



# EXCHANGE

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF CARLISLE, PA

## Carlisle Exchangite January 2024

### Exchange Club of Carlisle

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### Exchangite of the Decade

On December 8, 2023, Bob Taylor was recognized as the 2013 - 2023 Carlisle Exchangite of the Decade. Over the past ten years, Bob Taylor has done several things for the club. In leadership positions within the club, he served as Club Secretary, Club President, Immediate Past President, and is currently a member of the club's Board of Directors. On the event side, he coordinates the club's Youth of the Year Program, the club's Summer Picnic, the Member Christmas Party, and the club's participation with the Flags on the Square. He also led Car Parking for a few years.

Additionally, he could be found grilling hotdogs during Coffee Break, collecting money for Car Parking, trimming trees for Our National Day of Service Event, or working the last and coldest shift of Bell Ringing. He has made a huge impact on both the Exchange Club of Carlisle and the greater Carlisle community.

Thank you, Bob, for all your hard work.



Linda and Bob Taylor



Member Christmas Party

Taylor did a fantastic job coordinating this event, and we were thankful that Wayne Shade was able to assist in setting up the location. Both the roast beef and chicken parmesan were exceptional, and the selection of pies made for an excellent meal.

### Member Christmas Party

On December 8, 2023, the club held a wonderful holiday dinner at the Carlisle Country Club. This was a relaxing and joyful time for friends and families to gather before the busy holiday season. Bob



*Cookie decorating*



*Time with Santa*



*Home Depot wooden toolbox building*

## Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at St. John's Episcopal Church from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The party included craft stations, a meal, and a visit with Santa. During the party, families could move through the stations as they desired. Home Depot donated wooden mini-tool boxes which the children loved hammering together. Children decorated sugar cookies with lots of icing and toppings. Yum! They could even design a plastic ornament to take home to hang on their tree. The pizza dinner was provided by Miseno's Il Risto Pub in Carlisle, PA. The children truly enjoyed the gifts from Santa which he brought with the help of Toys For Tots.

A huge thank you goes out to Jody Nielsen for organizing this event with the help of her committee. Volunteers at the party included club members, SPY staff, PSU Dickinson Law students, Dickinson College students, Carlisle High School students, and Santa. The club members at the party were Jody Nielsen, Bob & Linda Taylor, Bill & Jean Yufer, Walt & Anne Wood, Terry & Kathy Young, Kim Truckenmiller, Dick Gillenwater, and Barb Wohlgemuth.



*Ornament Decorating*



*Law student making the lemonade*



Various shifts of members ringing the Bell



## Red Kettle Campaign

On 12/12/2023, the club supported the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign at Karns Foods on Spring Garden Road in Carlisle, PA. Ringing the bell gathered funds for them to help the community. A huge thank you goes out to Barrie Zais for organizing the schedule, and for all the other volunteers: Rick Rovegno, Larry Foote, Ken Stoltz, Lynda Cook, Susan & John Murray, Diane Blitz, Rick Bonner, Terry & Kathy Young, Anne & Walt Wood, John Wain, Dennis Nielsen, Terry Wallace, and Bill & Jean Yufer. The Club collected \$488.14 on their day.

## Day of Service

As part of this year's Day of Service, the club worked on getting a second swing installed at the Carlisle Housing Authority/Cumberland County Housing Authority's K Street Playground. There has been only one regular swing and two baby swings available for the families to use. The Housing Authority's maintenance team purchased and installed the swing for us to ensure it was in compliance with all their safety requirements.



New swing is in the red box

## Membership Dues

The membership dues notices were mailed to members in December. Our 2024 annual dues remained the same at \$110 primary member and \$74 for the second member in the same household. Dues may be mailed to Assistant Treasurer John Murray or paid online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/dc68da9e-9c45-401e-94a6-7bff21c42b06>. Contact John Murray at [jdmi@pa.net](mailto:jdmi@pa.net) if you have any questions.

## Blue Pinwheel Garden Fundraiser

### Purpose:

- Raise awareness during April's Prevention of Child Abuse month.
- A fundraiser that is not weather dependent and does not require manning continuous shifts.
- Blue Pinwheel Gardens for the Prevention of Child Abuse are becoming popular nationwide.
- This project would get people to recognize our club in the area.



*One of our 2023 Blue Pinwheel Gardens*

Since the event was successful last year, the club will host the Blue Pinwheel Gardens again in 2024. We will advertise and sell in February through the end of April. Community gardens will be set up the whole month of April in front of St. John's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church on the Square. We will start the month with putting out the number sold by the end of March, and plant pinwheels all month as more people purchase a pinwheel to add for a donation of \$5 each. The money raised will go to Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.



**JASON MALMONT, THE SENTINEL**

While other children toured downtown Carlisle on April 1 for the annual Bunny Hop, one visitor went to the pinwheels dotting the fence line of the Square. The Exchange Club of Carlisle installed the Blue Pinwheel Garden in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

## 2023 Sentinel Picture of the Year

The Sentinel Newspaper selects some of the pictures they included in their newspaper to be selected as a Pictures of the Year. Jason Malmont's picture to the left was selected as one of the photos to be recognized. It was printed in the December 30, 2023 newspaper and the link is

[https://cumberlink.com/eedition/page-a8/page\\_33fc0d7f-5fed-59d2-bab5-c1429766a204.html](https://cumberlink.com/eedition/page-a8/page_33fc0d7f-5fed-59d2-bab5-c1429766a204.html).

This little girl spent a long time gently picking pinwheels and handing them over to be replanted. Hopefully she will come back to see them again in April 2024.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plan

The club will be celebrating 75 years of service to the Carlisle area in June 2024. So, it is time to finalize a plan to commemorate the day. The Board of Directors has had some discussions about possible plans. It would be best to get input from all the members about some possible options. An email will be sent out in January to gather input from members about which options they would be able to participate to determine the best plan.

Options so far:

1. Formal Dinner on approximately May 28 or June 1 at a local restaurant with additional invited special guests.
2. Regular meeting at Cumberland Crossings on May 28 with additional invited guests and a cake.
3. A community day at a park on June 1 with free family activities and hot dogs.

## Meetings

There were no club meetings in December to make more family time.

## Participation Opportunities

### Jan 9 (Tue) - Regular Meeting at Cumberland Crossings

- 6:00 pm - Social Time
- 6:30 pm - Presentation: Andrea Katz, UPMC Carlisle Chaplin
- 7:00 pm - Dinner for \$20 per person (Free if not eating)
- 7:30 pm - Short Business Meeting

### Jan 23 (Tue) - Regular Meeting at Cumberland Crossings

- 6:00 pm - Social Time
- 6:30 pm - Presentation: Beth Kempf, Community Cares
- 7:00 pm - Dinner for \$20 per person (Free if not eating)
- 7:30 pm - Short Business Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars

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| Jan 9 (Tue)  | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Andrea Katz, UPMC Carlisle Chaplin                      |
| Jan 16 (Tue) | 2:00 pm | - Board meeting at Miseno's II   |
| Jan 23 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Beth Kempf, Community Cares                             |
| Jan 31 (Wed) | 6:30pm  | - Exchange Club of Spring Grove Charter Event at Windy Hill<br>- <u>Info</u> attached to end of newsletter |
| Feb 13 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Pat LaMarche, Charles Bruce Foundation                  |
| Feb 20 (Tue) | 2:00 pm | - Board meeting at Miseno's II   |
| Feb 27 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Maddie Young, Carlisle YWCA - Human Trafficking         |
| Mar 12 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Sonya Browne, DVSCP                                     |
| Mar 15 (Fri) |         | - A.C.E. applications from high schools are due to the Exchange Club of Carlisle - Lynda Cook              |
| Mar 19 (Tue) | 2:00 pm | - Board meeting at Miseno's II   |
| Mar 26 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: TBD   |
| Apr 8 (Mon)  |         | - A.C.E. Notification of each school district's successful candidate for club award                        |
| Apr 9 (Tue)  | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Bob Taylor: Youth of the Year Award                     |
| Apr 16 (Tue) | 2:00 pm | - Board meeting at Miseno's II   |
| Apr 17 - 20  |         | - Spring Car Parking - Carlisle Events Spring Carlisle Car Show & Auction                                  |
| Apr 23 (Tue) | 6:00 pm | - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings<br>Presentation: Lynda Cook: Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award |
| Apr 26 (Fri) |         | - A.C.E. Notification of candidate to compete at the Mid-Atlantic Exchange Club District level             |
| May 1 (Wed)  |         | - A.C.E. and YOTY applications deadline to Mid-Atlantic Exchange Club District level                       |
| May 15 (Wed) |         | - A.C.E. and YOTY Mid-Atlantic Exchange Club District successful candidates will be notified               |
| Jun 8 (Sat)  |         | - A.C.E. and YOTY Mid-Atlantic Exchange Club District Award's Luncheon in State College, PA                |

NEW CLUB in Spring Grove  
1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Jan 31  
RSVP by Jan 21<sup>st</sup>  
Kara Wright,  
716-451-8521

## Our Report Card at National (Patches and Stars)

Details	Americanism	Prevention of Child Abuse	Youth Program	Community Service	Project Subtotal	Project Fundraising	Grand Total
<b># of Programs entered</b>	<b>3</b> -July 4 <sup>th</sup> Flags -Veteran's Day Flags -Girl Scout Flag class	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b> -SPY Support -Children's Party	<b>5</b> -Labor Day Coffee Break -Letort backpack -Holly Fest Craft -Spooky Saturday -Park Clean-up	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b> -Fall Car Parking	<b>11</b>
<b>Award - Patch Sent</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Awards - Addl Stars</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Exchange Children's Day Patch: Not yet achieved</b>							
<b>National Day of Service Patch: Achieved</b> - 10/26/2023 (Park Clean-up)							
<b>National Service Award: Not yet achieved</b> <i>(Earn one patch in each of the four service areas and sponsors any two additional projects)</i>							

### A Few Words from the President . . .



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

As we look back over and reflect on the past year, the club was able to make a great impact on the community. This was only possible with the efforts of many members working together with their many hours of volunteering. It was sad that we lost our dear friend, Ray McGeary. It was encouraging to add three new members, and hopefully we will continue to grow.

December was a busy month for the club even though we did not have any regular meetings. We started with a Children's Christmas Party bringing smiles to many children. Then we honored our well-deserved 2023 Exchangite of the Decade, Robert Taylor. We were fortunate to have excellent weather to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign raising over \$488 which will help the community.

There are some interesting speakers scheduled for the upcoming meetings, so please try to attend. Please let me know if you would like a ride to any of the meetings, because we have many members who are available to help.

I extend a thank you for everything you have been doing to make the club strong, and my best wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Be safe and healthy,

*Susan*



*Families enjoying the Children's Christmas party*

Thank you note from SPY for the Children's Christmas Party:



Dear Exchange Club of Carlisle -  
On behalf of all the SPY families  
thank you so much for hosting such  
a wonder Holiday Party! Even the  
families that could not attend appreciated  
the gesture and generous spirit! The  
families that were there had such  
a wonderful time and expressed  
their gratitude to me in many heartfelt  
ways. Thank you for taking the time  
to spread love to families + children  
in our Community during the busy  
holiday season!! ♡ Joanna Sm

# INVITATION TO ALL EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS!

## **NEW CLUB in the Mid-Atlantic Exchange District Exchange Club of Spring Grove**

Exchange Club of Spring Grove is chartering a club, thanks to the sponsorship of the Exchange Club of Hanover.

We'd like to invite all Exchange Club Members to visit and offer Exchange friendship to our new club members. Stop in and visit on the following dates:

**Jan 3** (Wed) at 6:00 pm - at Spring Grove Borough office - meeting with Hoke House

**Jan 3** (Wed) at 7:30 pm - at Windy Hill meeting our National Exchange Club President via Zoom  
- Planning our Charter night.

**Jan 10** (Wed) at 7:30 pm - Anne Marie and Steve Douglas will have a Member Orientation and leadership training, covering our Programs of Service and By-laws

**Jan 24** (Wed) - finish up the planning for Spring Grove's Charter Night

**Jan 31** (Wed) at 6:30pm - Exchange Club of Spring Grove Charter Event at Windy Hill.

All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by Jan 21st to Kara Wright, 716-451-8521. You may text your reply or call.