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Sugar Land, Texas

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Keeping the Faith in Exchange



President's Message :

When we installed our Child Abuse Prevention Healing Field early last month, I was under the tent talking with other Exchangites and helping to sell flags to folks who came to experience this significant event. A young mother came in with her son, asking questions about the field, and then asked how much for a flag. We told her, and I saw her wince. She said that \$25 was a lot for a single mother, but she would think about it. "Could I walk through the field with my son?" "Certainly," we said. After she was gone, those around the table thought we would offer to sell her a flag for less, and we would make up the difference ourselves. When she came back, she laid a twenty and a five on the table. We offered to reduce the price, but with tears in her eyes, she said "No, this was time ... and money well spent." She took her son, and her flag, and went home.

As Mother's Day approaches this weekend, that particular mother will stand out in my mind. None of us truly knows the trials and heartaches, the joys and excitement of those who cross our paths, even momentarily.

But, I learned something about the values of that young mother. I got an insight into someone who is sensitive to child abuse prevention opportunities; I saw a bonding of a mother and child in the context of those billowing symbols of America's freedom; I saw someone who did not expect nor want someone else to subsidize her choices; I saw a citizen who modeled for her son some of the things that citizenship entails. I never learned her name, or the name of her child, but she will be one of the lasting images of our Healing Field for me.

For all of us, who are mothers, and fathers, and those who have the opportunity to be an influence for the good of children, I end with these words: ***"be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching ..."*** If you do this, and do it with an aim to the higher good we should all be seeking, then I believe you are keeping your faith in the principles of Exchange, the principles you hold up for yourself, and the principles you have received from God.

Jerry Hurst, Pastor Prez

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Photo by Allison Kukura

Katherine Kukura enjoyed walking through **THE HEALING FIELD** with her mom, Allison, during Child Abuse Prevention Month this April. **The Healing Field** made a powerful statement about the 1885 reported cases of child abuse in Ft. Bend County in 2004.

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, along with many community volunteers from non-profit organizations, businesses, churches and schools, erected the field on the property adjacent to Methodist Hospital. Free flags were given to individuals who donated \$25 or more to the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Flags from The Healing Field are still available. Donations can be made on line at www.ecsl.org or by contacting Sue Lockwood 281 343-0415.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 a.m. for a Sponsor Recognition Breakfast honoring those who donated funds, time and talent to make the vision of The Healing Field a reality.

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BLUE RIBBON COMPETITION

Nancy Castellvi presents **First Prize** of \$800 to Coordinator Minerva Duran, **Mission Glen Elementary** for their colorful, creative and visible decorations promoting community involvement in the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Second Prize in the amount of \$650 went to **Dulles Elementary**, Coordinator Patricia Smith. The entire school was involved in a very impressive display of hands and hearts all over the campus! "A helping hand, a helping heart, a simple way to love a child."

Fort Settlement Middle School's coordinator Betty Williams received the \$350 **Third Prize**. Colorful signs prominently displayed a great message: "Together we can stop child abuse."

Honorable Mentions - \$100 per school: Colony Bend Elementary, Goodman Elementary, Settlers Way Elementary and Palmer Elementary.



Fort Settlement Middle School PALS proudly display the 51 flags they received for raising \$1275 for The Child Abuse Prevention Healing Field. They would like to challenge other schools to do the same.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION



SATURDAY, MAY 7, AM & PM shifts
Help Sugar Land Fire & Rescue install
smoke alarms. Contact: **John Todd**
281 499-3080 jtodd327@houston.rr.com

SERVICE TO SENIORS

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 11:30



FREE SHOPPING SPREE FOR SENIORS

Please bring new or gently used items
for seniors at the 5th street Commu-
nity Center in Stafford. Contact:
Tony Ackerman 713 825-0710
tonyackerman@sbcglobal.net

DISTRICT CONVENTION

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 13-15
at the Flying L Ranch in
Bandera, TX Contact: **Greg Oelfke**
greg@oelfke.com 713 988-0492



Youth Of The Month

April 2005

Kempner High School

Amber Hill (age 17) was
honored as Youth of the
Month. She is president of the Spanish
Honor Society and a member of the Na-
tional Honor Society and the English Honor
Society. Her class rank is 15th of 589 sen-
ior students. She is a member of the
Kempner Girls Soccer Team and was a
Homecoming Sweetheart. She plans to
attend the University of Arkansas on an
academic scholarship and major in finance.



Citizen Of The Month

April 2005

First Colony Middle School

Scott Vautrain (age 14) was
honored as Citizen of the
Month. His teachers describe Scott as a
hard-working excellent student who takes
responsibility for his education. He is a
Boy Scout and has been accepted into the
Computer Academy and the Engineering
Academy at Hightower High School. Scott
has volunteered with Carpenter's for Christ
at his church. He is currently taking les-
sons on the bass guitar.

TEXAS GULF COAST DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION GALA



Congressman Tom Delay presented
an award and an American flag to
each of the nine honorees at the
Texas Gulf Coast District Crime Pre-
vention Gala held at the Sugar Land
Marriott on Saturday evening April 23.

The following local law enforcement
personnel were honored: **Patrick J.
Trotter**, Brazoria County; **Detective
Becky Colunga**, Ft. Bend; **Deputy
C.J. Meaux**, Harris County, **Officer
Heidi Ruiz**, Houston, **Sgt. Peter
James Paske, Jr.** Missouri City;
Officer Dwayne Crabb, Pearland;
Corporal Jeffrey W. Cotton, Bel-
laire; **Officer Morris Davis**, Sugar
Land; **Sgt. Dupree T. Alen Jr.**,
Angleton.

**Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale
Wainwright** spoke about his personal
experience with the quick response of
law enforcement to an incident in his
own neighborhood. **President
George Bush** sent a video taped
message of congratulations.

Thanks to **Ron Norsworthy** for
representing ECSL and to **Ed
Lawrence** and **Marjorie Evans** from
Texas Gulf Coast District for coordinat-
ing the event.

Exchange Club of Sugar Land WEBSITE



www.ecsl.org

[Texas Gulf Coast District](http://www.texasgulfoastexchange.org)

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[National Exchange](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org)

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May Birthdays

Ramona Ohi, **Edward Lee**,
Karen Mawyer, **Jeffrey Ricken**,
Jerry Hurst, **Ron Norsworthy**,
Dennis Dowell, **Linda Johnson**,
Ryan Taylor, **Jack Williams**,
Kay Parker, **Carolyn Lobdell**,
Larry Szymaszek, **Carol Maluski**,
Margie Connolly, **Mary Jo Salvaggio**,
Jorge Marra, **Gary Panetti**, **Jean Scott**,
Dena Lee

CAR SEAT CHECK



Exchange Club of
Sugar Land and other
volunteers helped
Texas Children's
Hospital conduct a
"Car Seat Check" at
Babies R Us, Sugar
Land last Wednesday.
Volunteers "held
babies" while trained technicians
checked cars seats and instructed
parents on correct installation and
suitability of their car seats. If the seat
was unsafe, it was replaced with a
new seat free of charge! Exchange
Club of Sugar Land donated funds for
15 of the car seats that were given
out.

Jeri Kraus with Christian Brothers
Automotive was an awesome volun-
teer. She provided juice for the kids,
cokes and other beverages for the
parents and technicians, and offered
some free oil changes to participating
families, as well as playing with the
kids whose seats were being checked.

Sixty car seats were replaced, many
other errors and issues were also
corrected. Thanks to **Chad Novell**
with the Ft. Bend Constable's Office
who was one of the technicians. He
often participated in Spaghetti Dinner
when he was with the Sugar Land
Police Department.

Thanks to **Jennifer Mulhollem** for
organizing this event.