



The Exciter

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

"United in Service Since 1949"

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Captains On Deck!

4-9, Bonita Gibson

Invocator/Pledgleader: Cathy Keil

Finemaster: Jim Gunderson

SPEAKER: Mary Hoyle re: Event Planning

4-16, Cathy Keil

Invocator/Pledgleader: Jerry Hall

Finemaster: Bruce Newgren

SPEAKER: To be announced

4-23, Jim Gunderson

Invocator/Pledgleader: Phil Griego

Finemaster: Lynda Brown

SPEAKER: To be announced

4-30, Bruce Newgren

Invocator/Pledgleader: Bonita Gibson

Finemaster: Jerry Hall

SPEAKER: To be announced

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

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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 Comradship in my social and business relationships;

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



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.

Congratulations to our two newest members: Brenda Lee Biggs and Diane Lopez. Welcome aboard.

Hope to see you at our lunches!



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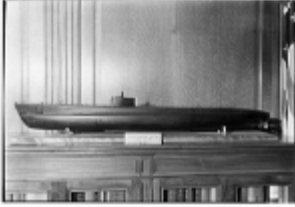
Today in American History . . .

On April 11, 1900, the U.S. Navy acquired its first submarine, a 53-foot craft designed by Irish immigrant John P. Holland. Propelled by gasoline while on the surface and by electricity when submerged, the Holland served as a blueprint for modern submarine design. By the eve of World War I, Holland and Holland-inspired vessels were a part of large naval fleets throughout the world.



Designs for underwater boats date back to the 1500s. In the nineteenth century, the first truly practical submarines began to appear, with a period of intense development occurring at the end of the century as nations strived to establish their sea power. Seizing upon the latest military technology, the United States used subs in both the War of 1812 and the Civil War. It was not until World War I, however, that submarines emerged as major weapons.

The powerhouses among wartime submarines were German U-boats which outclassed standard subs in both size, speed, and military might. Canadian recruit Fred Smith experienced the efficiency of a U-boat firsthand. "It was the start of the World War," he recalled in an American Life Histories, 1936-1940 interview:



We left Halifax in a transport bound for England - about 5,000 of us. We were not many miles at sea and I was down below, talking with members of the crew who were off watch. . . . Suddenly there came a shock as if an enormous club had walloped the ship in the side. . . . We all made the deck promptly enough, to find that a German submarine was among those present. She had fired two torpedoes into us. We were in a sinking condition, but were able to beach ourselves between a couple large rocks, which are numerous along that shore. . . . but destroyers soon came to chase the submarine and all of us were taken off the transport, after a few hours, without any loss of life.

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

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Upcoming Events

April - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

May 3 - Cioppino Feed

Trivia Question:

Who said "At twenty years of age, the will reigns; at thirty, the wit, and at forty, the judgment."?

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**

Treasurer: **Rob Nuddleman**

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**

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