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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**



**[ALSO KNOWN AS THE MASTER CHIEF]**

As many of you know, over the last 6-10 months, there has been lots of communication about why community service organization membership levels have been dropping. In a recent article that I received from our District President Elect Eric Menger, it talks about community service organizations needing to have VALUE.

This VALUE can come in many different ways. After all, many people join service organizations for various reasons.

Some want to serve their communities with 1 or more of the Pillars of Exchange: Americanism, Community Service, Youth Programs and our national program the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Others may look at it as a social opportunity. Some others may consider it as a business opportunity, yet others, perhaps the younger corps, may want to enhance their relationships in the community via the world wide web.

The point of all this is that whatever purpose we feel we have to grow Exchange, the cold hard fact is that we need to add VALUE to our organization. For with that sense of VALUE, we can approach those perspective community servants with more to offer than perhaps other organizations available to them.

VALUE can mean obviously different things to each of us. And when we are talking growth, people want to see a result.... get something back for their effort. In most cases, money isn't the issue in recruiting and growth, it is finding the right match for that individual in our organization.

\*\*\*\*In a nutshell, \*\*\*\*it's not just..... ask someone to join your club, have lunch, and pay money. We need to work smarter and not harder. We need to identify those folks that would get VALUE from our organization.

For those of you, who have done a wonderful job this year recruiting, building new clubs and as always, retaining membership, you have found those folks out there that find Value in our Organization, all of you continue to water my eyes with your commitment.

Let's close this year strong with positive growth in the Florida District while promoting our Annual Florida District Convention in St. Pete May 15-17, 2009, and our National Convention this year in our own back yard, Jacksonville, on the river at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, July 15-19,2009.

*(From the Master Chief, continued from Page 1)*

Each Division or Club, or Both, should consider sponsoring a FLAG at the HEALING FIELD IN JAX. at the National Convention. The cost is only \$100.00 and info can be found on the National web site or the Florida District Web site.....or call me!

My special thanks to all the Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beaches Clubs and their Committee Chairs for the National Convention involvement and desire to make this the best NATIONAL CONVENTION EVER IN FLORIDA!

Let me know what I can do to help in any way!

SEE ALL OF YOU IN SAINT PETERSBURG AT THE HILTON ON THE BAY!

GO EXCHANGE GO!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR EXCHANGE, and  
GOD BLESS AMERICA,  
KEEP COMMITMENT AND VISION IN YOUR SIGHT.  
JOHN MESSAL  
FLORIDA DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
[C] 352 359 0389**

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\* Kathy Mize (Chair of the Convention Committee) has set up a website through the \*  
\* St. Petersburg Hilton - Bayfront for all Exchangites to use when making hotel \*  
\* reservations for the upcoming District Convention. *Yeah, Kathy!* \*  
\* \*  
\* **The FL District personalized group web page address is:** \*  
\* [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/SPTSHHF-FDE-20090514/](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/SPTSHHF-FDE-20090514/index.jhtml) \*  
\* [index.jhtml](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/SPTSHHF-FDE-20090514/index.jhtml) \*  
\* \*  
\* **Group Name:** Florida District Exchange Club 2009 Convention \*  
\* \*  
\* **Group Code:** FDE \*  
\* \*  
\* **Check-in:** 14-MAY-2009 \*  
\* **Check-out:** 17-MAY-2009 \*  
\* \*  
\* **Hotel Name:** Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront \*  
\* **Hotel Address:** \*  
\* 333 First Street South \*  
\* Saint Petersburg, Florida \*  
\* 33701-4342 \*  
\* **Phone Number:** 727-825-7018 \*  
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# Florida District Exchange Convention 2009

**Hilton, Bayfront  
St. Petersburg, FL**



**Thursday, May 14th**

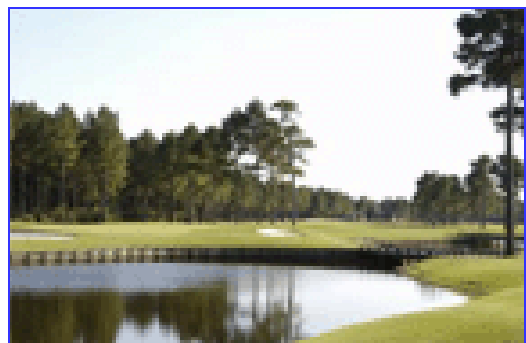
**Golf Tournament at Mangrove Bay Golf Course  
11:55AM Start/\$35.00 per golfer  
Dinner at Cha Cha Coconuts ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, May 15th**

**FL District Board Meeting  
Afternoon of Networking, Relaxing, Tours & Hospitality  
Western Bar-B-Que (great food, drinks, music, activities and more!)**

**Saturday, May 16th**

**Youth Competitions  
Child Abuse Prevention Center's  
Presentations  
Youth Honor Lunch  
Training Sessions  
Installation Banquet**



**Sunday, May 17th**

**One Nation Under God Breakfast  
District Board Meeting / District Director Training**

For More Information  
Contact Kathy Mize  
at (727) 631-1778

**Make your reservations NOW!! Call (727) 894-5000**

**EXCHANGITE REGISTRATION FORM ONLY**



**2009 ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION  
FLORIDA DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS**

**MAY 14-17, 2009**

**333 1<sup>st</sup> St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 32960  
St. Pete Hilton (Room Rate: \$119.00 per night)  
Tel: 727-894-5000**



**NOTE: A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE USED FOR EACH EXCHANGITE**

Everyone who is planning to attend the Annual Convention of the Florida District Exchange Clubs must fill out and return this form (or reproduction of this form) with your check or credit card information. This form **MUST** be returned as soon as possible to the address at the bottom. For questions call Kathy Mize at 727-631-1778.

**THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS AT THE CONVENTION.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name **ONLY IF ATTENDING ANY FUNCTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest or Children's Name **ONLY IF ATTENDING ANY FUNCTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

C/S/Z: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Exchange Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

First District Conference:  Yes  No

**PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY**

District Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	What Office _____
Club Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	What Office _____
Past District President	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	What District _____ Year _____
Past/Current Nat'l Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	What Office _____ Year _____
Official Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

**NOTE: PACKAGE COSTS ARE PER PERSON**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Before May 1</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>After May 1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Thursday Golf and Dinner	_____	\$55.00	_____	\$65.00	_____
Mangrove / ChaCha Coconuts					
Thursday Dinner	_____	\$20.00	_____	\$30.00	_____
ChaCha Coconuts					
Friday Lunch	_____	\$25.00	_____	\$35.00	_____
Big Sun Package	_____	\$170.00	_____	\$180.00	_____
Friday night thru Sunday Breakfast					
Weekend Package	_____	\$115.00	_____	\$125.00	_____
All day Saturday thru Sunday Breakfast					

**NOTE: THERE IS NO SATURDAY BREAKFAST**

**TOTAL AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Florida District Exchange Club

Credit Card Information:  MC  Visa  AMEX

Mail checks and registration forms to:

Amy Mueller, Registration Coordinator

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

5941 63<sup>rd</sup> Terrace North

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

E-Mail: ammue@aol.com

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX & E-MAIL REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.  
CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED 72 HOURS PRIOR TO CONVENTION**

**YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM ONLY**



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**NOTE: A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE USED FOR EACH YOUTH**

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**THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS AT THE CONVENTION.**

(This is not possible due to advanced guarantees which must be provided several days prior to convention.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name **ONLY IF ATTENDING ANY FUNCTIONS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name **ONLY IF ATTENDING ANY FUNCTIONS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
C/S/Z

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chaperone's Name **ONLY IF ATTENDING ANY FUNCTIONS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Sponsoring Exchange Club

( ) Boy of the Year    ( ) Girl of the Year    ( ) Americanism Speech Contestant    ( ) A.C.E.    ( ) Excell

**YOUTH PACKAGES:**

**Friday/Saturday:** Friday Night Activities and  
Saturday Youth Honor Luncheon (For Contestants, Parents, Teachers, Judges & Chaperones **ONLY**)

**Saturday:** Youth Honor Luncheon Only (For Contestants, Parents, Teachers, Judges & Chaperones **ONLY**)

**NOTE: EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS CAN NOT ORDER THESE SPECIAL YOUTH PACKAGES!**

(NOTE: PACKAGE COSTS ARE PER PERSON)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u></u>	<u>Total</u>
Friday/Saturday Youth Package	_____	\$85.00	_____
Saturday Youth Luncheon Only (NOTE: THERE IS NO SATURDAY BREAKFAST)	_____	\$35.00	_____

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

Make checks payable to: Florida District Exchange Club  
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Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INTRODUCING**  
**our special convention guest.....**  
**Anne Marie Logue**



Anne Marie Logue, a member of the Exchange Club of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was installed as regional vice president of the National Exchange Club at the organization's 2007 national convention in Portland, Oregon. Previously, she served as a volunteer field representative for the Pennsylvania District of the National Exchange Club. Anne Marie is a Certified Public Accountant and is employed as a manager with the firm of Sturgill Trostle in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Logue joined Exchange in 1990. She has served in a variety of leadership roles at the club level, including director, secretary, treasurer president-elect and president. For the Pennsylvania District Exchange Clubs, Logue served on the board of directors and as president-elect, before going on to serve as district president in 2000-2001. She has helped build four new Exchange Clubs. On the national level, Logue serves on the Strategic Planning Task Force and the Budget and Finance Committee. Previously, she served on the Program of Service and Excel Committees, the New Club Building Sub-Committee of the Growth Committee, and the 501(c)(3) sub-committee. Logue received the Exchange of the Year Award from both the Gettysburg (twice) and Exton Exchange Clubs. She was also named Star District President and Distinguished District President for the Pennsylvania District Exchange Clubs.

Active in her community, Ms Logue serves as Treasurer of the Children's Advocacy Center and serves on their Executive Committee. She is past president of the Valley Forge Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants and past treasurer of the Adams County Arts Council. She was also included among the 50 Best Women in Business in Pennsylvania. Logue earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from West Chester University and resides in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

**ARE YOU THE NEXT**  
**EXCHANGITE EDITOR** ?

If interested, please contact Eric Menger at [flexchange@comcast.net](mailto:flexchange@comcast.net)

# Exchange Club of Indian River

EXCHANGE CLUB OF INDIAN RIVER FOUNDATION HOLDS  
7th ANNUAL CHARITY REVERSE RAFFLE MARCH 13:

“GIVE-UP-YOUR-GREEN-TO-BRING-LUCK—TO-THE-KIDS”

Exchange Club of Indian River Foundation held its 7th Annual Charity Reverse Raffle, “Give-Up-Your-Green-to-Bring-Luck-to-the-Kids,” Friday, March 13, at the Riverhouse in Vero Beach. Bob Poore, president of the Foundation, served as chair and moderator of this exciting event. Guests enjoyed a casual buffet and a wine toss. Lynn “Leprechaun” Fiske of Exchange Club of Treasure Coast, provided entertainment.



Joe Binney, Tia Beinhower, Scott Wallace, Ed Kay, Pete Armfield, and Bob Poore



Foundation president Bob Poore, Lynn “Leprechaun” Fiske of Exchange Club of Treasure Coast, and Scott Wallace, president of Exchange Club of Indian River.

# Emerald Coast Exchange Club



Officers of the Emerald Coast Exchange Club present Ken Hair a \$1000 check for Children in Crisis. (l-r) Mike Jimmerson, Director; Shannon Sapp, President Elect; Karen Helms, President; Ken Hair, CIC Director; Janet Moomaw, Treasurer; John Deep, Director

In 2002, a group of community leaders including members of St. Simon's-on-the-Sound Episcopal Church, Shalimar United Methodist Church, and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) identified a critical need for additional foster care facilities for abused and neglected children in the four-county area of Northwest Florida (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties).

In 2003, Children in Crisis, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charity, was established to raise and manage the funds to build, staff, and operate The Children's Neighborhood, a residential style foster care neighborhood. From a small grass-roots group of individuals the organization has grown to over 100 members, including CPAs, architects, attorneys, educators, builders, employees of DCF, and volunteers from the *Guardian Ad Litem* program



**Calling all Panhandle  
Exchangites!**

8AM start time/Children's run follows  
Call Paul McShane for details

850-225-0412



## Fellsmere Exchange Club

On Tuesday, February 3, 2009, the Fellsmere Exchange Club recognized Elizabeth Marron-Almanza as the club's Student of the Quarter. Elizabeth is a 1st grader, in Mrs. Rusin's class. She was nominated by her teacher for her positive attitude, personal commitment, and for being a role model for others in her class. Mrs. Rusin said that she nominated Elizabeth for her outstanding qualities as evidenced by her offer to assist another teacher with physically challenged students when she saw what a struggle the teacher was having when going to recess. Elizabeth continues to help this teacher on a regular basis.



A certificate recognizing her for her outstanding, caring attitude, was presented to Elizabeth by Fellsmere Exchange Club members Isabel Moron, Bobbi McFarland, Polly Coe, and the club President, Sandi Gehrke. Elizabeth's mom, grandmother, and uncle were present to help her celebrate her award. It was truly a special occasion for Elizabeth, her family, the school, and the Fellsmere Exchange Club.

## Get Your Motor Runnin' For a Cause!



On Sunday March 29th, The Exchange Club of Fellsmere is planning their first major fund raising event to help fund local programs for the prevention of Child Abuse. They are supported in their efforts by the Treasure Coast ABATE Chapter and need your help. Start time is 9am at EARL's \$10.00 per Poker Hand, includes Fantastic Food & Prizes at the Finish . (\$5.00 for Food Only)

Participants will stop for a card at the following:  
Earls Hideaway-1405 Indian River Dr. Sebastian  
Rosie Malloys Pub-1125 21st St. Vero Beach.  
New England Eatery-5670 Hwy A1A Melbourne Beach  
Dog House-5270 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay

Cash Prizes for Best & Worst Hand \* 50/50 Drawing \* Prizes @ 4PM

Get your Motor Running, and help support the Prevention of Child Abuse Car, Trucks, Motorcycles, Spaceships and Passengers are all Welcome !

# Exchange Club of Brevard County

Killian McCoy, an 8<sup>th</sup>-grader at Hoover Middle School, was honored by the Exchange Club of South Brevard as their "Student of the Month" on February 20th.

Being Student of the Month is nothing new to Killian – she was Hoover's Student of the Month in November. As an All-State tuba player, a skilled video editor and a 4.0 student, Killian is a well-rounded young woman. Her history teacher, Bill LaChapelle, calls Killian "...one of the few 8<sup>th</sup>-graders with a social conscience. She's definitely one of those students who stand out over my 20-year career in teaching. She's a leader." She is also the kind of young person whom the Exchange Club is proud to honor as their Student of the Month.



*Photo:* Killian McCoy (center) is the Exchange Club Student of the Month. With Killian are, from left, her dad, Skip McCoy, her mom, Carole McCoy, and her teacher, Bill LaChapelle.

# Exchange Club of Vero Beach



The club also presented a plaque to Bill Heimbaugh of the "Power Squadron" of Vero Beach for the "proudly We Hail" award. The award was presented by Tim Grabenbauer, Treasurer of the Vero Beach Club and City Marina Manager.

The Exchange Club of Vero Beach was invited by Eric Menger to tour the new Vero Beach Airport facility on February 24 for a luncheon meeting and tour of the airport. Our guest speaker was Gundula Hargraves speaking to us about the lack of funding for the CASTLE in our recessionary market. She is pictured on the right with George Dann President Elect, and Tammy Vock President.



# Division 9 is doin' fine!!!!!!!

**The Exchange Club Of Manasota East** supported the Family Partnership Center's Christmas Family Program with many contributions of clothing articles and toys and presented the Center Director, Dave Potter, a check for \$1,000 which came out of the club's dues fund. This business club continues to support its member companies and has a "social meeting" at least once a month.

**The Dinner Exchange Club Of Manasota** continues to meet Saturday evenings at the area's top restaurants. This club also contributed many items to the Center's Christmas Family program, and proceeds from its monthly fun raffle go to the Center's Emergency (unbudgeted) Fund.

**The Exchange Club Of Sarasota** is once again in a growth mode after culling out inactive members. It has added three members to its roles in the past two months. It, like the other clubs in the Division, also supported the Center's Christmas program. The club now has a more structured meeting agenda and is very serious about growing its business memberships.

**The Manatee River Exchange Club** is a new business club being built in Ellenton, just north of Bradenton. It's charter membership is halfway to the magic chartering number of 20, but its goals far exceed that minimum requirement. This newest Exchange Club in the making will also be supporting the Center as its primary community service project. The Exchange Club of Manasota East is the sponsoring club.

**The Family Partnership Center** has recently relocated to a much needed larger suite of offices in downtown Bradenton. It currently supports 1,100 families, but much of this support is threatened by cuts in government revenues due to the economic downturn and decisions made by politicians in Tallahassee. This is occurring just at a time when critical parenting needs of area families are approaching record levels.

## **A note from incoming District President Eric Menger:**

Dear fellow Exchangites:

When I speak with many of you at club meetings, fund raisers, community events, and Board meetings, I am amazed at how selfless you are in wanting to help others in your community. In spite of difficult economic times, all of us are trying our best to stay optimistic and continue to support the needs of our fellow man, while handling the many family and personal responsibilities that we all have. It is my honor to work with each of you as we get closer to the end of the current Exchange Year (July 1 – June 30) and begin a transition into the new one.

On that note, please feel free to write or call me at any time with your suggestions as to how we can continue to do all the wonderful things that Exchange has always done, while finding ways to improve. There are so many experienced and knowledgeable people in this great State of Florida that have already "been there and done that." I am not a newcomer myself, having been inducted into the Treasure Coast Club in 1996, and having worked with Exchange Club members for several years before that in community activities. However, so many of you have been involved for 20, 30, or 40 years or more. You have seen many good ideas come and go in this organization. In my 13 years serving as several Committee Chairs, Club President, District Director, and now District President-elect, I learned many things from many people, but I have not learned everything. If you have a suggestion, I would love to hear from you. One caution: with every suggestion, I will also need a volunteer to help carry it out or even chair a committee, since I cannot do it all.

Together, we can continue to move forward on many of current President John Messal's initiatives, while striving for even more improvements in areas such as better communication to all Exchangites, improved use of electronic media, new clubs in growth areas of Florida, recruitment and retention of members of our younger generations, better training for our leaders, and better value for our District dues. In all things, we'll stay true to our founding values, because that is why we're in Exchange to begin with. We'll set our goals high, because there is no reason to set them anywhere else.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Conference in St. Petersburg May 14-17, 2009. The Conference Committee, led by Kathy Mize, is working hard to make this conference one of our best ever and the time is NOW to get your registration forms in!

Thanks for all you do for your community and for Exchange,

**Eric**

# Exchange Club of Ft Pierce



Several members of the Ft. Pierce Exchange Club attended the January Board meeting of the CASTLE and presented to the Foundation not only \$115,000 from the 2008 Chili Cook-Off, which included all chili accounts, but also gave the CASTLE all rights to the Annual Chili Cook-Off which over 27 years has raised over 2.2 million dollars with 100% of the proceeds turned over to the CASTLE). In the photo from front to back: Bill Foley member & District Director, Donna Greene. President and Chili Chair, Chuck Kitzmiller, Past President, Don Lucy, Club Treasure, Tom Eby, Member, Theresa Garbarino-May, CASTLE Director, Tom Jones, CASTLE Board President, Chris Dzadovsky, member and ST. Lucie County Commissioner, Bill Casey, member.

## The Florida District's Youth Scholarship Trust Fund

The Florida District's Youth Scholarship Trust Fund was established to provide scholarship funds for the winners of the Florida District Youth Competition, which is held each year at the District Convention. The District awards a \$1500 scholarship to each of the following winners: Girl of the Year, Boy of the Year, A.C.E., and Americanism Speech Contest.

The Trust is administered by the District Board and managed by Merrill Lynch. The Trust has experienced losses this past year just as we all have. It has always relied on contributions and pledges by clubs and members and at this point has enough cash set aside to fund the scholarships in the near future, but it needs continuing support from everyone.

The Youth Programs are an important part of our District. Each year the silent auction at the convention contributes half the funds raised to the Scholarship Fund. The other half goes to the Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund. Contributions to the Fund in the form of memorials or to pay tribute to a special person in our lives is a good way to honor a loved one and grow our Fund so that we will always be able to recognize our youth with funds to aid them as they further their education. It is hoped that in the future, the interest from the Trust investments will allow us to increase the amounts of the scholarships

I urge you to consider contributions to each of the Trusts as clubs and individuals. The Trust acknowledges contributions to both the contributor and the honoree or family. Checks should be made out to the FL District Youth Scholarship Trust Fund and mailed to Dorothy Miller, 1417 Bayshore Dr., Niceville, FL 32578. For questions, please call Dorothy at 850-678-4984 or [ddotmiller@aol.com](mailto:ddotmiller@aol.com).

## **HELP WANTED!**

**Several positions on the Florida District Board are open:**

**Vice-President for Youth**

[Responsible for Youth Programs, ACE Awards, Scholarship Trust, and will be a member of the Convention Committee]

**Vice-President for Americanism**

[Responsible for Americanism Programs, Annual SPEECH contest, and will be a member of the Convention Committee]

**Vice-President for Community Service**

[Responsible for Community Service Programs and serves as Chair of the Club Building and Retention Committee]

**Vice-President for Prevention of Child Abuse**

[Responsible for Child Abuse Prevention Programs and serves as the Florida District Exchange CAP Center Foundation Fund trustee]

**Division Directors for:**

- 1 – Pompano Area
- 3 – Tampa/St. Pete Area
- 5 – Jacksonville Area
- 7 – Brevard/North Indian River County Area
- 9 – Manatee County Area

[All Division Directors are responsible for communicating with all the Exchange clubs in their area, and reporting back to the District Board 4 times a year]

There will also be a few Committee Chair positions available once the new Board meets for the first time. Further changes to our organization may follow pending approval of the Board of Directors.

This is an opportunity to serve your Florida District Leadership Team and learn more about Exchange from the state and national perspective, AND be a part of some great new things to happen in Florida!

Qualifications require knowledge of Exchange and our Programs of Service; the ability to travel to up to 4 Board meetings a year in Florida; the willingness to serve Exchange by working with other Exchangites to grow our organization; the ability to have fun; an open mind to new ideas, and a good sense of humor.

Other responsibilities may be outlined in the District Leader's Monthly Planner, which can be provided upon request.

*The experience will be very rewarding!*

**If interested, please contact Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Brown at (727) 422-6767: or email: wibkdb@aol.com.**

# Child Abuse Prevention Center

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A flag bearer preparing to march across the Memory Field

## CASTLE Hosting “Memory Field” to Stop Child Abuse

The Exchange Club CASTLE, founded in 1981 by the Ft Pierce Exchange Club and now the premier organization for the prevention of child abuse, joined forces with supporters Seacoast National Bank and Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers in the fight against child abuse by presenting its Memory Field in all of the CASTLE service areas. The Memory Field was planted in Okeechobee, Port St. Lucie, Vero Beach, Stuart and Fort Pierce as a visual reminder of the tragic consequence of child abuse, namely the death of a child. Each of the 163 flags represents a child’s death resulting from child abuse or neglect in Florida in the year 2007.

CASTLE wanted to create a strong visual image to support awareness of the phenomenon of child abuse in preparation of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) and further highlight the need for support of its prevention programs. The objective was to let the white flags serve as a reminder to all that children are dying as a result of child abuse! There is a moral imperative for all to share: we must keep children near and dear to our hearts and protect those who are suffering. Prevention of child abuse must rise to the forefront of media attention: Children are our future.

“CASTLE can make a difference in the lives of those who are in some way at risk for child abuse and neglect by equipping parents for success through child abuse prevention counseling and parent education programs.”

“Last year, CASTLE provided parenting services to more than 11,000 individuals along the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee County,” explained Theresa Garbarino-May, CASTLE’s Executive Director. “We need your help to attend to the growing need in your communities. We invite all of you to support our efforts for the benefit of the children in our communities.” Flag sponsorships are still available for \$100 each, and blue ribbons symbolizing support for the prevention of child abuse may be purchased for \$10. All sponsorships are also available at each CASTLE location. For further information, call CASTLE at 772-465-6011.



CASTLE client Crystal Sander with her children – She gave a moving testimonial at the dedication ceremony.

Eric Menger with Gundula Hargraves and Theresa Garbarino-May



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