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Official Newsletter of the Exchange Club of Killeen MAY 2007

Club Meets Every Monday at Noon at the Yank Sing Restaurant, CTE, Killeen

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New Officers Elected

The slate of officers for the new 2007-2008 club year was presented earlier this year to the members via email and again at the April meetings. Those agreeing to serve were as follows:

President Elect: Maureen Jouett
 Treasurer: Becky Holcomb
 Secretary: Linda Ellis
 VP Programs: Linda Garvin
 Child Abuse Prevention: Lorena Hampton & Sherry Parker Chapman
 President Elect Ray Davis will automatically assume the leadership position as President.



A nomination was made from the floor for Rev. Dr. D. Michael Jones to assume the Youth Chair position at the May 7th meeting. A motion was made to accept the revised slate of officers. The motion carried.

The new officers will be installed at the June 25th meeting. New officers take their positions on the 1st of July. They are encouraged to attend the State Conference where they will have access to knowledge that will assist them in the performance of their job responsibilities during the next year.



SPECIAL GUESTS

Club members welcomed special guests at our May 14th meeting. They were Haeng H. Clark, President Elect and Bryan Cook, ESL instructor at CTC. Both are members of the One Spirit Exchange Club of Killeen

NATIONAL FREEDOM SHRINE MONTH

The Freedom Shrine is an impressive, permanently mounted collection of 30 of the most important and historic American documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Gettysburg Address. They show our nation's youth the strength and courage of their forefathers by allowing them to read, with their own eyes, the immortal words of inspired Americans who so decisively changed the course of history.

Developed by the National Exchange Club, the Freedom Shrine originated from the Freedom Train that toured the nation in 1947 carrying an exhibit of historic documents. The purpose of the Freedom Shrine is twofold. It puts before young Americans proof that the freedom and greatness we enjoy today were not purchased easily and reminds them that these gifts must be cherished and protected. Painstakingly researched to guarantee absolute authenticity, the 28 historical American documents that comprise the Shrine were carefully chosen to exemplify the beginnings of our nation and those subsequent turning points of importance which shaped our national character and eminence. The documents of the Shrine, although culled from the past, represent foundation stones which permit the present, as we know it, to exist and the future, as we dream it, to be attainable.



Several New Members Accepted

Our April 16th Birthday Rush Function has seen several applications. We have approved two new members:

Jim Brice (sponsored by Gerald Skidmore) and Veronica Garvin, the fourth member of the Garvin family to be an active member. Both of them are employed at First National Bank. Other members were encouraged to recruit their family/friends to join and become an active part of this great civic club.

Several club members took part in the recent Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive. Becky Holcomb was awarded the title of Godmudda for the great work of her team. Team members from Exchange included Kathy Clark Jones, and Maureen Jouett. Rev. Dr. D. Michael Jones came through with a new membership for his church, Pioneer Community Baptist Church. In all over 200 memberships were received.



Dates To Remember.....

June 11: Proudly We Hail—Please submit nominations to David Garvin

June 22-24: District Convention—Richardson—to register please see links below

<http://www.texasdistrictexchange.org/content.aspx?> And hotel Room reservations 1-800-264-0359

June 25: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008 CLUB YEAR

August 31—Community Meeting for Make A Difference Day—Killeen City Hall, 6 pm

NATIONAL FREEDOM SHRINE MONTH

◆ Calendar of Events

JUNE 2007
 4th – ACT Danny Daniel (BOARD MEETING AT 1 p.m.)
 11th – PROUDLY WE HAIL
 18th – Annette Lucksinger, who heads up the Killeen Area Heritage Association
 DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE 2007-2007 BUDGET
 25th – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008 CLUB YEAR

Who's In Charge?



OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President.....Jason Pfaltzgraff
 President-Elect.....Ray Davis
 Secretary.....Linda Ellis
 Treasurer.....Becky Holcomb
 Programs.....Maureen Jouett
 Americanism.....David Garvin
 Child Abuse Prevention.....
Maria Villarreal & Janet Wyrick
 Community SvcMichelle Bryant
 Fellowship/Inter-Club/Public
 Relations/Bulletin.....Kathy Jones
 Membership.....Jason Pfaltzgraff
 Youth.....Julie & Maureen
 Past President.....Julie Reynolds

June Anniversaries with Club:

None

June Birthdays:

None

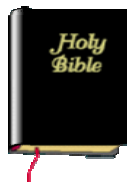
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FREEDOM SHRINE CONT.

This year we are building a portable Freedom Shrine to take in parades. We are also planning several new Freedom Shrines.

Biblical Exchange

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.



Isaiah 32:17

Child Abuse Prevention



We believe in Child Abuse Prevention! We know it works!

We Believe in the Blue!

On April 21, 2007 our club answered the call from the National Exchange Club to spread the word across the country that positive parenting can help end the cycle of child abuse.

We participated with the Child Safety/Fun Day at Peebles Elementary School and at Central Texas College by providing “Why the Color Blue” brochures and blue ribbons to participants.

We assisted the One Spirit Exchange Club of Killeen by sharing our brochures and blue ribbons so that they could give them out at their booth at the Killeen Mall.



This was a great project idea with that helped create national publicity. Other Exchange Clubs all across the country – at the same time – were also helping to educate all caregivers on positive parenting choices.

Proudly We Hail Nominations Needed

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. To honor them a specially designed plaque is presented at a club meeting. Every club member can participate in the program because it is the individual member who watches for and nominates potential recipients. This outstanding program promotes Americanism as well as community recognition by the sponsoring Exchange Club.



Chair David Garvin is looking for nominations for the our Proudly We Hail Program for June 11th. Club members were asked to provide nominations of business, organizations and individuals who have proudly displayed our nation’s flag during the last year.

Youth of the Year

Our Youth of the Year and ACE Award recipients were selected. Both of this year's Youth of the Year were from Killeen High School.

Applicants were required to compete on the basis of community service, activities, GPA, and a submitted essay. Committee members were given copies of the essays and asked to grade them. Grades were averaged to give a final grade. Those who were selected received the highest accumulated points.

Youth Co-Chairs are Julie Reynolds and Maureen Jouett. Committee members who helped with the evaluations were Gerald Skidmore, Linda Garvin, Jason Pfaltsgraff, Veronica Garvin, Julie Reynolds, and Maureen Jouett's her daughter Melissa Jouett.

In alphabetical order, the recipients were Counteney Green and Jayna Murray. The scholarship funds they received from the Exchange Club of Killeen will help assist them with books, equipment and supplies.

Courtney's dream was to attend West Point. In her essay she states "My destiny is up to me, and me alone. If I open myself to everything the world has to offer, I have no doubt I will succeed". Through her hard work and determination she has been able to attain many goals. She recently learned that her dream has been realized and she has been accepted to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York for the class of 2011.

To Jayna Murray self motivation is the key to success. She states that "if you have the ability to self motivate yourself then there aren't many takes in life that you wouldn't be able to overcome". She wants to become a great leader and help motivate and teach others to light the fire within. Jayne too has realized her dream and will join her classmate at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York for the class of 2011. She appreciates the rewards she has already received.

Both girls expressed their sincere appreciation to the Exchange Club of Killeen for selecting them to receive

these scholarship awards of \$1000 each. They will compete for a district scholarship of \$1000 and if successful will go on to the National competition.

A.C.E. Award

A.C.E. stands for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence.

This program recognizes high school students who have made a dramatic change in their attitude and performance during their high school years. These changes have enabled the students to overcome adversities and prepare for graduation. Clubs may also submit their top A.C.E. Award winner to the district competition. Winners at the district level then have an opportunity to compete for the National A.C.E. Award.

Purpose

This is a positive program with two key objectives. First, it helps encourage students to overcome their hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma. Second, the award recognizes those students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance really do pay.

This year's recipients of the A.C.E. Award were Dustin Mueller and Alicia Wallace. Alicia is a senior at Shoemaker High School and Dustin is a senior at Ellison High School.

For Dustin, his challenge came

when he was twelve years old and met his father for the first time. That in itself would have been stressful, but add to the mix that the meeting took place in a courtroom where his mother was suing his father for child support. Dustin's mother took a job out of state and they moved from Killeen to Massachusetts. Starting in a new

area made tough times tougher. Family issues spilled over into friendship development. Dustin's eighth and ninth grades were troublesome but overtime he began to mature and decided to make the most of what he had at hand. He was able to improve his class status from 183 to 64 of 443. An instructor at his school stated that "his compassion and forgiving nature has allowed him to build a strong relationship with his father". Dustin is determined to receive his Bachelor's Degree and become an officer in the United States Marines.

Alicia states that she has "been pressured, stressed, and troubled throughout my life". In spite of this she has not dropped out of high school or gotten involved with drugs or alcohol. She has been called on to assist with her family's finances after her mother was a victim of identify theft. She has managed to maintain her stability and prospered. She has a GPA of 3.5 and is in the top 10 percent of her class. After school she plans to attend DeVry University to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Finance. Her future goals include being a business owner and financial analyst. Because of her family's finances she will need scholarships such as ours to achieve her goals.

Alicia and Dustin both expressed their thanks and appreciation to the members of the Exchange Club of Killeen for giving them the opportunity to realize their dreams.

