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Waterloo Exchange Club

National Exchange Convention Overview – President Sharon Droste and President-elect Glenda Husome collaborated to give us great overviews of their recent trip, along with DeLon Gobeli, to Jacksonville Florida for the National Exchange Convention. Sharon's report is reprinted on page 3 & 4. We'll reprint Glenda's report next week.

Sunshine Special—Sandy Kline and the Sunshine Special Committee recently took a group of children from the Boys and Girls Club horseback riding



Sandy Kline, Sunshine Special Committee Chair with a BIG thank you

ing at Camp Ingawanis. The children sent the biggest 'thank-you' we've ever received, as you can see with Sandy displaying it in the photo above.

Guests—Jackie Kugler invited Terri Martin as her guest for lunch. Terri works for Jackie's business—Cover All Advertising.

Family Picnic—Larry Prohaska reported all systems are go for the Family Picnic on August 12th. See page 2 for details.

Web Site Committee Meeting— Dick King has rescheduled the meeting of the Web Site Committee from Monday, July 27th back a week to Monday, August 3rd after the club meeting.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Waterloo Airport Overview
Prayer : Sandy Kline
Pledge : Dave Girsch
Menu : TBA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jul 27: Waterloo Airport Overview

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

The Elks Club management is working on the menu currently. We will publish the schedule as soon as it's received.—Charlie

Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 24: Michael Brocka

Jul 24: Matt Gardner

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side"— Author Unknown



Waterloo Exchange Club Annual Family Picnic

Please join us for an evening of fellowship with Exchange members and their families.

When: August 12th ~ 5 pm social, 6 pm meal

Where: Exchange Park, Waterloo

Food: Meat and Beverage Provided. Bring your own table setting and a side dish (Optional)

Contact: Larry Prohaska (319)290-3910

National Convention – Jacksonville, Florida

"As voting delegates to the National Convention, Glenda Husome and I feel it is important to share our national convention experiences with you. Due to time constraints of our meeting, it will be an abbreviated version of the events that transpired. With that in mind, here are a few thoughts about the convention from my perspective.

The National Convention was held in Jacksonville, Florida from July 15-18. The following individuals from the Heartland District attended: DeLon Gobeli, Glenda Husome, and myself from our club; John Waychoff and Missy Denning from Sunrise Exchange; and Joanne and Don Heath from Cedar Falls. In total there were 238 clubs from across the country in attendance with 533 accredited delegates and 186 guests for a total of 719 individuals.

The opening ceremony on Thursday was impressive as always with the parade of state flags and Child Abuse Prevention Flags. Our own DeLon Gobeli carried in the Iowa flag. The speaker was Dave Timmons who is dedicated to helping people discover and develop the leader that lies within. He stated that the art of leadership contains three major principles – make remarkable connections, emotions play a key role in leadership, and make something happen through action.

The National Youth Recognition Luncheon was held on Thursday. Julia Burd, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Flemington, N.J. and the New Jersey-New York District was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for Youth of the Year. Je'Vour Taylor, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Bedford County, Tennessee and the Tennessee District was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for A.C.E. of the Year. Both were very deserving of their awards. If any of you would like to see more information about these two tremendous young people, I have the program available for your review.

The Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast on Friday morning was impressive as well. It is always sobering to hear facts about the number of children abused across the country. Tyler Bacon, a 24 year old who was abused at a young age and entered into the foster care system, spoke to us with great emotion and a desire to make a difference to youth who are abused – he considers himself a victim, a survivor, and a fighter. It was reported that our National Exchange Club Foundation has impacted 691,000 families, 1.7 million children, and spent 300 million dollars over the last five years.

A portion of our National dues goes to this effort – we do make a difference. A Healing Field with approximately 1,500 flags was held to honor child abuse victims in conjunction with the convention.

We attended the closing ceremony of this field on Saturday afternoon. As most of you know, healing fields can evoke extremely moving emotions and experiences for those who visit. This one was no exception.

Voting delegates were involved in two voting sessions – one session dealing with amendments to the bylaws and the other being election of National Officers. National dues were increased from \$15.50 a quarter to \$18.50 per quarter. There were several amendments dealing with Excel and Jr. Excel Clubs. It was voted to allow these clubs to become fully chartered Exchange Clubs except members of these clubs will not be allowed to serve as district or national officers. There was an amendment to change the number of national regions from the current 12 to 9. This by-law change was defeated. The amendment to change the Regional Vice-President's term of office from two 2-year terms to one 3-year term was also defeated. A copy of the proposed amendments that were voted on is available for your review.

Margie Miller from Folly Beach and University Charleston, South Carolina was elected as the National President-Elect. She appears well prepared to lead us as President in 2010-2011. Brenda Robinson from Sugar Land and Angleton, Texas was re-elected as our Regional Vice President. Claude Carmack was installed as the new National President. His theme is The Power of Exchange – Inspire to Exchange.

The Saturday morning "One Nation Under God" was the most motivational and inspiring session I have ever attended (whether Exchange, personal, or work related). Others in attendance felt the same. I don't know how to possibly convey to you the emotions that session brought to those of us there on that day. From the National award winning young man who recited what Americanism meant to him, to James Bruce Joseph Sievers, who spoke to us through his poetry about the joy of being an American, and the Nash family who sang – it was tremendous with that spirit of God and Americanism in that room that day carrying through the rest of the convention.

Various individual and club awards were presented throughout the three day event. Our own district member, Joanne Heath from Cedar Falls, was one of seven nominees for Exchange of the Year. The award went to Jim Powell from Bozeman, Montana (program available). While Joanne did not win, it is an honor to have our district represented at the national level.

I also had the opportunity to attend several excellent educational sessions including Excel Clubs, new Club Presidents Orientation, and "Are Expectations of Club Members Being Met by Your Club and District". I hope to utilize some of the ideas learned from these sessions over the next year.

National Convention – Cont'd

Of course I would be remiss to not mention the opportunities to network with 700+ plus Exchangites and their guests from across the country. We had fun, we laughed, we shared information about our clubs and we supported each other's efforts. John Waychoff from the Sunrise Club and his wife, Diane, were great to get to know. John will be District President next year. And what can you say about Jo and Don Heath from Cedar Falls. They personify what being an Exchangite means. DeLon is always fun to be around and if you ever have the opportunity to travel with Glenda, you will see her enthusiasm for Exchange and have a great time.

I have had the opportunity to attend three National Conventions. This was by far the best organized, the most motivational, the most informative, and the most fun of the three.

The Nash family is a nationally recognized recording group who has written songs for several well-renowned singing artists. The Nash family was approached by Exchangite Judy Bunch with an idea to write a song to represent Exchange. The song was presented at the National Exchange convention. I played it today as an introduction to our presentation. I would like to play it again so that you can listen and comprehend the words behind the song. We will continue to play this song throughout the year to represent what we stand for."

Sharon Droste

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