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Photos by Larry Pullen Exchangites receive by giving. That's a truth that all of us have learned - that the rewards of community service are boundless. But there is a cost. We put much into the effort; our time, our energies, our talents, our resources, and of course our money. So many days it comes back to the money. Most Exchangites are blessed economically, but most have worked long and hard to achieve a level of financial security. Most of us don't have to struggle to put food on our table or to make the electric payment to keep the lights on at home. But that's not true of many in our community, and it's especially sad when the disadvantaged are children.

Child abuse prevention, service to seniors, recognition for the youth of our community, and literally dozens of other worthwhile organizations call on us for volunteers, for publicity, for attendance. But so many days it comes back to the money.

And this month, now, is our Spaghetti Dinner, our only real fundraiser for the year, the source of that money. Now is the time to sell raffle tickets. Now is the time to find or become a corporate sponsor. Now is the time to sell dinner tickets. Now is the time to ask for auction items. Now is the time to ask what you can do to help prepare for February 24th. Now is the time to sign up for one of the dozens of jobs to be done. But now is the time to have fun too! Have breakfast with your Raffle ticket team. Enjoy the skit and the costumes and the songs. Invite your friends to the dinner and enjoy the sauce teams and the entertainment. Window shop at the silent auction....well, maybe put in a bid or two. Enjoy working with your fellow Exchangites. Come to the Spaghetti Dinner and enjoy 1600+ people sharing a meal, supporting our community and gathering together to help in all of our efforts.

Now is the time for Hands On! Norma



On the lighter side... fun was had by all at the annual White Elephant Party.



The prize gift was a boar's head, won by Brenda Pullen. Do you think we will see it again next year?

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

All is WONDERful in SpaghettiLand!!

Winds of Excitement are blowing in SpaghettiLand. The Queen of Teams has them all lined up and her subjects came in scores and secured sponsorship for all of them. The **February** Hare committed several stores as outlets to sell dinner tickets as smooth as never before. Mad Hatter is feverishly counting volunteers and he will not be satisfied until the whole club is participating. CaterPasta Pillar is anxiously expecting that having sacrificed her beloved hookah will serve as an example for many to come forward with donations for Silent Auction and Bid Board. Rotini Cat's smile is even bigger than usual: He's secured all live auction items ahead of time. Scare**crow** is so delighted with the results of his raffle teams that he's made up his mind, permanently switched stories and is now a full fledged citizen of SaghettiLand! He's motivating his captains to enthusiastically challenge everybody to put their best efforts to transform 1000 raffles into the means to accomplish the noblest mission: eradicate child abuse forever.

Foreign visitors, the **Spaghetti Sponsors**, are coming and keep coming to SpaghettiLand to offer their contribution to this great cause. Wonderful **entertainment** has been secured and the land is getting ready for the fun and the food and the **wine**.

I am delighted. I haven't seen much of the **White Rabbit** lately and although I miss my friend I take it as a promising signal. I have even been able to sleep every other night lately...

Our goal of **\$200K** might seem ambitious but all is possible in Spaghetti-Land because this **WONDERteam** is composed of each and every Exchangite working together for the same purpose. Let's go for it, we can do it!

This special time we'll work as one.

Alicia in Spaghetti Land

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

C.J. Eaden, Noel Mascarenhas, Judge Kern, Jose Cruz, Hal Werlein, John Hancock, Jim Sturgeon, Betty Baitland, John Todd, Dave Kiger, Jesse Matthews, Jim Richard, Brain Walters, Dana Atkinson, Leigh March

UP COMING EVENTS:



Friday, February 3, 11: 30 a.m.

Help seniors celebrate their Birthdays at the 5th Street Community Center in Stafford. Contact: or **Mary Jo Salvaggio** or **Tony Ackerman** <u>tonyackerman@sbcglobal.net</u>

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Friday, February 24, 2006 S-9 p.m.— Fluor Cafeteria





LIGHT OF HOPE CEREMONY

Friday, March 31, 2006

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child Advocates of Fort Bend will hold a candle lighting ceremony in Sugar Land Town Square at 6:30 p.m. A children's carnival will precede the ceremony.

CRIME PREVENTION DINNER



Saturday, April 22nd

The Texas Gulf Coast District 41st. Annual Crime Prevention Dinner and Program will be held at the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel Grand Ballroom on Saturday, April 22nd. We will be honoring outstanding law enforcement men and women serving the Texas Gulf Coast District. Tickets are \$500 per table of ten or \$ 50 per person. Contact: **Ron Norsworthy** 281 261-6673.



Fri, Sat, Sun, June 9-11

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast District Convention will be held at the Marriott, Town Square, Sugar Land. Fun-filled activities include Texas Bar-B-Q, Mardi Gras, golf, etc. Contact: **Greg Oelfke**

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