

Exchange Chatter July 2025



District Youth of the Year 3-Peat!



The Exchange Club of Springfield, Ohio's Youth of the Year, Olivia Stevens, Kenton Ridge High School Class of 2025, has been selected as the 2025 Ohio-West Virginia District Exchange Club's Youth of the Year and the winner of an additional \$1,000 college scholarship. Three in a row! She will now compete in the National Exchange Club's Youth of the Year contest against 25 other Exchange district's students, and an

additional \$15,000 college scholarship, which will be awarded at the National Exchange Club Convention July 10th, 2025, in Louisville, KY.

Olivia, class Valedictorian, has been accepted at Wright State University as a presidential scholar and intends to study mechanical engineering, eventually earning a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering, with an eye to a career at NASA.

Project Jericho Visits

The Exchange Club of Springfield, Ohio at the Park Branch CC Public Library, with 15 members and one guest present. Speaker Brenna Myers, Creative Assistant, Project Jericho, filled us in on the most recent activities in both the Juvenile Detention Center and Clark State. Brenna accepted a Foundation Donation of \$ 1,500 for Project Jericho-Clark State (\$750) and Project Jericho-Juvenile Detention Center (\$750), from Foundation Treasurer Don Lynam and Club President Skip.

Coming Events –

- National Exchange Club Convention
- Kid's Day Games at the Clark County Fair
- Board of Directors Meetings



Brenna accepts a \$1,500 Foundation donation from Skip and Don.

"Give-A-Kid-A-Flag-To-Wave" Project!

Chair Karen Hupp led an enthusiastic group of Exchange Members as they distributed over 4,000 4" x 6" US Flags at the 2025 Springfield Memorial Day Parade, through the *Give-A-Kid-A-Flag-To-Wave Project*. The day was sunny, blue sky mild, and perfect for the throng of parade goers. Many thanks to Chair Karen and members Mark and Karen S, Skip, Mark and Karen L, Jill and Tim, Joy and Lindsay, Dave, Carin, Terry, and Tigers Jason and Larry. Many thanks to members Jim and Carol for piloting the *Exchange Club Special* float in the Parade. Perfect day and perfect way to honor "those who gave their last full measure of devotion" to our country.



Club Members had a beautiful day to honor those who those who 'gave all' for their country.

Playground Dedication at Chrysalis Manor

Children's Day Project – Project Woman, Chrysalis Manor Playground Dedication/Cookout – Co-Chairs Janet and Dave report that the cookout could not have turned out better. The weather was perfect, the kid's played on the swing set, and various other games, ate their fill of hot dogs, (with Ketchup), chips, carrots, cole slaw, apples, tangerines, bananas, cookies, (Janet's and Peg's were Mmmmm good!), and plenty of water, iced tea, or lemonade. Special thanks to 'Grill Man' Tim, Jill, Larry, Mark and Karen L, Carin, Karen H, Don, Peg, Jackie, Dave, and Janet for providing tables, chairs, their service, and fellowship! A wonderful new project for the children and adult clients of Project Woman!



Great new project!

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Great Quote –

“The first and most important choice a leader makes is the choice to serve, without which one’s capacity to lead is severely limited..”

- Robert Greenleaf

July Events

July 8, 2025 – Member Meeting – 6:00 PM – Guest Speaker Ryan Ray – CCPL Main Branch – Gaier Room

July 10 - 12, 2025 – National Exchange Club Convention, Louisville, KY

July 22, 2025 – No Meeting Due to Fair Project

July 23, 2025 – 11 AM Set Up – 11:30 Lunch - Kid’s Day Games, Clark County Fair Track – 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

July 29, 2025 – 6 PM – Board of Directors Meetings - Tim and Jill Parker’s home

District Connection

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