

Exchange Education (ExEd)

Americanism: Proudly We Hail, Part II

**Program Chair: “No symbol of American strength surpasses the Flag of the United States. Thus, as committed patriots, we should dedicate more time to studying our flag and the flags which led to our independence which enabled Old Glory to exist in the first place.”

1. What was the very first (arguably) official flag to fly in defiance of the British Crown on colonial American soil and where and when did it fly?

_____ responded, “That would be “The Liberty and Union Flag” which flew on a 112-foot tall pole on the Taunton Courthouse lawn in Taunton, Massachusetts on Oct 21 in 1774. This city’s founding is 1639, and the flag still flies on the city common each day.”

2. What is the proper name for the blue field on the flag and the proper name for the stars? _____, “The blue field is the canton or union which bears the 50 white mullets (which we call stars) and the 7 red and 6 white stripes are the barry, not Barry (enter a well-known “Barry” or a club member with Barry first name.”

3. What are common nicknames for the Flag of the US? _____ replied, “Old Glory, The Stars and Stripes, The American Flag, and The Red, White and Blue.”

4. What famous American music composer gave us “Stars and Stripes Forever”? _____ affirmed, “The band leader of ‘The President’s Own’, The Marine Band, ‘The March King’ John Phillips Souza!”

Then, _____ chimed in, “Did you know that John Philips Sousa was the highest paid musician in America after he left duty with the Marine Corps post in 1892 and toured Europe and the American countryside to sellout crowds. He was Paul McCartney of his day.”

Program Chair, to Club President, “_____, in what other service club in the USA could one find the talent on display by these fine students of Americanism?”

** Program Chair leads off and asks the education questions in the Socratic Method. Participating “students” come from the club, who are prepped in advance with the answers via e-mail and with paper copies of each question and answer on the day of. Whimsey and lightheartedness keep up entertainment value. Thus, whenever ad lib comments are offered, amplifying written remarks, more fun abounds. Encourage new club members to serve as students and rotate members in and out from program to program.