

# SPRINGFIELD, OH

May, 2017



Larry Sewell with Wendy Holt, CAC



## Child Advocacy Center Visits

The Exchange Club of Springfield, Ohio, welcomed Director Wendy Holt of the Child Advocacy Center who reported on the increased number of child abuse instances in Clark County last year. Human Trafficking is also unfortunately a situation here in our county. The recent explosion of opiate abuse could well be a contributing factor of the increase in abuse and neglect. Wendy spoke to us about the ongoing mission of the Center and thanked our Foundation for a donation of \$ 5,000 that will be used during the coming

year. Before the Clark County Child Advocacy Center existed, children were taken back and forth among child welfare offices, Police Departments, medical clinics, and therapists. At each visit, the child was asked to retell his/her story. The process not only duplicated investigative efforts, it also made children relive their experience over and over. Now, CAC provides the location where all of the disciplines involved meet under one roof which eliminates the need for children to be interviewed by multiple people.

## Give-A-Kid-A-Flag-To-Wave

The Exchange Club of Springfield will once again provide over 8,000 4 x 6" US Flags, (Made in the USA), to spectators at the Springfield Memorial Day Parade. Just as its tongue-twisting title suggests, this popular projects involves the distribution of small American flags to youngsters at parades, fairs, picnics, school events or other community happenings that generate large crowds. The flags are absolutely free to the children and can make a great souvenir of the occasion.

Developed by the Exchange Club of Galesburg, Ill., the program is one of the Springfield club's signature projects. The DARE program students assist members in the distribution of the flags under the watchful eye of Exchangite and Police Officer Nate Ashcraft. According to a National Exchange Club "Fun Fact", some 378,000 flags were distributed by clubs last year. Spectators enthusiastically request the flags and there are a number of great moments when veterans request one. Many thanks to the Exchangites who volunteer to distribute the flags throughout the parade route!

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### Coming events –

- May 1<sup>st</sup>, Armed Forces Day Luncheon
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Book of Golden Deeds
- May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade GAKFTW



## Tecumseh Council, BSA



President Sullivan with Rob Lavoie, Tecumseh Council, BSA

Robert Lavoie, Executive Director, Tecumseh Council BSA, visited our evening meeting and gave a great presentation on the Council's effort to "make great memories" for area Scouts. Mr. Lavoie stated that local Scouting experienced a 4.7% growth this year, arresting a slight decline since 2011. Scouting has an enormously beneficial effect on youth, according to a recent study by Tufts University. For over 100 years, Scouting has indeed helped to mold the youth of this nation and the world to be a better place.

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest Scouting organization in the world and one of the largest youth organizations in the United States with more than 2.4 million youth participants and nearly one million adult volunteers. The BSA was founded in 1910 and, since then, more than 110 million Americans have been participants in BSA programs at some time. Club President Mark Sullivan presented a donation from our Foundation to the Council in the amount of \$ 1,000.

## Election News!

The Exchange Club of Springfield held its annual election Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Election was ratified at the Board of Directors Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the results have been reported to National and entered in the on-line database.

**The results of the 2017-18 year are -**

**President** – Jerry Sewell

**President-Elect** – Marc Holt

**Secretary** – Beverly Sewell

**Treasurer** – Peg Haemmerle

**Immediate Past President**– Mark Sullivan

**Directors** – 2017-19 - Alan Peczkowski, Karen Sullivan, Teresa Metzger

**Directors**- 2016-18 - Marc Holt, Connie Kearns, Bradley Miner

In keeping with our By-Laws stating that two offices may not be held simultaneously, Marc Holt will resign as a Director effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 so that he may assume the Office of President-Elect. At the April 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Doris Ross was selected to serve as Director for the unexpired term vacated by Marc Holt. With great leaders such as these, we are EXCHANGE STRONG!

**National Convention Alert!**  
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## Great quote:

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18."

- Mark Twain

## May Meetings

**May 1, 2017 – Armed Forces Day Luncheon – Hollenbeck Bailey – Joint Meeting with Rotary and Kiwanis**

**May 2, 2017 – Evening Meeting – Book of Golden Deeds Banquet – Wittenberg Benham-Pence Alumni Room**

**May 9, 2017 – No Meeting**

**May 16, 2017 – Spfld Youth Symphony – Alex Peugh**

**May 23, 2017 – CC Jail Chaplain – Tony Bailey**

**May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day Parade – GAKAFTW Project**

**May 30, 2017 – No Meeting**

**Meetings at Noon 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, Benham-Pence Student Center, Wittenberg University**  
**Evening Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month - 6 PM – Benham-Pence Student Center – Unless otherwise noted**

### District Connection

#### **District Director**

Larry F. Sewell  
Springfield

#### **District President**

Don Price  
Greater Maumee Bay

## “Unity for Service”

### **Club Directors**

#### **2015 - 2017**

Karen Sullivan, Alan Peczkowski,  
Teresa Metzger

#### **2016-2018**

Marc Holt, Connie Kearns, Bradley Miner

### **Foundation Board**

Larry Sewell, Don Lynam, Bev Sewell,  
Mark Sullivan, Rob Pollock, Andy  
Kittles, Peg Haemmerle