



Leah and Miranda

Youth of the Year and ACE

The Exchange Club of Springfield honored the **Youth of the Year, Leah Parker of Southeastern HS**, with the \$1,000 College Scholarship and Plaque. Miss Parker read her winning essay and it sounded even better than before. The A.C.E. Award was presented to **Miranda Sorenson, of Kenton Ridge High School**, who will receive the \$1,000 Scholarship that

attends the honor. Ms. Sorenson, in the spirit of the award, has carved a bright future for herself after trials that have humbled and defeated countless others.

Many thanks to Steve Klipfel and Jerry Sewell for their work on bringing these Youth Projects to a successful conclusion.

District Convention Call

In accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Ohio/West Virginia District Exchange Clubs, District President Mary Borer has directed this call to be issued for the **2016 Annual Ohio-West Virginia District Convention at the Best Western Falcon Plaza, 1450 East Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402, and at Olscamp Hall on the BGSU**

Campus, to be held May 20-21, 2016. For reservations at the hotel call (419) 352-4671 before 4/20/16.

The Club President and Secretary will certify club delegates on a form. A single Credentials Form, with the names of those club delegates attending the convention must be sent and received by the District Secretary on or **before May 12, 2016.**

Coming events –

- **Military Affairs Luncheon May 2nd 2016**
- **New Member Induction Ceremony**



Did you know...?

In 1929 the National Exchange Club sponsored the National Women's Air Derby, the first transcontinental air race for women.



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Wendy Holt, Director of the CAC and Exchange Chairperson of our Child Abuse Prevention Committee presents a Foundation check for \$1,000 to Regina Burke - CASA

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and many activities are scheduled.

Activities will kick off April 1 with the planting of pinwheels at several locations across the area including Clark State downtown, Oesterlen Services for Youth, Rocking Horse Center, Springview Government Center, the Clark County Juvenile Court, and the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services.

There are numerous easy ways anyone can show support by taking selfies, and posting to

social media. Be sure to tag the Family and Children Services Facebook page with individual or group selfies and include #PinwheelSelfie

Other activities include a “Wear Blue to Work Day” on April 13 and a “Wear an Ugly Tie Day” on April 22, 2016, as there is nothing uglier than child abuse.

Project Jericho youth participants and family members were busy last week preparing ornaments for Clark State’s Blue Ribbon Tree.

“Blue Monday’s”, wearing blue each Monday in April, as well as wearing our Blue Ribbon Pin is also recommended.

Our National Project

Child abuse prevention became Exchange’s National Project in 1979, at the 61st National Exchange Club Convention.

To uphold its National Project, Exchange provides a variety of public awareness materials designed to help inform and increase awareness of child abuse and how it can be prevented. Such projects are implemented through Exchange Clubs and Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Centers across the country.

Through the *Exchange Parent Aide* home visitation model, child abuse prevention experts work directly with at-risk families. **To date, Exchange Club CAP Centers have helped more than 691,120 families break the cycle of violence, thus creating safer homes for 1,727,800 children.**

Exchange was the winner of a Presidential Award from the White House Office of Private Sector Initiatives, is a charter member of The National Child Abuse Coalition, and is a Partner in Prevention with the Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



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Great quote:

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

- Edith Wharton

April Meetings

April 5, 2016 – Sky Schell, City of Springfield - Stormwater

April 12, 2016 – Evening Meeting – New Member Induction

April 19, 2016 – Springfield City Schools Mock Trial Team

April 26, 2016 – Wendy Holt, Director, Child Advocacy Center

Meetings at Noon 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, Linardos Villa.

Evening Meeting 2nd Tuesday Monthly at Linardos Villa.

“Unity for Service”

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