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The National Exchange Club’s National President to Attend Annual Ribfest

The National Exchange Club’s National President Tom Karnes will be in St. Petersburg, FL, to attend the Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg’s 2014 Ribfest. The event will take place November 14 – 16 on the waterfront at Vinoy Park.

Exchange’s National President Tom Karnes will attend the event as special guest of the Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg and as National Representative for the organization. Karnes was sworn in as Exchange’s National President in July 2014 and will fulfill his one-year term from Lincoln Park, MI, where he also serves as mayor. He is a member of the Exchange Clubs of Lincoln Park, Detroit (Exchange’s inaugural club), and Trenton, MI.

“I’m excited to experience this event first hand and personally meet the dedicated individuals who make the Ribfest such an incredible success,” says Karnes. “The Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg is a remarkable example of Exchangites working to make communities better places to live.”

The three-day fundraising event requires year-around planning and has become the city’s premier charity event, featuring music, ribs and family fun. For more than 25 years, proceeds from the Ribfest have enabled the Exchange Club to support more than 50 community organizations. The event has raised more than $4 million dollars throughout its history and allowed the club to donate $1 million to the construction of All Children’s Hospital.

Exchange is America’s oldest service club with more than 650 clubs and nearly 20,000 members throughout the United States and 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.

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