

Adopt a Military Family”



Americanism

The Exchange Club of Springfield, Ohio, honored three military families at the 6 December, 2016 noon meeting at Linardos Villa. The club learned seven years ago that some of our local Guardsmen had financial difficulties at this time of year providing for Christmas for their families. Working in conjunction with the Red Cross and the Base Family Services folks, three families were presented to us to receive \$500

each. This project led to additional projects for the Guardsmen. Our club received national recognition for the “Operation Flat Daddy Pillow Case Project” and we have added “Operation Baby Link” which provides a “Start-up Kit” for the newly born members of the Guardsman families. The base command staff is pictured above with Exchangites Peg Haemmerle and Bev Sewell.

Club Unveils Member Handbook

Members who attended the 13 December, 2016 meeting received a present from the club! Club Member Handbooks were commissioned to be created by your Board of Directors. The manuals include information on many aspects of Exchange including up to date information on 2016—17 goals presented in a letter from President Sullivan. Included is a list of current members with contact

information, a listing of committees, and a How To Do It for projects. Also included are our Club Policies, as well as our Club Bylaws. There is a listing of past Presidents and a projected calendar. Copies will be available at club meetings until all have theirs. All in all this should be a welcome resource for our members to keep informed, be involved, and select how they will help to make Springfield and Clark County a better place to live. Many thanks to Andy Kittles and the Ohlmann Group for the gift of printing our handbooks.

Coming events –

- **Youths of the Month Begin January 17**
- **Board of Directors Meeting January 24**



North Pole Jazz Ensemble

National Trail Parks and Recreation



Leann Castillo and Don Lynam

We were delighted to welcome Leann Castillo, Director of the National Trail Parks and Recreation District, as our 20 December, 2016 guest speaker. We learned about the success so far of the Chiller Ice Rink as well as the welcome uptick in use for the Splash Zone Water Park last summer. Leann spoke about the multiple uses for the former Snyder Park Golf Course and of new management for the Reid Park Golf Courses. She spoke of the extensive parks and recreation system encompassing a multitude of facilities and program opportunities for the residents of Clark County. This Joint Recreation District was formed when the City of Springfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Clark County Recreation Department joined as one agency.

The District manages over 1,300 acres of beautiful parks and facilities and nearly 30 miles of multi-use trails. Staff members are dedicated to providing quality parks, facilities, services, and programs for the residents of Clark County. They share the vision to create community through people, parks, and programs.

Exchange Celebrates 95 Years in Springfield

The Exchange Club of Springfield met at the Springfield Country Club on 13 December, 2016 to celebrate Christmas and well as the anniversary of the 15 December, 1921 Charter of our club.

We were honored to welcome District President Don Price who led the revelry. The commemorative cake was donated by Angie Hutchins, wife of Immediate Past President Jim Hutchins, and a delicious contribution it was! Many thanks! Thanks also to Don Lynam for Chairing this function! President Mark Sullivan presented a Resolution from National HQ and President Grantham, congratulating our club's total of 95 years of service to Springfield and Clark County. The cuisine was superb and the venue marvelous.

We were entertained by the North Pole Jazz Ensemble featuring our own Andy Kittles on saxophone. Truly they provided an unexcelled euphonious experience!

Our club had a great year in 2016 providing over \$40,000 to organizations that help to make our community a better place to live. We added new members and the future is so bright, we may have to wear shades!

Merry Christmas and Happy 95th Birthday



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Great quote:

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

— Jane Goodall

January Meetings

January 3, 2017 – No Meeting – Holiday Week

January 10, 2017 – Evening Meeting – Kerry Pedraza – United Way of Springfield and Clark County

January 17, 2017 – Youths of the Month - Christopher Baird, Greenon, Shelby Smith, Kenton Ridge, Krista Felzein, Northeastern, and Whitney Sylvester, Shawnee

January 24, 2017 – Youths of the Month -Julia Myers, Southeastern, Justin Webster, Emmanuel Christian Academy, and Rachel Martin, Northwestern

January 31, 2017 – Youths of the Month –Kiersytn Avery, CTC, Sydney Pauley, Tecumseh, and Wesley Sizemore, GISA

Meetings at Noon 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, Linardos Villa Evening Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month - 6 PM - Linardos Villa

“Unity for Service”

Club Directors

2015 - 2017

Karen Sullivan, Alan Peczkowski,
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2016-2018

Marc Holt, Connie Kearns, Bradley Miner

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