



February 2008

Exchange Club of East Hartford



Upcoming meetings and events:

February 12, 6:30 PM
Program Meeting
Marco Polo Restaurant
Al Hajek, Chairman

February 26, 6:30 PM
Program Meeting
Marco Polo Restaurant
Chuck Nystrom, Chair

March 11, 6:30 PM
Program meeting
Marco Polo Restaurant
Mike Liappes, Chair

March 25, 6:30 PM
Salute to EH Finest
Marco Polo Restaurant
Nancy Fitzgerald, Chair

May 3 or 10, 7:30 AM
Club Tag Sale
Mason's Lodge
Jim Gallagher, Chair
Start collecting items now!

Special Pre-Valentine's meeting - February 12th



We have a special prize for the lucky winner of the 50-50 at our next meeting on February 12th. Instead of splitting the pot, the winner will receive a box of Valentine's chocolates from Munson's. Just in time to save one lucky, late shopper!

Chairman, Al Hajek, has arranged for Joe Chocco from the Connecticut Natural Gas Company to be our speaker. Joe will speaking on Energy Conservation. Bring a spouse, a friend or a potential new member.

Exchange Club Christmas Party marked by good fellowship, tough trivia!

The Exchange Club of East Hartford marked the end to another year with our annual club holiday party. As always, the Marco Polo provided an excellent meal and the crowd enjoyed sharing some good cheer. Skip Burnham, Chairman for the event, gave everyone some brain cramps with holiday trivia for prizes. Skip's wife, Dianna, promises that he will not be allowed to bring trivia questions in the future without her approval.

Gifts were collected for the children in the care of the KidSafe programs and paper goods were collected for the EHIM food shelter. Thank you to all for your kind generosity!

Beth Harlow and Tom Knapp deliver informational programs

Thanks to Chairman Dave Case, Beth Harlow from the EH Fuel Bank was our speaker at the January 8h meeting. Beth explained the sources of funding for the Fuel Bank and the policies they use when providing assistance. Clearly this is a necessary service that is not easy to manage.

Exchangite, Tom Knapp stepped up at his meeting to provide the program himself. Tom provided an excellent overview of emergency preparedness. Tom brought examples of emergency kits and first aid kits. He went through the contents of each and explained why they were included. Tom showed that a very comprehensive kit could be put together without spending a lot of money. Once the kit is put together, it should be inspected on a regular basis and items that are out of date should be replaced.

Our thanks to these speakers and the meeting chairs who arranged the programs!

Spring is coming—start gathering items for the Tag Sale!

Jim Gallagher will be knocking on your doors before you know it looking for items for our bi-annual tag sale. The tag sale is scheduled for May 3 or 10. We will be coordinating it with the activities at Raymond Library. Keep an eye out for items that we can sell at the tag sale. If we are to keep our programs of service, we need successful fundraisers!

Included with this newsletter:

Our Current Membership
Event Calendar

Please remember to bring 9" Plates and 8 oz. Cups to the next meeting to help support the EHIM Soup Kitchen.