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Keeping the Faith in Exchange



President's Message:

Photos by Larry Pullen

Happy New Year to all my fellow Exchangites!

As we were traveling to and from North Carolina over the Christmas holiday, we were riveted to the radio reports of the tsunami disaster in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Sumatra, and other neighboring countries. It continues to be mind-boggling when I try to conceptualize the magnitude of this tragedy, not just with the loss of life, but with the inability to get needed supplies to those who survived and are now isolated. No matter what faith we profess, I believe we all have turned to our God in prayer and in supplication for answers or at least directions in what we can do. I encourage each of you who reads this to contribute to some relief agency which seeks to be of service to the manifest needs of so many, many people.

One of the stories which came out of this tragedy (which reveals that even in the worst of circumstances, good can emerge) has to do with the decades long civil war going on in Sri Lanka. It seems that both sides are finding common ground in trying to deal with a national disaster which transcends politics or economics. Maybe out of this both sides will find a way to dwell together in unity.

In September of 1917, at the first convention of the National Exchange Club, Charles Berkey, who went on to become the first president of our national organization, came up with the motto for the Exchange Club: "Unity for Service." Berkey said the inspiration for the motto came from Psalm 133 where it is written: "*Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*" It simply means the Golden Rule in three words – do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Wherever there is a need, I see and hear of how Exchangites have stepped forward to make a difference. There is indeed a unity in our service to others, and I pray in this new year that we continue to unite around those causes and events which enable us to make a difference – doing for others what we certainly would want done for us if and when circumstances changed in our lives.

So as we each step boldly into this new year of 2005, I encourage you to keep your faith in your God, keep your faith in yourselves, and keep the faith in Exchange!

Jerry Hurst, Pastor Prez

For additional information on events please go to

Exchange Club of Sugar Land website

www.ecsl.org



Texas Gulf Coast District

www.texasgulfcoastexchange.org

National Exchange

www.nationalexchangeclub.org

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SANTA'S EXCHANGE

Congratulations to **Aimee Braswell** and co-chairs **Jake Messinger** and **Amy Mitchell** for chairing a successful and well organized Santa's Exchange.

This holiday season, the Fort Bend Exchange Club, Sugar Land Rotary and the **Exchange Club of Sugar Land** joined together for Santa's Exchange, our annual toy drive that provides new gifts to approximately 2,500 children in Fort Bend County.

The beneficiaries are families from Project S.M.I.L.E., the Fort Bend County Women's Center and Child Advocates of Fort Bend. We thank all of you who participated in this heart-warming event to help brighten the lives of disadvantaged children.



Greg Oelfke and **Aimee Braswell** auctioning items for donations.



Lisa Osborne-Poynor and **Aimee** waiting for guests to arrive.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Get your aprons ready! The Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Spaghetti Dinner will be held February 25, 2005 at The Fluor cafeteria. The Spaghetti Dinner is a fund raising event to benefit many of the Ft. Bend County charities.

The festivities will include a live and silent auction, raffle, entertainment and a children's activity area including face-painting, games, prizes, puppet shows and displays from local community agencies.

For more information contact:

Clark Walter 281 277-6400
cwalter@dearborncreggs.com



Photo by Larry Pullen

Students from Gateway Academy asked Exchangites to "Adopt a Mouse" to help continue research at Stanford University to find a treatment for Down Syndrome. The mice cost \$21 each, symbolizing the extra 21st chromosome which is present in individuals with Down Syndrome. Exchangites donated \$1,100 to the cause.

For more information, or to purchase a mouse go to www.adoptamouse.com



HEALING FIELD SET FOR APRIL 1

Did you know that 1,669 cases of child abuse were reported in Ft. Bend County last year?

During April 2005, Child Abuse Prevention Month, The **Exchange Club of Sugar Land** will create a Child Abuse Healing Field of over 1,500 flags. The flags will represent reported cases of child abuse in Ft Bend County in 2004.

The Light of Hope community candle lighting event presented by **Friends of Child Advocates of Fort Bend County** and **The Exchange Club of Sugar Land** will take place on Friday, April 1, 2005. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. in front of City Hall in our new Sugar Land Town Center.

Some flags will be posted that evening in the field between Methodist Hospital and the First Colony Mall. The remaining flags will be posted on Saturday beginning with a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Individuals can purchase the 3'x5' flags for \$25. each. The Healing Field will remain standing for one week. Flags purchased **must** be picked up on Sunday, April 10th between 12:00-5:00. Unclaimed flags will be donated to BSA.

Chairman **Michael Cole**, and Vice-chairs **Norma Reyna** and **David Lanagan** are excited about the prospect of donating the funds from the sale of the flags to various child abuse prevention agencies.

EXCHANGITES: We are asking your help in purchasing and selling the flags for the Healing Field.

PLEASE PRINT THE ORDER FORM on page 4 of this newsletter and help us raise awareness and help prevent child abuse by purchasing flags and selling flags to friends, family and business associates. Thank you.

Flag sales contact:

Greg Oelfke 713 988-0492
greg@oelfke.com

To volunteer to help with the event contact:

Lydia Bourg 281 238-3543
lbourg@omsi.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

SERVICE TO SENIORS



1/7 Help seniors celebrate their birthdays at the 5th Street Community Center, Stafford. Contact: **Mary Jo Salvaggio** 713 789-3314 mjsalvaggio@netzero.net

WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY



1/29/05 7:00 p.m., Saturday

The "After the Holidays Holiday Party" will be held at Sue & Jim Lockwood's house in Greatwood. Bring a "re-gift" and an appetizer, salad or dessert. Contact: **Sue Lockwood** 281 343-0415 slocwood@houston.rr.com

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Flory

for being named Volunteer of the Year by the Fort Bend Family YMCA. Mike is a very active member of SLEC



including creating the **Badges of Courage** event honoring police, firefighter and emergency medical personnel in remembrance of 9/11.



PHOTOS BY LARRY PULLEN

SERVICE TO SENIORS

What a joyous day we had on Friday, December 3, 2004 with our dear friends at the Fifth Street Community Center. The turnout was spectacular and the goal was holiday happiness for our friends. I think we achieved that goal!

Not only did 22 Exchangites come to wish Christmas tidings to our friends but we were also joined by the **Elkins High School Knight Beat Singers** (about 20 students) who took their time away from class and lunch to come to the center to sing Christmas melodies for everyone.

Josie Trentacoste Soto - our beloved caterer provided three separate Christmas cakes, blue bell ice cream and punch for everyone.



The Seniors enjoyed a visit from Santa, **Mike Flory**, and the Christmas Story read by **Dave Kiger**.

Mayor Dave Wallace thanked **Mary Jo Salvaggio** for all her hard work organizing the **Service to Seniors** parties the first Friday of every month.



January Birthdays

Josie Trentacoste-Soto, Naren Patel, Ray Walthen, Carolyn McDaniel, Bill Quinn, Brenda Robinson, Will Hardee, Carlos Perez, Luckie Forman, Tom Swonke, Steve Stewart, Alicia Marra, Michael Schiff, Scott McClintic, Monty Kelley, May Williams, Chris Connolly,

Exchange Club Holiday Meeting

Fun was had by all at the breakfast meeting on December 22nd, 2004. Exchangites sang along with their favorite holiday songs.

Guess Who?



Karaoke Caroling was led by Jim Richard's adorable daughter Katie, Pam Hurst, Sue Lockwood, Alicia Marra and Norma Reyna.





Healing Field™



Name of Organization

Contact Person

Phone

email

Name of Person purchasing flags

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Cell phone

email

Number of flags _____ x \$25.00 each = Total \$ _____

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