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January 5th Luncheon Speaker Jef Holbrook Springer Opera House



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**American
Red Cross**

What a great way to start off 2012! Bringing genuine cheer and fake moustaches, actor extraordinaire Jef Holbrook represented the Springer Opera House with an artistic flair! ***"Und vere are your papers!!!"*** You had to be there, and if you weren't you missed a lot of fun!

Jef also shared the 'Comedy U' concept, where they provide training classes to business groups, based on the principle that many of the qualities that make for good acting also make for good business!

All in all, everyone had much fun, and we got to keep our mustaches!!!

See www.springeroperahouse.org for more information.

Program Guest Jef Holbrook and member Sandra Nearhoof



January 12th Luncheon 2nd Annual Unity Hall of Service

The **Unity Hall of Service**, held in January, was originally created as an opportunity to memorialize the lives of those members who may have passed away during the previous calendar year. In the inaugural presentation last year, we reached back to the beginning of the century (ten years) and recognized a decade of such members as being 'charter members' of this program. Those members so recognized were:

J. Oliver Browder - Robert W. Hendrix - John B. 'Jib' Moon
Rex M. Ellis - H. Bryan Forlines - Howard H. Mott - Walter C. Hobbs
Meryl Griffiths - Marion E. 'Red' Mills - Cecil Davis
David R. Parkman - Walter E. Lewis - C. Douglas Johnston

(Our members-only website has a 'Recognitions' page where Unity Hall of Service members are memorialized in perpetuity. Please visit our website!)

Our club was extremely fortunate that we did not lose any members to illness or other misfortune in 2011, so our program co-chair **Betty Lindsey** put together a **Unity Hall of Service 'Celebration of Life'** that demonstrated the continuity of our Unity of Service philosophy. Great job, Betty!

Our longest serving member, **G. I. Morris**, and our newest member, **Gary Ledbetter**, each with a lit candle, together lit a third common candle representing our Unity and continuity as club participation has transitioned from generation to generation since 1946!

G. I. Morris, left, and Gary Ledbetter, right



Upcoming Exchange Club Luncheons...

- **Feb. 2**
Scott Ferguson
United Way
- **Feb. 9**
Annual Fire Prevention
Program
- **Feb. 16**
Billy Blanchard,
Regional CEO, Synovus
- **Feb. 23**
5th Youth of the Month
Program

Exchange Club of Columbus
meetings are held on most
Thursdays at

St. Luke Ministry Center
301 11th St.
Columbus, GA 31901
(706)256-1017

Fellowship 11:00am
Meal 11:30am
Meeting Noon

Upcoming Exchange Club Events...

- **Feb. 11**
Pancake Jamboree
Fundraiser
- **Mar. 17-18**
Kettle-Korn at
Thunder in the Valley
- **Apr. 20**
Exchange Club
Golf Tournament

Upcoming Board Meetings...

- **Feb. 9**
Board Meeting
- **Mar. 8**
Board Meeting
- **Apr. 12**
Board Meeting

Our Stars & Stripes:

*"Off with your hat,
as the flag goes by!
And let the heart
have its say;
you are man enough
for a tear in your eye
that you will not
wipe away"*

~Henry Cuylet Bunner

January 19th Luncheon Youth of the Month

This was our 4th (of 6) Youth of the Month program, and it was a great opportunity to meet a lot of great students! The following students/schools were recognized:

Trisha Handley (Carver) – Deborah Postma (Columbus)
Mia Key (Early College Academy) – Nicholas Singletary (Hardaway)
Hayley Beason (Jordan) – Brittany Porter (Kendrick)
Melissa Cousins (Northside) – Kirin Wilson (Shaw)
Tamber Moore (Spencer)

Youth of the Month Nominees



Youth of the Month Deborah Postma



January 26th Luncheon Speaker Brinkley Pound Habitat for Humanity

Brinkley Pound, Executive Director of Columbus Habitat for Humanity, was our featured speaker at our last luncheon for January. Her presentation was very interesting and informative.

The Columbus area now has about 270 homes that were built by the Habitat for Humanity program. In order to qualify for consideration as a Habitat for Humanity homeowner, applicants must meet three criteria:

- A need for housing
- An ability to pay
- Willingness to help

Habitat for Humanity uses basic floor plans that 'fit' in the neighborhood. Using this year as an example of identifying qualified individuals, ~300 applications were handed out of which 125 were completed and returned. Of those, 19 had a sufficiently documented need for high selection priority.

Ms. Pound also pointed out that qualified recipients must contribute 'sweat equity' not only to their own homes, but others' homes as well. Additionally, they must participate in classes on how to be a responsible homeowner.

See www.columbusareahabitat.com for more information!

Speaker Brinkley Pound with President-Elect Chris Wiggins



My favorite quote:

"People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!"

...from member
Spencer Cantrell, Sr.

My favorite book or author:

Author John Grisham

...from member
Donna Smith

My favorite web site:

"Our Exchange Club websites!"

...from member
Julia Sellers

**Upcoming
Member Birthdays
for the month of
February**

- Michael Forte (4th)
- Terry Wiggins (6th)
- Spencer Cantrell, Sr. (9th)
- Frank Bristow (12th)
- Gray Conger (23rd)

**My favorite
restaurant:**

"Anyplace that serves
pizza!"

...from member
Suzanne Goddard

**My favorite
movie:**

"Gone with the Wind"

...from member
Elaine Vann

**My favorite
weird food:**

"Sushi!"

...from member
John Staples

**Timeout Teddy
aka...**

I've heard a lot of stories about the fun and joy of wearing a Timeout Teddy costume! Below, just a few of the lucky ones from years past!!!



Exchange Club Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

- To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political, and Business ideals
- To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine
- To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country
- To implant life-giving, society-building, spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships
- To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.



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(contact rad@ecoc.co for the URL to our private website)

Other links of interest:

National Exchange Club
www.nationalexchangeclub.org

Ga. District Exchange Club
<http://georgiadistrictexchange.clubwebservice.com>

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