage, Missouri; Joplin, Missouri; Neosha, Missouri; Springfield, Missouri, and Omaha, Nebraska. Conventions are held at the district and national levels. As you know, we just finished Saturday evening a very successful district convention hosted by our club. Next year the convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from June 3-5th and hope you all will begin thinking about attending this important educational and fun opportunity for members. Our club will be well represented on the District Board next year. DeLon Gobeli will be President, Sharon Droste Vice-President, Lynette Fitzgerald Secretary, Diane Neebel Treasurer, and Don Faris a Director.*

Programs of Service—*We focus on four major program of service areas. Today, you will hear a brief description of what these program of service areas look like in the Exchange Club of Waterloo. Over the next year, it is my hope, as your incoming President to have short educational sessions on each one of these program of service areas at our monthly closed business sessions.*

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Closed Business Meeting
Prayer : Craig Holdiman
Pledge : Sharon Droste
Menu : Rueben with Fries

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jun 15: Closed Business Meeting
Jun 22: Proudly We Hail
Jun 29: Induction of New Officers
Jul 06: TBA
Jul 13: TBA

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Jun 15: Rueben with Fries
Jun 22: Cheeseburger with Fries
Jun 29: Orange Roughy
Jul 06: TBA
Jul 13: TBA
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 13: Michelle Temeyer

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."
Mother Teresa

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Americanism—Promoting pride in country, respect for the flag and appreciation of our freedoms are the primary purposes of the Exchange Club's Americanism projects. Example of Americanism activities in our club include the "One Nation Under God" banquet which aims to increase appreciation of our rich religious heritage, but also seeks to remind Americans that we must always trust in a higher power for guidance, protection and strength. Other Americanism activities include the "My Waterloo Days parade, the Healing Field project, Freedom Shrine, and "Proudly We Hail." No symbol better signifies our nation's greatness than our American flag—the Stars and Stripes. The Proudly We Hail program encourages regular display of the flag by individuals, commercial establishments and industries.

Community Service—Community service is the life-line of Exchange. Exchange Clubs across the country spend countless hours and dollars improving their communities each year. The National Exchange Club's longest running project, the Book of Golden Deeds Award, recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of their time and talents toward making their communities better places to live. Other community service projects of the Exchange Club of Waterloo include working the Sports Show, Home and Garden Show (of which our club holds the right to the name), Salvation Army Raffle, and Fire Fighter/Police Officers of the Year.

Youth Activities—America's young people are its most important resource. For many years Exchange has sponsored activities designed to benefit and encourage youth. Exchange Club of Waterloo activities include scholarships for Youth of the Year and A.C.E., the Partners in Education Program with Expo Alternative High School, Basketball Awards, Sunshine Special, and "Give A Kid a Flag to Wave" program.

Prevention of Child Abuse—Exchange has adopted Prevention of Child Abuse as its national program of service. The Waterloo Exchange Club provides monetary donations to the Family and Children's Council in its efforts with child abuse. We have also helped to tie blue ribbons around trees in the park during Child Abuse Prevention month in April as well as distributing information about this important topic outside store fronts in the community.

Officer/Board Members - current:

Don McGriff, President
Sharon Droste, President-Elect
Vacant, Vice-President
Wanda Martin, Secretary
Monica Haag, Treasurer
Past President, Diane Neebel

Two Year Directors

Lori Falk
Carole Hyder
Roger Shook

One Year Directors

Steve Harty
Galen Howsare
Ann Rogers

New officers and board members will assume their offices on July 1. Glenda Husome will be President-Elect and Elizabeth Huffman will be Vice-President. Pat Cole, Jackie Wagner, and John Woods will take over Lori Falk, Carole Hyder, and Roger Shook's Director positions.

Committees—We have a number of committees. We are currently in the process of signing up members for committees next year. A description of each committee is available on the tables. Editor's note: See Sharon for a copy of the document. These committees are the life blood of Exchange. Without these committees it would be impossible to conduct the operational and fundraising components of Exchange or to provide the programs of service to our community. Your participation as a member of one or more of these committees is an expectation of your membership.

Rewards and Responsibilities of Membership

- The rewards of membership are easy to identify
- the satisfaction of making a difference in the life's of youth through scholarships, providing financial assistance to address concerns with child abuse in our community, promoting the freedoms we have as Americans, rewards of giving back to the community that serves us so well, networking opportunities, and the friendships we make through attendance at our meetings, social functions, and community service activities.

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Rewards and Responsibilities ... Cont'd —*But, there are also responsibilities we have as members of the Exchange Club of Waterloo. We have two major fundraisers in our club - the Home Show and the Sports Show. All members, and I stress, all members are expected to work these shows. Without the revenue from our participation we would not be able to give back the thousands of dollars we provide to the community each year. It is also each of our responsibilities to have regular attendance, make welcome all new members, be supportive of club activities, and mentor each other so we can grow as a club and continue to be a vital service club within our community.*

If you have a question about Exchange, please feel free to approach one of the officers, board members, or your sponsor. We will try to answer your question, or get a response for you. You, as a new member, are vital to our continuation as a service club. We welcome you. The best way to know Exchange is to become actively involved. We encourage your participation.

Thank you for listening to us today.

Club and Personal Awards – Secretary Wanda Martin gave us an overview of the awards used at the club, district and national levels to recognize the contributions of members and the community at large.

Rookie of the Year—This is a local club award that recognizes members who have been members of the club for less than two years, but have made a significant the work of the organization in that time.

Exchangite of the Year—This award seeks to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the work of Exchange over a long period of time. It begins at the local club level and is awarded at the District level also. DeLon Gobeli won our club Exchangite of the Year Award and the District award as well.

Youth of the Year—We partner with Columbus High School to select an outstanding student from there, based on an evaluation of academics, involvement in school and community organizations and an essay the students write and present to the club. This award is also presented at the District and National Exchange levels.

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence—This award seeks to recognize high school seniors who have worked to overcome significant obstacles in their young lives. We partner with East High school here. Our winner, Chelsea Colburn, took District honors, too.

Awards cont'd– Then Wanda reviewed several awards from the National Exchange Club that recognize the work of local clubs, including the Blue Award, Distinguished Club Award and the Distinguished Club President Award.

Editor's note: Wanda has been the prime-mover for the awards/recognition activities for a long time now. We just need to say thank you Wanda for all the work you've done in this area.

Dues and Resignation Procedures – Next up, Wanda had the unenviable task of reviewing the local, district and national dues structure. As if that wasn't enough, Wanda soldiered on to review the procedure for resigning one's membership from the club when circumstances dictate that action. Wanda explained that our local dues mainly cover the cost of our meals and that the club is assessed by the district and national organizations on a quarterly basis, based on the number of members in the club at the end of each quarter. So, Wanda and Sharon asked that, whenever possible, members consider this schedule implication when deciding on leaving the club. Contact a club officer or director for more specifics.

Guests – DeLon Goebeli invited Jane Messingham to join us for lunch. Jane is a Branch Manager for Bank Iowa.

Parade Entry Thanks– Wendell Wexter rose to thank everyone who participated in the My Waterloo Days Parade entry.

District Convention – President Don McGriff complimented DeLon Gobeli, Lori Falk and Pat Cole, Chairs of the District Convention project, on the outstanding job done on the convention. DeLon recognized the folks who worked to make the event such a success.

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