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Exchange Club of Charleston Kicks Off 57th Coastal Carolina Fair
Members Welcome Exchange’s National President, Executive Vice President

The Exchange Club of Charleston, SC, is proud to announce the start of its 57th annual Coastal Carolina Fair, which will run Oct. 30 – Nov. 9, 2014. A local tradition, the fair is the Exchange Club’s primary fundraiser, raising more than $800,000 in 2013 for distribution to more than 90 local organizations and students.

Since its first fair in 1957, the Exchange Club of Charleston has provided the best family-oriented entertainment for Lowcountry residents and visitors. Attractions include entertainment, rides, games, food, bull riding, pageants and a talent search, and hobby/trade shows and competitions. This year, the Exchange Club will welcome Eddie Money as the opening night entertainment, to perform at 7:30 p.m. on the Lakefront Stage.

To help celebrate the exciting event and the Exchange Club’s dedication to its community, members will also welcome special guests Tom Karnes, Exchange’s 2014 – 2015 National President, and Tracey Edwards, Executive Vice President. Karnes hails from Lincoln Park, MI, where he upholds the duties of his one-year term. Edwards will be visiting from Exchange’s National Headquarters in Toledo, OH, where she oversees a National Staff and Exchange’s work across the country.

“I am honored and excited to be a part of this memorable event, celebrating the Exchange Club of Charleston’s longest-standing tradition and the fair’s underlying goal of service to the community,” says Karnes. “To raise the amount of money this dedicated club has throughout the years, for the sole purpose of benefitting the Charleston-area community, is an impressive accomplishment. It reflects a great deal of time, energy and passion for service.”

For additional information about the Coastal Carolina Fair, please visit www.CoastalCarolinaFair.org.

Exchange is America’s oldest service club with more than 650 clubs and nearly 20,000 members throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico. The organization’s Mission, working to make America’s communities better places to live, is carried out through its Programs of Service – Americanism, Youth Programs and Community Service – as well as the National Project, the prevention of child abuse. Founded in 1911, Exchange celebrated its 103rd anniversary in March 2014.


In July 2015, The National Exchange Club will welcome local resident and Exchange Club of Charleston member Dan McQueeney as its 95th National President.

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