



October 2009

# Exchange Club of East Hartford

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### Upcoming meetings and events:

- October 13th, 6:30 PM  
Board of Directors  
AGAPE Fellowship Church  
Nancy Fitzgerald, Chair
  
  - October 22nd, 6:00 PM  
Salute to CT's Bravest  
Aquaturf Club, Southington  
Bob Howes, Chair
  
  - October 24th, 8:30 AM  
East Hartford Fall Fest  
Town Green  
Bob Howes, Chair
  
  - October 27th, 6:30 PM  
Child Abuse Prevention Awards  
Marco Polo Restaurant  
Nancy Fitzgerald, Chair
  
  - November 10th, 6:30 PM  
Board of Directors  
AGAPE Fellowship Church  
Tom Knapp, Chair
  
  - November 24th, 6:30 PM  
One Nation Under God  
Marco Polo Restaurant  
Skip Burnham, Chair
- Chairs are responsible for making calls prior to the meeting.

Included with this newsletter:

Our Current Membership

## Salute to CT's Bravest honors local firefighters

On Tuesday, September 22, the East Hartford Exchange Club hosted its annual "Salute to East Hartford's and Manchester's Bravest" Firefighter Recognition dinner. This year's award recipients were East Hartford firefighter Jason Recker; Captain Todd Sise of the Manchester Fire Dept. Eighth Utilities District; and Manchester Firefighter Paramedic Bryan Goulet of the Manchester Fire Dept. Rescue – EMS.

Chief Paul Litrico, Manchester Fire Dept. Eighth Utilities District, presented Captain Todd Sise with his award. "Some of the things we have to do for this job are not as pleasant as others, but tonight it gives me great pleasure to present Captain Todd Sise with the "Firefighter of the Year" award for 2009. Todd is being honored tonight for his commitment and dedication to our department."

Assistant Chief David Billings of Manchester Fire Dept. Rescue – EMS presented Manchester Firefighter Paramedic Bryan Goulet with his award. Said Assistant Chief Billings, "Bryan has been with us for four years, and excels in his position. One particular 911 call, he was dispatched to an elderly man who had been stung repeatedly by bees. The man was having difficulty breathing, at one point Bryan had to breathe for him and establish a cardiac monitor. Through his quick thinking and actions, Bryan was able to administer the necessary medication to the patient, who then almost immediately became better." Asst. Chief Billings said that it gives him great pride to award Firefighter Paramedic Bryan Goulet this "Salute to Manchester's Bravest" for 2009.

East Hartford Fire Chief John Oates first off thanked the Exchange Club for hosting this Recognition banquet, and that everyone joined him in expressing their appreciation. "It is my honor to congratulate this year's recipient, Firefighter Joshua Recker, for being an excellent Firefighter. But that is not the only reason he has been selected for this award," continued Chief Oates. "When I first came on board, there were some changes in the department that left an opening in the position of Training Officer. Joshua took on this responsibility, and with great enthusiasm went ahead and researched the various training programs in order to build a good and successful program." Continued Chief Oates, reading an excerpt from a letter written from one of Joshua's peers, "In particular, Joshua has motivated the entire department, officers and firefighters, involving everyone in the development of the successful training program." Mayor Melody Currey presented Firefighter Joshua Recker with a Town Proclamation in honor of outstanding achievement and service.

Congratulations go out to all three awardees of the "Salute to the Bravest" for 2009, and their families! On Thursday, October 22, Exchange Clubs from all over Connecticut host a formal award ceremony at the Aqua Turf in Southington. There all three of East Hartford and Manchester's local awardees will join others from around the state.

- Holly Reed, East Hartford Exchange Club President

## Don't miss our annual Child Abuse Prevention Awards Banquet

The East Hartford Exchange Club will present awards to the following individuals:

- Donna Kehoe, ChildPlan Executive Director - Martin A. Burnham CAP Award
  - Lynn Webber, Parent Aide Coordinator at KIDSAFE CT - Martin A. Burnham CAP Award
  - Conrad Szemrelyo, Rockville Exchange Club - Richard "Jerry" Bundy Division 6 CAP Award
- Please plan to attend as we again recognize ALL Marty did for CAP, our primary Exchange Club goal and ALL Marty did to establish KIDSAFE CT, our Exchange Club CAP Center.

**Volunteers are still needed to help at the East Hartford Fall Fest—Please join your fellow Exchangites as we raise funds for this year's projects.**