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Upcoming Meetings/Events:

**October 22, 2011**  
**National Day of Service**  
**Highland Park Market**  
**Stop & Shop Unionville**  
3 shifts, 9 AM – 4PM

**October 27, 2011**  
**Banking Night**  
**Farmington Bank HQ**  
6:00 PM Social Hour  
7:00 PM Dinner

**November 10, 2011**  
**Wine tasting FCC**

**November 17, 2011**  
**In God We Trust**  
**Our Lady of Calvary**

**Wine Tasting**  
**Thursday November 11, 2011**  
**Farmington Community Center**  
*Call Joan Morin*  
*at 860-250-4402*  
*to purchase*  
*tickets*

**Membership Level**  
**73** →  
Invite a guest to the next meeting !

# The Info Exchange

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Exchange Club of Farmington

## From the desk of the President.....



I would like to first say that it is an honor to be serving as the president of The Exchange Club of Farmington this year. I have been fortunate to have a great group of people around me that are assisting me and guiding me in the early stages of my term. Once you get into a new position in an organization you have a different understanding of what the job entails and the time and effort that is required to make everything run smoothly. I hope that the events we run this year and the meetings we arrange are fun, informative and well attended so that members that may not have come to a meeting in some time will want to come back again. I ask the

membership to attempt to make one meeting a month or even vow to attend one more meeting than they did last year. The continuation of our club depends on our members and part of that is making sure we bring in new members to keep the club going. I am asking each member to take the time to think of one individual in the community that they feel would benefit from joining our club and that our club would benefit from having as a member. Please extend some time to the club as a volunteer, chair an event, if you have a new idea and would like to take on an event that will support the club please bring this to my attention and we can research the possibilities. As I said at my induction, this club is all of ours and we all need to make an effort for it to succeed. I thank you all for your support and look forward to another successful year in Exchange.

Yours in Exchange,

Ed Cruess, President – Exchange Club of Farmington

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**National Day of Service: Saturday October 22th - Highland Park Market and Stop and Shop 3 shifts, 9AM to 4PM**

Once again we are collecting baby goods to directly support the Parent and Child Center at Bristol Hospital. Easiest event ever, hand out shopping lists to customers, they buy the goods and drop them off in a cart. They feel good, you feel good, needy children are helped, and new this year; Peoples Bank is providing lunch! We are in need of volunteers for all three shifts, but especially 2–4PM at HPM. Please contact chair **Tom Mazzochi** at 860-712-9941 or President **Ed** at 860-677-2621 if you can assist at either location for a shift on October 22, 2011 for our National Day of Service.



**Banking Night – Thursday October 27, 2011 – Farmington Bank Corporate Offices– 1 Farm Glen Blvd., Farmington** – John Patrick, Farmington Bank President will be the speaker –



Dinner will be held in the corporate offices. Come and find out why with your credit card rate at 28.99% and your savings account rate at 0.0001%, the commercial banks still need to raise their fees! Also learn the advantages of a local bank and about all the great things the FSB Foundation is supporting, in addition to their recent IPO! Please contact **President Ed Cruess** at 860-677-2621 to reserve your meal.

## More Upcoming Meetings & Events!

### Salute to Connecticut's Bravest October 20th, 2011 Aqua Turf

This is not a meeting night, but if you would like to attend this CT District Event contact John Javaruski to join our firefighter that is being honored.

### UCONN Football: Huskies vs. SYRACUSE: Saturday November 5, 2011 Time: TBA



Once again Pat Scully has organized a trip to Huskies Football territory. The tickets this year are at a reduced rate \$30.00 which includes entrance to the game and Highland Park's array of the finest tailgate foods known to world-wide – drinks are on your own. Order your tickets early! Because of past demand, and the continual sellout of this event, NO tickets will be reserved without payment in advance. So order early, and get your checks in ASAP. Contact Pat Scully at PScully@scullynicksa.com, 860-673-7141 to order your tickets. Make your check payable to "Exchange Club of Farmington", put "UCONN Football" on the memo line. Send the checks to Exchange Club of Farmington, P.O. Box 452, Farmington, CT 06034.

### Wine Tasting - November 10, 2011 – Farmington Community Center –

Event Chair Joan Morin – Tickets will be available for sale at all the meetings or by contacting **Joan Morin at 860-250-4402**. We need all the membership to get the word out and come and support the club. This counts as a meeting night, so members can come for free. We are asking each member to sell tickets and bring two people to the event. (Gino usually brings a couple of Donna's to avoid confusion) Tickets are \$20 in advance, but \$25 at the door. So see Joan at the next meeting or event to save \$\$\$ by purchasing in advance.

### In God We Trust meeting – November 17, 2011 - Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House, 29 Colton Street, Farmington

The sisters prepare a wonderful home-style meal, and offer some inspiring thoughts. Please invite your clergy to this event in advance, and please RSVP President Ed with information on the guests attending.



### CAR WASH TICKETS – CLOSE OUT SALE, help Craig tip the scales on this fundraiser!



We have 100 tickets remaining that have a face value of \$9.99 at the two Farmington Car Wash locations on Route 4 and Route 6. We are making these available for \$5 each as these tickets are good through November 30th. Please contact **Craig Fleming at [craig.fleming@comcast.net](mailto:craig.fleming@comcast.net)** as this is one of the clubs fundraisers and we need to move these quickly. Craig will mail the tickets out and invoice you or come to our next meeting on October 27th meeting at Farmington Bank and they will be available.

### WREATH SALE – Starting Saturday, November 26, 2011 Weekends after Thanksgiving

Please volunteer for this annual event and also we are asking our members to reach out to their local church or businesses to have them purchase their wreaths

through our club. Please contact Chair Skip Mason at 860-678-9563 to volunteer and discuss bulk and presale order opportunities.

### Holiday Party – December 8, 2011 shh! Top secret location

We have the date so you can clear your calendar and hire a babysitter, but not the location yet. Stay tuned to see if we are going to Rockefeller Plaza, Saint Moritz or a local restaurant this year.

### Bowl-a-rama – January 12, 2012 Spare Time, Bristol

Our first meeting of the new year will be the always competitive Bowling Night. Start getting your team ready, details to follow!



**In memoriam:** Past president Paul Hawkin's father Joseph passed away on October 1st. The club members express their sympathy to the Hawkins Family at this difficult time.

## Past Meetings & Events!

**Unionville Festival September 25**– Our club was well represented at the festival as we manned the checkpoints for security (no body searches were necessary to the dismay of all the volunteers.) We also ran the Cookie Decorating booth on Mill Street and I am proud to say we were able to use all the cookies that we had provided by Middlewoods of Farmington and I did not eat one of them, honest, I swear.. Thank you to all the volunteers for the day, especially my family that assisted many decorating procedures, and Chantelle Morin and Haley Makoski for collecting donations for the Blue Ribbon project that will be displayed at The Parent & Child Center. On another note we are

missing one of our volunteers from the festival, has anyone seen Carole King she was last seen in a golf cart heading West toward River Road.

**Car Show & Financial Review Night September 22nd** – Bernie Ward was our host and together with chair Dave Gallo they delivered a fun and interesting night to meet some new people and enjoy the interesting vehicles on display. Our host for dinner was Flaggstead Texas BBQ that provided a delicious BBQ meal. We think Joan Morin purchased a sweet looking T-Bird ( but don't tell Kevin, it is a surprise).



We held our annual financial review meeting in the Ward Autoworks garage bays and Joan Morin and I presented our budgets to the membership for Q&A. Our main event of the night was the Induction Ceremony presented by our Master of Ceremonies Jerry Pagano, who explained our clubs long history and what our organization was founded on to make sure our new inductees were clear on what they were expecting by being pinned. Skip Mason and Dave Gallo introduced Aaron Engel and Bill Baker to the membership and they are now official members in our club. WELCOME!



**Toilet Seat Open – Westwoods Golf Course September 8th**– Nancy Parent Community Services Director Town of Farmington spoke to the club. Meal was provided by Jim's 19th Hole Catering. Steak & Chicken entrée. Our Chairman for the event was none other than John Shea who has many talents I am told, but was not able to stop the rain from coming down, but did provide good food and cheer to the meeting as usual.



The weather left us holding the golf bags inside this year at the Toilet Seat Open, but that did not stop a good turnout for my first meeting. Unfortunately the coveted TSO trophy will have to remain nameless for the 2011 year. Perhaps I will put one of the members that decided not to show for the meeting in the 2011 slot. (That will teach you not to miss a meeting)



## Highlights from some of last years Meetings & Events!

### Scholarship Night – Matthew’s Restaurant May 12th

Larry Anello and his committee selected five excellent scholarship recipients and two deserving ACE award winners. In attendance were the school superintendent and members of the board of education, in addition to proud parents and a record number of club members. Guest speaker was past president and honorary member Judge John Caruso who gave the students some insightful advice based on his own college experiences.



### Book of Golden Deeds – Michael Andreas, Silo Restaurant April 28th

Our own member Mike Andreas received the Book of Golden Deeds award for his many years of service to the town through multiple building and search committees, town council service, meals on wheels, FVGLA, and board member of many charitable organizations in town. In addition to our award he received town and state proclamations from local and state representatives. Joining in the celebration was his loving family. Special thanks to Bea Stockwell and her committee for organizing a wonderful night. Congratulations Mike!



### Child Abuse Prevention Night – Tunixs Plantation, April 14th

This was a busy night, Chef Bruno provided samples of his gourmet frozen food for a new fundraiser. Rebecca Tuttle gave an update and Q&A on activities at the Parent and Child Center. Ed Cannole sponsored, and Past District President Jerry Pagano inducted new member John Heslin. We concluded the evening with the presentation of a check for \$5,000 to the Parent and Child Center at Bristol Hospital.



### Goods and Services Auction – Farmington Community Center, April 9th

Celebrity auctioneer Logan Burns helped Joan and the committee raise almost \$10,000 Thanks to all who donated, strong armed donations, and came and used their credit cards!



### Exchangites in Action!



Not everyone made the car show!



I ♥ Farmington Patch



The boys sing "In My Merry Oldsmobile"



Join Exchange, make great friends while having fun!.



### Club Dues



Hi!, please send in your dues

**Dues Reminder:**

Please pay your club dues within 30 days of invoice receipt. The club pays national and district dues for each member every quarter. This must be paid out from our general fund as long as you are a member, regardless of whether you have sent in your dues or not. Please let the President know if there are any special circumstances regarding your dues payments.

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Exchangites: If any of your roster information is incorrect (see page 6 & 7), or you wish to change your Preferred Contact method, please send your corrections to: Exchange Club of Farmington, P.O. Box 452, Farmington, CT 06034 or email to zip-magoo@aol.com