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President's Message

Before I was elected as president, I often thought how tough it would be to write a monthly column for the newsletter. Makes me appreciate the daily sports columnists even more.

But the truth is, this is one of the easiest and truly most enjoyable parts of the job.

The reason is that the column pretty much writes itself or, rather, each of you makes it easy to write a column like this. As I recall the prior month's activities or look ahead toward future dates and events, there is never a shortage of information. We're blessed with a club that has a host of good things happening, for the prevention of child abuse, for Gurnee . . . even amongst ourselves.

December was no exception. In the span of nine days . . .

On the 9th, we welcomed the Holiday Train to Gurnee.

Four days later, on the 13th, we dedicated a Freedom Shrine at the WTHS Almond Road campus. Kevin Woodside and his committee did an outstanding job of not only organizing the order and installation of the Shrine but in coordinating our dedication ceremony amongst the hustle and bustle of a normal school day and the movements of nearly 2000 students. Great job to Kevin and BEC team members Dan Robison, Pat Gallagher, Jan Boettle, and Phil Sobicinski. Special thanks to George Green from the Noon Club who presented a wonderful look back at being a teenager prior to WWII and what the Shrine meant to him now vs. its meaning today. Finally, another special Thank You to Superintendent Sobicinski and the entire Warren faculty and staff for their help.

Then, on the 17th, we gathered at Winchester House to participate in the first annual "Wrapping Presence", a program that helps residents shop for presents to give to family and friends and just feel more a part of the holiday traditions and activity. One big Thank You goes out to Roberta Pfeiffer who single-handedly identified the need and coordinated our participation in this wonderful program. Visit the Winchester House website (<http://www.co.lake.il.us/winhouse/programs/wrapping.asp>). Following our work at Winchester, we gathered for an informal "progressive dinner" at the Froese's and Pfeiffer's.

Turning to January, fellow Exchangite Jules Traut will be our guest speaker for the first membership meeting of 2006. His topic is "The Best Kept Secret in the US" and that's all I'll say. Join us on the 10th to find out the answer. Check the calendar for upcoming speakers.

February will feature our annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser with ALL proceeds going to the Lake County Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse. So, save the date - Sunday, February 19. If you'd like to help on the committee or in organizing a team, let me know.

Yours in Exchange,

Bill Froese

P.S. Take the Freedom Shrine challenge. See inside for details.

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Meetings

Second and Fourth
Tuesday of each
Month at 7:00 a.m.
at In-Laws Restaurant.

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News

Freedom Shrine



Freedom Shrine dedication at WTHS Almond Campus – Left to Right: Jack Rayburn - Interim Principal, WTHS Almond Campus; Kevin Woodside (BEC) - Event Chair; George Greene (Noon) - Featured Speaker; Dr. Phil Sobocinski - (BEC) District 121 Superintendent; Bill Froese (BEC) – President

Help Wanted:

- Member(s) to help with distributing email and fax alerts
- Club members who want to help expand our Service to Seniors program.
- Club members who would be interested in working on the Healing Field committee
- Interested club members who would like to help work on the Bowl-a-thon committee (February 19)
- Interested members who want to help out on the Salad in the Park committee (May 9)

Contact Bill Froese to “exchange” ideas on any of these opportunities

The President’s Freedom Shrine Challenge

On several occasions, members and non-members would question me on how many Shrines have been dedicated by both the BEC and Noon Club in the greater Gurnee area. Several I knew but other club members always had to help in naming other locations.

So, here’s the challenge: Name ALL of the Shrine locations that both clubs have dedicated over the past 30 years you will receive a free BEC coffee mug.

OK, not good enough? How about a one-year exemption from having to run the 50-50 raffle??? Better?

OK, here are the simple rules. All entries must be sent to the BEC P.O. Box (Box 494, Gurnee, IL 60031). The member with the correct number receives the prize. In case of a tie, the member with the earlier postmark will receive the prize. In the case of multiple winners with the same postmark, the winner’s name will be drawn at random. All entries must be postmarked no later than January 31.

Good luck!

Bill Froese

Bowl-a-thon Date is Confirmed

Like to bowl? Can you spare some time? Want to pin your hopes on helping prevent child abuse? Did we strike a chord? The Bowl-a-thon is coming! Set aside Sunday, February 19 for our annual bowl-a-thon at Bertrand’s Lanes in Waukegan. All proceeds go to the Exchange Foundation of Lake County in our fight against child abuse. Anyone wanting to help with team sign-ups, sponsors, promotion and tracking down lots of tchotchkas for our raffle should drop Bill Froese an email or give him a call.

Mystery Member

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Our January Mystery Member loves hiking and the outdoors. He/she is married with two children and one grandchild. His/her first job was in a shirt print shop and has worked in tax accounting through out his/her career. He/she is not a materialist and finds gardening, camping, theatre, and cooking the most interesting things he/she has done. An airline ticket to anywhere would take him/her to Australia or New Zealand.

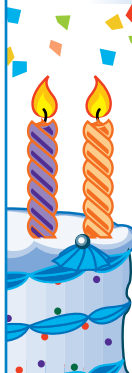
Marge Keenan-Denniston

November Mystery Member Answer!

Mystery Member for December was **Dolores Shaw!**

Birthdays

January



- Valerie Boettle-Ceckowski – 1/11
- Penny Dagley – 1/09
- William Dracos – 1/30
- Donald Fontana – 1/15
- Adam J. Krieger – 1/25
- John Mauser – 1/15
- Leo J. Potetti – 1/06
- Bud Reed – 1/22
- Henry J. Schwarz – 1/04



President Bill Froese and Winchester House resident.

“Wrapping Presence”

On Saturday, December 17th, ten volunteers, including several spouses, helped a local nursing home facility with their new holiday project. Either they helped the residents shop for holiday gifts for family members and friends, or they wrapped the selected presents. Community members, including 75 from our own Exchange club, donated all gifts. Approximately 8-10 hours were spent organizing our clubs participation in this Service to Seniors. There was no cost to the club. Over all, those that participated felt that it was a great project, and brought a true meaning to the holidays.

Roberta Pfeiffer.



Jan Boettle, James Pfeiffer, Roberta Pfeiffer, Mary Caselli, Gayle Neumann, Johanna Blockinger, Mary Jo Kollross, President Bill Froese, and Penny Dagley.



Wrapping presence, workers working hard!

Board Doings:

Here is a quick recap of Board actions during the December 6 meeting:

- Approved expenses of \$937.98 from Community Service (primarily Freedom Shrine, Youth of Month and Prayer Breakfast expenses) and \$410.78 from General Fund (New member activation fees, meeting expenses and tax filing fee)
- Received report on plans for the Freedom Shrine dedication
- Same for the Wrapping Presence event
- Accepted new bylaws as issued by National Exchange
- Approved donations to the following organizations: Holiday Train – N. Illinois Food Pantry (\$300)
- Cancelled the December 27 general membership meeting due to holiday conflict

Your 2005-2006 Board Members

Your Board is here to serve you. If you have a question, comment or need some information on a program of service or general club information, please contact the appropriate Board member:

President: Bill Froese
President-Elect: Mike Oster
Immediate Past President: Pat Gallagher
Secretary: Kalyne Boyles
Treasurer: Michelle Fairbanks

Americanism: Glen Ryback (Class of '07)
Club Activities: Roberta Pfeiffer (Class of '06)
Community Service: Mary Jo Kollross (Class of '06)
Ray Smith (Class of '07)
Prevention of Child Abuse: Gayle Neumann (Class of '06)
Youth Activities: Hanna Blockinger (Class of '07)

2006-2007 Board Now Forming – Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations for our 2006-2007 Board. The following positions will need to be filled:

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Board (three positions) _____

If you would like to step forward or offer the name of a fellow Exchangite, please contact Bill Froese, Mike Oster or Pat Gallagher.



President Bill Froese and Roberta Pfeiffer preparing for the seniors.



James Pfeiffer, President Bill Froese, Roberta Pfeiffer, Santa, and Valerie Boettle-Ceckowski.



Winchester House "Wrapping Presence"

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2005-2006 Officers

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President
Mike Oster
President Elect

Kalyne Boyles
Secretary
Michelle Fairbanks
Treasurer
Fergal "Pat" Gallagher
Immediate Past President

News



January 3, 2005. Board Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

January 10, 2005. Membership Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Jules Trout, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

January 24, 2005. Membership Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Judge Phillips

February 7, 2005. Board Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

February 14, 2005. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Membership Meeting In-Laws Restaurant
(Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue) Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.
Guest Speaker, Steve Robinson, Lake County Chamber of Commerce President.

February 19, 2005. BOWL-A-THON Bertrand Lanes 10:00 am-2:00 pm

February 28, 2005. Membership Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Mike Tulley, Lake County Forest Preserve

March 7, 2005. Board Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

March 14, 2005. Membership Meeting
In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)
Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Mayor Krysti Korvarik (tentative)

Don't forget to bring a guest to our next meeting!!

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