



The Exciter

The Exchange Club of San Jose meets Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Shark & Rose Restaurant, 69 N. San Pedro St.

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Prez Says . . .

This week I sent out a letter to friends of Exchange to kick-off our Cioppino Night and fundraising campaign. (A copy of it can be found at the end of this Exciter.) The letter was sent with enclosures. I am willing to send it to anyone and everyone you would like to receive it; just send me their address ASAP. Because the letter includes information on how to support Exchange outside of the Cioppino Night, please consider sending it to out-of-towners as well.

See you on Tuesday!

-Lori



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Announcements

.Nominations for **Exchangite of the Year** and **Lifetime Achievement Award**. Recognition for outstanding contributions is an important element for personal growth. Every local club has Exchangites who deserve such recognition. The criteria, process, and forms are in the *District Trophies and Awards Booklet* and on the district web sit. Please complete a nomination form for your most deserving Exchangites. They are due in May, but start working on them now.

Don't forget about our Associate Membership. Associate members only pay \$10.00 per month, plus \$20.00 for any lunch attended. This will enable new members, who may not be able to attend luncheons very often, to still enjoy the benefits of Exchange.

Smiles are contagious. Share one today!



Candidates for District Office. The district organization's fundamental purpose is to provide the guidance and mentoring wherever it may reside within the district. To administer this provisioning process, the district needs motivated, dedicated, experienced Exchangites to serve as facilitators in the divisional areas and as officers of the district organization. To be a candidate for a district office to be elected at the District convention in June, an Exchangite need only satisfy the prerequisites and conditions outlined in Article X of the *Bylaws*, and forward their name to Ed Harvey or Rick Gordon, by May 20th. A form for a suggested candidate to complete is on the district web site.

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Captains On Deck!

4-9, Bonita Gibson

Invoker/Pledgleader: Cathy Keil

Finemaster: Jim Gunderson

SPEAKER: Mary Hoyle re: Event Planning

4-16, Cathy Keil

Invoker/Pledgleader: Jerry Hall

Finemaster: Bruce Newgren

SPEAKER: To be announced

4-23, Jim Gunderson

Invoker/Pledgleader: Phil Griego

Finemaster: Lynda Brown

SPEAKER: To be announced

4-30, Bruce Newgren

Invoker/Pledgleader: Bonita Gibson

Finemaster: Jerry Hall

SPEAKER: To be announced

Special Note: Contact Jerry Hall if you need help getting a speaker.

The Exchange Club

Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege, of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellow men, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To better serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understanding and greater opportunities for all.

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Today in American History . . .

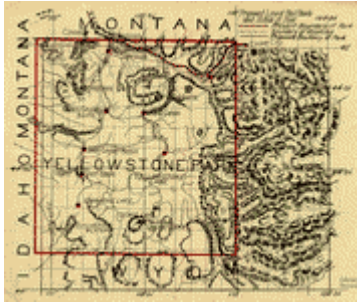
Conservationists, civic leaders, and government officials submitted testimony before Congress in favor of the establishment of the National Park Service on April 5 and April 6, 1916.



The congressional debate over the proper management of the growing system of national parks began in 1912 and culminated with the passage, in 1916, of the National Park Service Act. This legislation created the National Park Service within the Department of the Interior. Stephen T. Mather was named its first director.

In making his case for the agency, Richard B. Watrous, Secretary of the American Civic Association, recalled the rationale made by Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger in 1910.

"In order that creditable progress may be made in each of the national parks," Ballinger had written:



liberal appropriations will be required . . . to create a bureau of national parks and resorts, under the supervision of a competent commissioner, with a suitable force of superintendents, supervising engineers, and landscape architects, inspectors, park guards, and other employees.

Others pointed to the long-term economic benefits likely to accrue from the efficient investment in and management of the national parks.

Since its establishment in 1916, the National Park Service has gone from supervising 40 national parks and monuments to some 370 areas. The National Park System encompasses over 83 million acres in 49 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands, and attracts millions of visitors each year.

--from <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

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Upcoming Events

April 9 - Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

April - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

May 3 - Cioppino Feed

Trivia Question:

There was a mistake in the March 21, 2002, edition of the Exciter. The error has been corrected on the internet version. Can you tell me what mistake has been corrected?

Write down your answer and bring it to the next Exchange Club meeting for a chance to win a prize!

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Club Officers

President: **Lori Formusa**

Immediate Past President: **Bonita Gibson**

President Elect: **Phil Griego**

Secretary: **Bruce Newgren**

Board of Directors for 2001-2003 Term: **Jon Renson, Jim Gunderson, Jerry Hall**

Board of Directors for 2000-2001 Term: **Cathy Keil, Lynda Brown, Darrel Snuggerud**

Cioppino Letter



EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN JOSE

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Dear Friend of the San Jose Exchange Club,

I am writing to invite you to join us at the annual Exchange Club Cioppino Night on Friday, May 3, the cornerstone of our fundraising campaign to meet our budget for fiscal year 2002-03. The Cioppino Night festivity begins at 6:00p.m. with antipasto and a no-host bar. After our famous Crab and Seafood Cioppino dinner we'll have music and dancing, with the popular local band, "Rolling Blackout". I have enclosed a flyer providing specific details of the Cioppino Night.

If you can't make it to the Cioppino Night itself, there are many other ways you may participate in this fundraising drive.

Enter our Bay Area GetAway drawing for a Lunch for Two aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train. I've enclosed tickets for this drawing, so if you wish to purchase chances to win, just fill out your name and address on the ticket stubs, and enclose \$10.00 per entry. The drawing will be held at the Cioppino Night party.

Register with the eScrip program and earn money for the Exchange Club each time you purchase products from a participating merchant. For example, by registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, 3% of your grocery purchases will be paid to the Exchange Club account without any additional charge to you! You may register directly on line at www.escrip.com (our Club is #141589329) or just call me.

Donate your unwanted vehicle to C.A.R.S. (Children Are Really Special), the Exchange Club's vehicle donation program. Revenue generated from C.A.R.S. is designated to benefit the Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention programs. All you need to do is call toll-free at 1-888 GETMYCAR.

Become an Associate Member of the San Jose Exchange Club, for only \$10.00 per month and the cost of the meal at any meeting you choose to attend. Your Associate Membership provides you full membership benefits but without the commitment of attending weekly meetings. To become an Associate Member, just drop me a note.

Consider Planned Giving as a means of making a charitable gift of estate assets to help ensure the long-term future of the San Jose Exchange Club. Among the ways to make a planned gift: a bequest in your will or trust; naming the San Jose Exchange Club as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan; gifts that provide lifetime income.

Please feel free to call me or to check out our website for more information:

Sincerely,

LORI FORMUSA
President, San Jose Exchange Club

