



The Newsletter

EXCEL CLUBS

Of Copperas Cove, Texas

December 2020



EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

America's Service Club

The Noon Exchange Club

OUR SPONSORING CLUB



President Mike Blount, President-Elect Inez Faison

Who are we? The Noon Exchange Club of Copperas Cove, Texas was established March 1996. Our club members are volunteers who live in the Copperas Cove area with the spirit of wanting to share with others. We are young and old with families, some are single, some have jobs and some are retired. One thing we have in common: we all want to make this a great place to live and raise a family. What do we do? Our major activities throughout the year include:

- Providing Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Providing Scholarships for students that overcome hardships
- Feast of Sharing feeding 400-500 members of our community
- Various fundraisers to gain awareness for Child Abuse Prevention
- Sponsors the Copperas Cove High School Excel Club and the High School United Teen Excel Club

The club meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at Lil-Tex Restaurant, 502 South Main Street in Copperas Cove.

"Unity For Service"



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Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's Noblest gift, covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served And sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

Community Service,
Youth Programs, Americanism,
Child Abuse Prevention

NOON EXCHANGE CLUB



**COPPERAS COVE
TEXAS
1996**

CCHS EXCEL CLUB



**COPPERAS COVE, TX
MARCH 7, 2014**

EXCHANGE EXCEL CLUB



**HIGH SCHOOL
UNITED TEEN SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016**

Excel Clubs Support the Feast of Sharing

November 19, 2020. The Noon Exchange Club and City of Copperas Cove held their annual Feast of Sharing. The event is a city-wide Thanksgiving dinner served, free of charge, to the community.



Excel Club members help at the Feast of Sharing

A Message From
Kathy Mize,
National President



I am humbled and honored to be serving as your National President. This is not a responsibility or privilege that I take lightly, but rather one that I commit to with passion, dedication, and a strong desire to continue a legacy.

As we begin our second quarter in Exchange, we continue to experience unprecedented times and creating our 'new normal'. We must be creative and utilize all methods of communication available to us to stay connected. It is critical that we focus on what we CAN do as opposed to what limitations we face.

I have been so excited to see new clubs formed virtually, members inducted, and amazing service projects being done all over the country during this time of crisis. Not only is there the pandemic, but there is so much unrest, violence and hatred being displayed every day. We as members of The National Exchange Club have a motto that is Unity for Service and a Mission of inspiring communities to become better places to live. Our country needs Exchange TODAY more than ever. We are the great unifiers and just the organization that can bring about unity and social justice for all.

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past year or so. GRIT is having determination, passion, resolve, commitment, and the ability to fall ... and fall forward, and to fail and get back up...EXCHANGE has GRIT! We must focus on the "T" in GRIT!

T – Time is NOW, TODAY. We must not wait until this crisis is over, but rather be leaders in bringing our communities together – especially now. I challenge each of you to be engaged and involved in every level. To share Exchange with everyone you know ... give them the gift of Exchange. Our focus on family, community, and country is one that must be shared. I envision a country that KNOWS about Exchange, is impacted and changed by Exchange, and where we are the LEADERS in the prevention of child abuse.

My fellow Exchange Club members, this is OUR CALL TO ACTION! Together, we must grow The National Exchange Club – not just for numbers sake, but because our communities need us. Our efforts will strengthen our communities, and honor our youth, those who have served and sacrificed, and those who protect children.

Again – the TIME IS NOW! ask that you join WITH me and together we will move our Mission forward, grow this organization, and recommit ourselves to Exchange. I am honored to serve for you and serve with you!

Yours in Exchange,
Kathy Mize 2020 - 2022 National President

Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Scholarships

The Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful (KCCB) Commission is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for postsecondary tuition/ fees, books and related school expenses. Completed application packets must be received by April 16, 2021 at 4 p.m. Packets must be submitted by mail to:

**Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful
P.O. Drawer 1449
Copperas Cove, TX 76522**

Questions or concerns may be directed to Roxanne Flores-Achmad, Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Executive Director, at (254) 547-4242 or rflores-achmad@copperascovetx.gov.

Excel Clubs Donate Food Baskets to Central Texas College Food Bank

A special thanks to Ott Property Management, Progressive Insurance, Team JLyons, the Optimist Club Thrift Shop, and citizens of Copperas Cove whose donations helped to provide Thanksgiving dinners to the Eagle's Nest Food Pantry at Central Texas College. This was a joint project by between Team JLyons, the Excel Club of Copperas Cove High School and the High School United Teens Service Excel Club (HUTS). HUTS delivered the dinners on Thursday morning.

"Unity for Service."



Hundreds receive free Thanksgiving meal courtesy of Exchange Club

The line was long and the food was hot Nov. 19, as hundreds received free Thanksgiving meals at the Copperas Cove Civic Center.

The Copperas Cove Noon Exchange Club hosted the 23rd annual Feast of Sharing event at the Copperas Cove Civic Center Thursday evening, and they gave out 450 meals in a grab-and-go format. Inez Faison, president-elect of the Copperas Cove Noon Exchange Club, spoke about how this year's meal was different from those in previous years.

"Typically, it is inside," Faison said. "We set up tables, people come in, rotate and eat — have a good time. But this year, with COVID, we thought it would be better to have what we call a drive-thru, curbside ... and get everybody fed."

Inside the Civic Center, dozens of volunteers worked at a rapid pace, filling to-go trays with the traditional holiday fare — turkey, ham, green beans, candied yam, mashed potatoes, rolls, pie and cranberry sauce. The trays were then brought outside where another volunteer placed them through the open windows of those in vehicles going through the line.

Faison said that around 650 people normally come in and partake in the meal when it is conducted in its in-person format. "We decided on 450 meals; we had to stop some place," Faison said. "We didn't want to over-do it." Each vehicle was limited to four meals.

As the club planned for the meal, the status of it was uncertain for a brief time. "For our club, this is one of two highlighted events that we love doing," Faison said. "We initially thought about canceling it, but we thought, 'No, it's been so significant for so many years, we don't want to let it go.'"

Harker Heights resident Kristina Hoover, said she was glad the club did not cancel the event. "I would've been so sad if they canceled this," Hoover said. "Because we look forward to this one and the Killeen one every year." Hoover and her

family sat at one of the picnic tables in the Copperas Cove City Park after receiving their meals. She and her family have come to the Feast of Sharing in Copperas Cove for seven years. "It means a lot, because it gives us a lot of normalcy in a year where there's not been any normalcy," Hoover said.

Faison said the reason for the change in format was safety. "We decided, for safety reasons - for us and our community - that we do a drive-thru and pack meals," Faison said.

The meal started in Copperas Cove 23 years ago, and it has been organized by the Noon Exchange Club for 15 years, Faison said. "It initially started for income-based families who are economically disadvantaged," Faison said of the meal's origin. "And it has kind of morphed or grown into something more."

Faison said the first person in line to get meals arrived around 3:45 p.m., approximately one hour and 45 minutes prior to the start of the event.

Cove Leader Press. November 20, 2020



HUTS members preparing dinners at the Feast of Sharing for serving to the community



COPPERAS COVE HIGH SCHOOL MARCH 7, 2014

Next Meeting

January 10, 2021
Time / Location TBD

Ringling The Bell



CCHS Excel Club members Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army on December 5, 2020

Wreaths Over America



Matthew at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery on November 28, 2020



Ja'Nay and Richard at the Fall Bazaar fundraiser on November 28, 2020



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IF YOU ARE A STUDENT AT COPPERAS COVE HIGH SCHOOL AND WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE EXCEL CLUB NEEDS YOU. GIVE US JUST 2-3 HOURS PER MONTH, HELPING WITH PROJECTS SUCH AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AMERICANISM, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY "A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE."

EMAIL US AT EXCEL76522@GMAIL.COM OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT CCHSEXCEL.WEBSTARTS.COM

WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUBS
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HIGH SCHOOL UNITED TEEN SERVICE (HUTS) SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

Club Officers

President: Jacob Knutson
Vice President: Candice Burch
Past President: Kyndal Burch
Secretary/Treasurer: Briana Langley
Board Member: Payton Knutson

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Ringin' The Bell



HUTS Excel Club members Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army on December 5, 2020



Birthdays This Month



Candice



Jacob

EXCEL MEMBER OF THE QUARTER



HUTS at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery on November 28, 2020



Laying the Wreaths at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery on November 28, 2020

Picture Gallery



HUTS delivering Thanksgiving Dinners to the CTC Eagle's Nest Food Bank on November 19, 2020



City of Copperas Cove and Noon Exchange Club Feast of Sharing on November 19, 2020



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Picture Gallery II



National Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Display
Jr Excel Richard Bonnett and Excel Ja'Nay Brown



HUTS member Candice Burch and Dorothy Lyons at the
Food For Families Food Drive on November 20, 2020



CCHS President Mathew Lanning and mom and dad
volunteering at Feast of Sharing on November 19, 2020



CCHS member Ja'Nay Brown taking donations at the Fall
Bazaar fundraiser on November 28, 2020



CCHS Excel Club members Laying the
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Copperas Cove High School
EXCEL Club



December 14, 2020
6 pm – 8 pm
WALMART



WREATH RETRIEVAL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021
10:00 AM

**Central Texas State
Veterans Cemetery**

**DECEMBER
EVENTS
'20**