



March 2010

# Exchange Club of East Hartford

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## Upcoming meetings and events:

March 23rd, 6:30 PM

Program meeting

Marco Polo Restaurant

Holly Reed, Chair

April 27th, 6:30 PM

Salute to East Hartford's Finest

Marco Polo Restaurant

Holly Reed/Annette Bacon, Co-Chairs

May 6th, 6:00 PM

Salute to CT's Finest

Aquaturf Club, Southington

Annette Bacon, Chair

May 27th, 6:30 PM

Top Twenty Awards Banquet

Marco Polo Restaurant

Joe Sylvestro & Tony Krawczyk, Co-Chairs

June 22nd, 6:30 PM

Program Meeting

Marco Polo Restaurant

Holly Reed, Chair

June

Fundraiser: Antiques Road Show

Chairs are responsible for making calls prior to the meeting.

Included with this newsletter:

Our Current Membership

## 2010 - Opportunities, Programs, Challenges in our Schools

Our guest speaker for the March 23rd program meeting will be John Hayes, Director, School of Law and Government at Hartford Public High School. John is returning to speak on Opportunities, Programs and Challenges in our Schools.

John has developed many innovative programs in his time at Hartford Public. He is an advocate for volunteerism and is a supporter of non-profit organizations. Make sure to attend this educational program and share a meal with your fellow Exchangites.

Tuesday, March 23rd, 6:30 PM - Marco Polo Restaurant - Holly Reed, Chair

## Youth programs highlighted in January and February

Our January program meeting featured Cephus Nolan from the East Hartford Youth Services and the program for February was presented by Matt Ryan, Principal of East Hartford High School. Both programs were well attended and very informative. Cephus discussed the many challenges faced by families in East Hartford and the programs that are available to help them. Matt gave an overview of the High School's efforts to help students excel on the CAPT exams. I think we all agreed that East Hartford is fortunate to have these leaders supporting our youth and families.

## Santa Claus alive and well in the East Hartford Exchange Club

Once again the East Hartford Exchange Club proved that Santa is alive and well last Christmas. Volunteers manned the East Hartford Holiday Fest and hundreds of children enjoyed refreshments and a visit with Jolly Ol' Saint Nick.

Kidsafe CT provided us with an opportunity to contribute gifts again this year. Members stepped up and made it a merry Christmas for Rocky, Angielee, Jaylon, Jaylise, Zena, Steven, James and Ana. Our friends at the East Hartford Fire Department Union contributed \$500 towards the gifts. A special thank you to members who contributed their time and gifts.

## New Fundraisers!

The Board of Directors is working on three new fund raisers (can you add another?):

- Antiques Road Show - Holly Reed is working on developing a local version of this popular program
- Walk-a-thon - David Case is working with the High School to bring back this former fund raiser. It's a simple way to raise money for Exchange and the High School programs
- Couch Potato Triathlon - Skip Burnham is working on developing this idea originally presented by Bob Kenary. "Athletes" will "compete" at bowling, darts and billiards for prizes and bragging rights. Money will come from entry fees and sponsorships. Target date is the weekend before the Superbowl.

Contact Holly, Dave or Skip to get involved in any of these projects. Got an idea for another fundraiser? Just bring it to any member of the Board.

**Answer the call to Serve - our Club needs new Officers  
Step up and get involved!**