



## Curt's Comments

From President Curt Fisher

### 2010: A Year in Review

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#### Exchange Club Trivia

2nd quarter question:

*What NFL team drafted quarterback Tony Romo following his playing career at EIU?*

Answer: None. He was signed by the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent.

3rd quarter question:

*Besides Charleston, what other six cities in Illinois hosted a Lincoln-Douglas debate?*

See next issue for answer!

#### Upcoming programs:

- **January 4th** — Dr. James Painter — Chair, EIU School of Family and Consumer Sciences
- **January 25th** — Board meeting

As another year draws to a close and we reflect on what 2010 has held for us personally, it is also an appropriate time to take stock of where we are as a club. Although our membership hasn't increased in the last six months, we continue to reach out to various leaders in our community asking if they or anyone in their organizations would be interested in joining us. Also, we may be small in number but I feel we are mighty in stature. First of all, we continue to raise our visibility in Charleston through various initiatives—and you can see some photos of our efforts on page 2 of this newsletter. Also, we have been able to make donations to a couple of local organizations whose fight against abuse parallels our own mission. In November, we presented Rhonda Adair of Sexual Assault and Counseling Information Service (SACIS) a check for \$300. Then in December, through the generous gift donations of all of you, we were able to support a local needy family through Project HOPE—including a monetary contribution of \$255 to that organization.

Besides the business of our club, we were also able to enjoy a social outing with our sponsoring club in Mattoon with a dinner at Two Flowers restaurant followed by a tour of EIU's Doudna Fine Arts Center and the production of *It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre*. Activities like this one offer us a chance to get to know one another's families in an informal setting as well as experience some of the things Charleston has to offer, and I hope we are able to continue these gatherings in 2011 and beyond.

Speaking of the new year, it is also time to start planning for our fifth annual "Tour de Exchange" fundraising bicycle ride. Even though participation has decreased from our inaugural event, I have some changes in mind that I hope will boost attendance at this year's ride and I ask you all to join in supporting this club fundraiser.

In closing, I want to wish each of you and your families a safe and Happy New Year! I look forward to all that we will accomplish in 2011.

*Curt*



**Merry Christmas!**

# Exchange Club of Charleston in the News

A look at our last six months in photos...

## SPORTS QUOTES

*"The problem with winter sports is that—follow me closely here—they generally take place in winter."*

—Dave Barry, comedian



Adopt-a-Highway clean-up



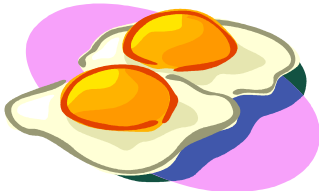
Adopt-a-Corner



Christmas donation to Project HOPE



GiveAKidAFlagToWave



Invite a friend to breakfast!

## BINGO Fundraiser Postponed

Due to the wintry weather conditions on December 12th, our second annual BINGO fundraiser was postponed. It is now scheduled for **Sunday, January 9th, 2011**. Be sure to ask your family and friends to join us!



**Don't FORGET!**

*Dues are due!  
See Mai for details*

# Winter