



# The New England Exchangite

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## Delegates to 2011 Convention head for the hills

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This year's annual New England District Convention will be held on April 29 to May 1 at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center in Bartlett, N.H.

The week-end promises "something for everyone" with a fitness and massage center, a steam room and saunas, a heated outdoor pool and hot tubs, a children's play area, "and more."

Attitash is near the recreation and shopping opportunities in North Conway for those who wish to explore.

A Friday golf tournament and evening entertainment will precede the Saturday business meeting, election, and evening banquet for the installation of 2011-12 president Eric LaFleur and his fellow officers and board members. The hospitality room, of course, will be open on both evenings. The Sunday morning brunch will feature the presentation of ACE and Youth of the Year scholarships to the District winners.

Studio rooms with kitchenettes or standard deluxe rooms are available at \$356 for a single, \$240 per person for a double, and \$217 per person for a triple. Quad rates are also available, as is a one-bedroom deluxe suite.

Come gather with your fellow Exchangites for a fun time and a meaningful experience.

"Come share in the Exchange experience and have some fun," said District President Cindy Harb.



**Amenities.** District Convention attendees will have the opportunity to relax in the year-round heated pool.



**Host.** The Attitash Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett, N.H., awaits delegates to the 2011 New England District Convention.

### 100<sup>th</sup> District Anniversary Party

In the meantime, don't forget about the District's celebration of Exchange's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading on Saturday, March 26. Tickets are \$55 per person. Please contact Bonnie Breen for reservations.



### 100<sup>th</sup> National Anniversary

National Exchange Club delegates will gather from July 6 to July 9 at the Marriott Renaissance Center (above) in Detroit, the birthplace of Exchange, for the 93<sup>rd</sup> annual National Convention and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the service organization.

Please visit the National Exchange Club website at [www.exchangeclub.org](http://www.exchangeclub.org) for reservation, convention, and entertainment details.

**"Unity in Service"**



**The President's Corner:  
Celebrate the success,  
but keep on working**

Well, Spring has sprung and if you see snow flakes, just ignore them and they will go away.....

I want to thank everyone in the New England District for the fantastic job we have all done so far this year. We are at positive growth of 37, and I could not be happier. Most of our clubs are in good shape and growing. We have a lot to celebrate.

We have our District Convention coming up soon on April 20, 30, and May 1. By now you should have received your registration packets in the mail. Please send you registrations in now. The committee has done a fantastic job, and we are planning a great conference. Ray Carlson and his wife Linda will be our national representatives. Ray is running for National President, and this is a great time to ask your questions and find out what Ray would like to see for our organization.

It has been my pleasure to be your District President this year, but it's not over yet. Club Presidents, let's continue to work on making every single one of our clubs grow to positive growth, and we will celebrate in Detroit. If I or any of the District Board can help, just let us know.

Look forward to seeing you all at convention.....

**Cindy "The Seahorse" Harb**



**Excel.** Members of the Exchange Club of Lawrence meet with students and staff of the Esperanza Academy about forming a Junior Excel Club, to include 33 "and counting" middle school girls.

**Excel Club forms at Esperanza**

"Well, we've done it!" commented Donna Perez of the Lawrence Exchange Club.

"What does this mean? This means that this fine school of young ladies in grades five to eight have a real leadership opportunity to impact their school and their community even beyond what they've been doing. The students are all girls who come from low-income families in Lawrence, and they attend school for 11 hours each day, eating all three meals there. The school functions on volunteers who do all the cooking, serving, janitorial, and clerical duties. These are some dedicated families!"

Esperanza is a tuition-free private school, funded by private individual donations and grants.

Wrote National Exchange Club President Margie Miller of Charleston, S.C.: "Congratulations to Lawrence Exchange and the new Esperanza Academy Exchange Club. The youth are our future, and thank you for striving to bring the Exchange message to a new generation. I am so proud of Lawrence Exchange and the New England District. You are setting the mark high with two new clubs this year. Thank you District President Cindy Harb for shining the light of Exchange and for looking into the future for Exchange. Exchange is lucky to have all of you as leaders."



**Recognition.** The flag of Massachusetts flies over the National Exchange Club Headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, in honor of the Excel Club at Esperanza Academy.

## News from the clubs...

### Auburn

- Sponsored Advocates for Children party and Foster Parents Holiday Festival
- Wrapped and distributed Christmas gifts for needy
- Donated \$500 and 500 hot dogs to Kids Day America
- Continues Student of the Month program

### Clinton

- Conducted "Breakfast with Santa" at Applebee's
- Funded international "Operation Christmas Child" distribution of gifts with Excel Club (right)
- Excel Club participated in "Souper Bowl of Caring," "Read Across America," "Relay for Life," and a scrapbook for Alzheimers patients program

### Haverhill

- Donated gifts to Women's Resource Center at YWCA
- Rang the bell for the Salvation Army
- Excel Club played Bingo at senior center and will participate in the Kids As Peacemakers mural program
- Collected clothes and craft supplies for Emmaus House
- Past District President Rick Barry developed anti-bullying pamphlet
- Is participating in Youth of the Year and ACE programs
- Participated in "Read Across America"
- Conducted annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

### Lawrence

- Enjoyed "Sicilian Swap" inter-club with Plaistow
- Re-dedicated a Freedom Shrine at Parthum School
- Started Excel Club at Esperanza Academy
- Conducted Police/Firefighter of the Year program
- Is conducting Student of the Month and ACE programs
- Conducted annual Community Service Awards (right)
- Conducted annual "Cigar Night" fundraiser

### Methuen

- Installed Freedom Shrine at Greater Lawrence Tech

### Montachusett

- Distributed holiday baskets to Montachusett Home Care Adult Family Care Program

### Nashua

- Conducted annual Community Service Awards
- Donated \$5,000 to Marguerite's Place and the Child Advocacy Center
- Is preparing an Adopt-a-Family program
- Conducted Youth of the Year program
- Dedicated Freedom Shrine at Amherst Street School

### Nashua Breakfast

- Conducted Holiday Silent Auction

### Needham

- Conducted Children's Holiday Gift Program
- Raised funds with annual holiday citrus sale
- Dedicated Freedom Shrine at Pollard Middle School
- Donated child car seats to needy families
- Presented Book of Golden Deeds to hospital volunteer Ruth MacArthur
- Gave community service awards to high school students
- Continued Youth of the Month program
- Lost 54-year member "Skilky" Eaton



**Clinton.** Exchange Club President Walter Ryan hands check to the Excel Club to aid in the postage for the shipment of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

### Newburyport

- Rang the bell for the Salvation Army
- Threw party for Dare House program for teen mothers
- Offered annual holiday party for group home of developmentally delayed men in Amesbury
- Held second annual New Member Night
- Is preparing for 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

### Plaistow

- Conducted Breakfast with Santa at Applebee's

### Salem

- Conducted annual Christmas tree fundraiser
- Continued Texas Hold 'Em fundraisers at Rockingham

### Waterville

- Held annual Christmas party, from which a new member joined
- Donated \$1,000 for Winter Clothing Project
- Selected Lawrence High in Fairfield for ACE program
- Donated \$500 to Waterville Fire Department convention in the city
- Donated \$50 to Big Brother/Big Sister Bowl-for-Kids
- Is conducting annual hockey tournament fundraiser



**Honoree.** Lawrence Exchange Club president Bruce Baril (center) presents a plaque to Andover "Firefighter of the Year" Lt. John S. Ronan as Chief Michael Mansfield looks on.



**Freedom Shrine.** Methuen Exchange Club members Art Hutton, chair Brad Jones, and Kathy Jones pose with students and staff of Greater Lawrence Technical School in front of the club's new document installation.



**Service.** Auburn President Dick Merrow presents long-time member Joe Lagasse (right) with a Lifetime Member Plaque.



**Inter-club.** Members of the Lawrence and Plaistow Exchange Clubs gather together for a joint "Sicilian Swap" holiday social.



**Community Service Awards.** Nashua firefighter Robert Fitz, Jr., EMT Toni Blanchard, and police officer Adelberto Garcia accept plaques from police Deputy Chief John Seusing, a member of the club and project chair.



**Clean-up.** Montachusett Exchange Club members Jon Daoust, Mark Boudreau and son Sam, Jeanette McDermott and husband Bob, and Deb McKenna pause from their fall trail-clearing project at Leominster State Forest.



**Servers.** Rose Schlagel, John Reeves, Camille Gallo, Stu Deane, Deb Mousley, Tammy Jennings, Jim Noyes, and Patty McGrath of Newburyport pause in the Immaculate Conception Church kitchen from preparing the annual holiday dinner for those in need..