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THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

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### **STATISTICS FOR MARCH 28, 2008:**

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Gary Marcotte
Guest Slips	Harry Shipley
Birthday Slips	Larry Burnham
Birthday Cake Winner	Harry Shipley
50/50 Tickets	Ira Jones and Jack Freeze
50/50 Winner	Bob Miller

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

--- The Girls Inc Fund Drive is underway. Your continued generosity is needed and appreciated.

--- Leadership Excellence Training is just a couple weeks away. The training will be at the Holiday Inn City Center on April 12, 2008. It will start at 8:00am and run the entire day until 5:00pm. Lunch will be served on site. It's not too late to sign up...contact Gary Marcotte at 285-5381.

---District and National conventions are just around the corner. The site selection for both events has made them very accessible for our members. These events are great for sharing thoughts, activities and just time with other Exchangites. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

--- Thanks to Lori Smith for standing in as Program Chairman!!

### **PROGRAM:**

For those of you who have wondered about what Hospice is and what it provides; last week's program was a must-see. Liz Martin joined us and provided a plethora of information. First, it provides services for those with life-limiting illnesses at home or in a nursing home. Some of the services include: an assigned RN to act as liaison between the patient/family and the doctor/hospital. There is an assigned Social Worker, primarily for the family to locate and secure other services. A Chaplain is also assigned to provide guidance, comfort and bereavement care to the family. Liz informed us, too, that the patient and family are never

charged for these services. Payment comes only from medicaid/medicare. If that benefit does not cover expenses, there is no charge at all.

## **HUMOR:**

A man is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the man moves closer to the boy's position.

He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the man smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

The boy replies, "Now we run!"

Community service is the lifeline of Exchange. Exchange Clubs across the country spend countless hours and dollars improving their communities each year. In fact, many of the projects within the Program of Service have a common goal of serving and benefiting our communities. Then why a separate category called Community Service? Because while the programs listed under Child Abuse Prevention, Youth and Americanism focus on specific areas within the community, the following projects are more broad in scope and are designed to benefit every community member.

The history of Exchange's community service projects is quite impressive. Since the first group of Exchangites convened in 1911 in Detroit, Mich., Exchange has been dedicated to serving its communities through various projects. Throughout the years, Exchange Clubs have been responsible for community improvements of all types such as: cleaning up highways; sponsoring cultural programs, air, art and industrial shows, state and county fairs, festivals, rodeos and athletic events. These clubs have also provided millions of dollars for scholarships, gifts, equipment, sponsorships, educational endeavors and other causes.

We succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective.

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**