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Exchange Club Trivia

1st quarter question:

In what year was the Exchange Club of Charleston chartered?

Answer: 2005

2nd quarter question:

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

See next issue for answer!

Upcoming programs:

- **November 9th** — Lindsay McLean, Red Rock Tile-works
- **November 16th** — Scott Smith, City of Charleston
- **November 23rd**—Rhonda Adair, SACIS
- **November 30th**—Captain Jeff Eddy, Salvation Army



Exchange Club of Charleston, IL



Curt's Comments From President Curt Fisher

Hello, Charleston Exchangites! As I write this, we are enjoying another beautiful fall day here in east central Illinois—unseasonably warm as we near the middle of November! Yesterday was Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. It seems a perfect time to pause and reflect on the many things we have to appreciate in this country but sometimes take for granted.



As the president of our club for 2010-11, one of the things I am thankful for is the opportunity to serve our community alongside such a fine, dedicated group of people as yourselves. I thoroughly enjoyed handing out American flags to the schoolchildren at this year's Veterans' Day ceremony on the square, and I appreciate all of you who gave of your time to do the same. It was nice to see the results of our efforts on display on the front page of the next day's Charleston *Times-Courier* (picture below).

I also want to give you an update on the main goals I laid out for this term—or, as I called them, the "3 M's":

- **Membership**—We haven't added any new members yet this year, but I have recently sent out letters to those who were formerly a part of our club asking them to consider re-joining as a part of the Homecoming 2010 initiative, "Come Home to Exchange". Also, we continue to reach out to various business and community leaders in Charleston to tell them more about our club and encourage them to consider becoming a part of it.
- **Money**—In order to support our national mission of child abuse prevention by donating money to local organizations on the front line of that fight, our fundraising efforts are vital. I would encourage you all to help support the BINGO fundraiser next month (see following page), and soon it will be time to start planning for our fifth annual "Tour de Exchange". Also, Rhonda Adair from SACIS will be joining us as a speaker on November 23rd and we will be presenting her a check for \$300 for her organization.
- **Marketing**—An effective marketing campaign is useful in trying to attract new members to our club. Our club has a presence in and around Charleston with our support of Adopt-a-Corner and IDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program. Also, our efforts such as *GiveAKidAFlagToWave* help make the public aware of our club. Finally, we are working with EIU to find someone to help us re-establish our website so anyone who wants to learn more about us will have that information at their fingertips.

In closing, let me wish you and yours a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving! Thanks again for all you do for Exchange.

Curt



A group of elementary school children at the Veterans' Day ceremony on the courthouse square proudly wave their American flags—courtesy of the Exchange Club of Charleston!

Member Profile Harold Strangeman

SPORTS QUOTES

"If I ever need a brain transplant, I want one from a sports writer because I'll know it's never been used."

—Joe Paterno, head football coach Penn State University



It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre

*Saturday, December 11th
7:00 p.m.*

EIU Doudna Fine Arts Center
Call **581-3110** to order your tickets today!



TREASURER'S REPORT

From Mai Dao...

Project account: **\$3,593.84**
Operating account: **\$812.56**

Our featured member this quarter is Harold Strangeman, a current member of our Exchange Club board. Harold has been married to the love of his life, Marilyn, for 40 years—“Sometimes I wonder where all the time goes”, Harold says—and they have been blessed with twins Cari and Chris. They are also the proud grandparents of three, “with another on the way”.

Harold is originally from Chicago but has lived in Charleston for 38 years, and three years in Mattoon before that. He retired as a professor at Lake Land College after 35 years of full-time teaching of such subjects as Western Civilization, United States History, and courses in the field of sociology. He was also director of the Lake Land College Honors Program for over 20 years. Since his retirement, he continues to teach at Lake Land as an adjunct professor. He also presently works part-time at McDonald's in Charleston as a host.

“During my early years at Lake Land College I had Jerry

Parker (a Mattoon Exchangeite) as my office partner,” Harold explains. “He tried many times to get me to join the Mattoon Exchangeites but since I lived in Charleston and they had a morning meeting I never did join. Then when the Mattoon Exchange Club attempted to establish a club in Charleston I decided, ‘Why not join up?’ and I'm glad I did.”

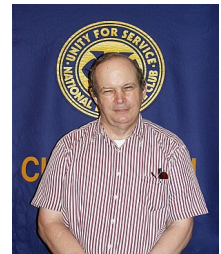
Among the things Harold likes about the Exchange Club of Charleston are the many opportunities for involvement—from Adopt-a-Highway, to chili suppers, BINGO fundraisers, etc. “In addition, I like the chance for socializing and have enjoyed the fall picnic and I am looking forward to December 11th and the production of *It's a Wonderful Life* at EIU,” he says.

One of Harold's hobbies is the enjoyment of magic—“although David Copperfield wouldn't have anything to worry about!”, says Harold. “I also get to play Santa a number of times during the holidays—in some cases in costume, and in other cases just using my vocal

qualities to play the part.” He also enjoys old-time radio and has a large collection that includes Boris Karloff, Abbott and Costello, etc.

Finally, an interesting “did you know?” fact about Harold is that he had the opportunity to work with the King Tut exhibit when it came to Chicago in the 1960's. “I was able to help with publicity as it involved the Chicago Natural History Museum,” he says.

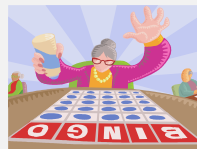
For those of you who have the privilege of knowing Harold, you are aware of his generosity with his time and talents. Harold, for everything you do for Exchange and the community of Charleston, we say THANK YOU!



Harold Strangeman

2nd Annual BINGO Fundraiser

How do you put the “fun” in “fundraiser”? Why, with B-I-N-G-O, of course! Our second annual fundraiser is planned for **Sunday, December 12th**, at the VFW hall in Charleston.



See the attached flyer for more details.

