



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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All Members, Come to our next lunch meeting where we will discuss new locations for our weekly meetings. Your input is important!

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Announcements



<p>Nominations for Exchangite of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award are due. Get your nominations in today.</p>	<p>Don't forget about our Associate Membership Associate members only pay \$10.00 per month, \$20.00 for any lunch attended. This will enable members, who may not be able to attend lunches often, to still enjoy the benefits of Exchange.</p>
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Join The Family. Throughout May and June 2002 Exchange is conducting the Join The Family program. For this special time Exchange is **waiving the \$10 new member administration fee for spouses and family members** that join their local Exchange Club during May and June.

Why volunteer as a family? To share common bonds and quality time doing something worthwhile for others. To demonstrate skills, learn new ones and gain increased respect for one another. To begin a legacy by sharing Exchange with future generations.

How do you get started? Its easy! Visit www.nationalexchangeclub.com for information and an online certification card or call 800/XCHANGE.

Captains On Deck!

5-21, Jon Rensen

Invoker/Pledgleader: Phil Griego

Finemaster: Bruce Newgren

SPEAKER: To be announced

5-28, Lynda Brown

Invoker/Pledgleader: Bruce Newgren

Finemaster: Phil Griego

SPEAKER: To be announced

6-4, Dan Webb

Invoker/Pledgleader: Cathy Keil

Finemaster: Lynda Brown

SPEAKER: To be announced

6-11, Phil Griego

Invoker/Pledgleader: Rob Nuddleman

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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A Message from the Executive Vice President of National Exchange

Exchange Leaders --



We are continuing our march towards growth! Last week National President Ken Roberts wrapped up a schedule of growth teleconference calls with Regional Vice Presidents and District Presidents across the nation. From shore to shore, enthusiasm remains high about building the membership of our great organization.

Our first objective is to get into positive territory. We should be able to accomplish that this week. Secondly, we need growth in the range of +100 to +200 to put us in a position to achieve overall growth. We don't want to have to score all our runs in the ninth inning! Our third objective is to focus and finish our new club building projects.

We anticipate two additional new clubs this month: Murray, UT; and St. Charles County, MO; and there is a push on to bring in a third in York, PA. That would bring our total up to 10 through the end of May and would go a long way toward achieving our goal of "big" growth this month. There are approximately 17 solid new club building projects underway across the nation that could be brought in

before the end of June.

For the last two years we have built 21 clubs, this follows club building years of 23, 26 and 23. Ladies and gentlemen, it is time to break through the barrier and build 27, 30 or more! We can do it and, in fact, the groundwork has already been laid. This means we'll need a new club building explosion next month, but it can be done. We have averaged 12 new clubs in June over the last four years. Just having an "average" finish (and this group is much better than average, right?) would allow us to top the club building totals of the previous two years.

Lead Dogs, even if your district convention is history, the race isn't over until June 30. We need your personal assistance to bring in those club building projects. There are a few districts that have already brought in new clubs and some others with no viable projects on the books at this moment. We need you to grow your existing clubs! This group has a lot of pride and a lot of talent -- let's get the job done!

Join The Family memberships are coming in, but the pace is slow. As of this morning, we have signed up 11 JTF members. I know there are more out there! Let's encourage our clubs and members to sign up JTF members and send the cards in or use the internet form. The program has been receiving a very positive reaction from our clubs and members. It will be a success. Keep in mind that after one week, only five Stand Up America members had been signed up. After two weeks, we had reached 27. From that small beginning sprang a program that brought in 833 new Exchangites. Achieving success close to that level with Join The Family will allow us to hit our target of 31,000 members by June 30.

Thanks for all you do for Exchange. We need your leadership, dedication and action until midnight June 30 and beyond.

Yours In Exchange Growth,
David A. Nershi, CAE, Executive Vice President, The National Exchange Club

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Today in American History . . .



On May 14, 1607, the first permanent British settlement in North America was established at Jamestown, Virginia by the Virginia Company Charter. "We landed all our men," George Percy wrote in his account of the event, "which were set to worke [sic] about the fortification, and others some to watch and ward as it was convenient."

The Jamestown colonists were led by Captain John Smith for their first two years in the settlement. After Smith left the colony in 1609, only 60 out of 500 colonists survived the harsh winter. The arrival of fresh supplies from England in the spring fortified the colony and enabled it to endure for several years to follow.

On July 30, 1619, under the provisions of the Virginia Company Charter, the House of Burgesses met in Jamestown to establish a uniform government over all the settlements, which became the first representative assembly of European Americans in the New World. (Tradition dates the formation of the Iroquois Confederacy of five Indian tribes in upper New York state between 1570 and 1600.) Jamestown was also the site of the first Anglican church in the New World. 2

Another event of momentous consequence took place in 1619 when a Dutch slave trader exchanged a cargo of captive Africans for food. "The Africans became indentured servants," according to A Brief History of Jamestown, provided online by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, "similar in legal position to many poor Englishmen who traded several years labor in exchange for passage to America. The popular conception of a racial-based slave system did not develop until the 1680s."

Despite the success of the colony's survival and political organization, relations with the Algonquians were unstable and at times violent. In 1622, three hundred colonists were killed by the Algonquians while working out in the fields. Following this event, the King revoked the Virginia Company's charter and made Virginia a royal colony in 1624.

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

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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 2000-2002 Term: **Cathy Keil, Lynda Brown, Darrel Snuggerud**

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