



THE BULLETIN

FLORENCE EXCHANGE CLUB
THE OLDEST SERVING SERVICE CLUB IN THE SHOALS BEGINNING JUNE 1921



(For more pictures look at the Face Book section of FEC web page. Thanks to Mike Doyle.)

“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”

— *George Washington*

For over 40 years, students from local schools have taken part in the **Youth In Government** program. Senior students from Florence High, Mars Hill School and Shoals Christian School met all day Tuesday with the Florence City officials learning the many facets of government.

FEC President Adin Batson met in the Council Chambers at 8:30 AM Tuesday to welcome and gave an overview of the Exchange Club. He also mentioned the Freedom Shrine which was displayed in the Chamber. Mr. Billy Ray Warren also gave a presentation on the history of the founding of Florence.

Each of the three schools had earlier elected their mayors and council members. They then sat in “session” with a “mock” debate over a recycling situation.

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During a lunch break, held at the coliseum, all students were then assigned to shadow City department personnel for the remainder of the day.

Speaker Next Tuesday
Kyle Butt is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman, where he earned a B.A. with a double major in Bible and Communication, an M.A. in New Testament Studies, and a M.Div. with a concentration in Apologetics.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 8
Carl Madewell

March 13-14
Red Beans And Rice

March 15
NO MEETING



Sunday, March 13, starts the annual Daylight Savings Time.

Community Service

Community service is the lifeline of Exchange. Exchange Clubs across the country spend countless hours and dollars improving their communities each year. In fact, many of the projects within the Program of Service have a common goal of serving and benefiting our communities. Then why a separate category called Community Service? Because while the programs listed under Child Abuse Prevention, Youth and Americanism focus on specific areas within the community, our community service projects are more broad in scope and are designed to benefit every community member.



The history of Exchange's community service projects is quite impressive. Since the first group of Exchangites convened in 1911 in Detroit, Mich., Exchange has been dedicated to serving its communities through various projects.

Throughout the years, Exchange Clubs have been responsible for community improvements of all types such as: cleaning up highways; sponsoring cultural programs, air, art and industrial shows, state and county fairs, festivals, rodeos and athletic events. These clubs have also provided millions of dollars for scholarships, gifts, equipment, sponsorships, educational endeavors and other causes.



Volunteers and contributions are needed for the 26th Annual Food Run according to FEC member Teresa Robertson. Tickets are \$2 each and the drawing will be April 30.

Freedom Shrine Information

Thanks to recent donations to the Florence Exchange Club, we will be able to place 2 more Freedom Shrines at local high schools. The Freedom Shrine is an impressive, permanently mounted collection of 30 of the most important and historic American documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Gettysburg Address. They show our nation's youth the strength and courage of their forefathers by allowing them to read, with their own eyes, the immortal words of inspired Americans who so decisively changed the course of history. We're very excited to be able to help youth learn more about America's history through this project!

Another reminder of the sale of tickets to the Red Beans and Rice fundraising event is now! Also Peggy O'Steen has the master list of duties for each of the **two-day** event; see her for the sign up sheet.

