



The National Organization and Motto

With the formation of the first Exchange Club the principle of service became the essence of the club's activities and word spread of new organization.

In 1913 a group of businessmen formed their own Exchange club in Toledo, Ohio, and soon there were clubs in Cleveland, and Grand Rapids Mi.

In 1917, representatives from the four existing clubs met in Toledo and formally incorporated The National Exchange Club and incorporated as a nonprofit educational organization under Ohio law,

The first convention was held on September 18th, 1917 in Toledo and 22 members attended.

Unity for Service was adopted at the first convention and Charles A Berkey was named the first National President. The inspiration for the motto came from the one Hundred and Thirtieth Psalm.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity."

Secretary Harter and President Berkey debated whether it should be "United for Service" or "Unity for Service" They decided in favor of "Unity for Service" It simply means the "Golden Rule" in three words.

" Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I will send more history next month, until then.

Yours in Exchange

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