



Exchange Hotline

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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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President's Message



Photo by Larry Pullen

When Ray Wathen called me last summer to say that I had been nominated for president of Exchange, I was thrilled and honored to accept. You see since the late 1980's I had known about ECSL because Bob and Susan Hargarther and some of their friends had been fans of the Elliott Walter Band. I remember one night talking with Bob and lamenting the fact that I could never be involved with an organization like Exchange. The job of being an entertainer meant no free time to devote to charitable service.

But in late 1991 my life took a change as my business partner died and I made the choice to change careers. One of my first choices was to join the Exchange Club of Sugar Land. As it turned out that was a great choice as I met Stewart Jacobson and made the decision to work with him at Dearborn & Creggs.

Yes, those were good choices, but I need to say that the best choice I made in my life was to marry Martha, my wife of 38 years. As you can see, I am blessed.

Many of you know that my job is to help educators retire well. And educators use many devices to help people learn. One of those devices is a visual aid. So with the help of the head table, I will share my theme for this year.

Caring
Helpful
Organized
Involved
Committed
Enthusiastic
Serving

Yes, my theme is **"Choices."**

Quoting J. Ellsworth Kalas from his book Old Testament Stories from the Backside: "What we do with our condition is our own responsibility. We may be part of a fallen race, but our response to this condition can be that of a Francis of Assisi or of an Attila the Hun. We CHOOSE the continuing direction."

I believe adhering to the exchange club's covenant of service will always lead to making the correct choices. This year I will be awarding the "Big C" pin to members who participate in our projects of service. I have several goals that I want to accomplish while serving as President.

Promote member retention and involvement by tracking member participation in the many projects of service that we support every year. I am happy to announce that Dan Menendez (a new member) has volunteered to set up an extensive excel spreadsheet to track our volunteering this year. I am hoping that each active member will participate in at least three projects of service plus 100% participation in Santa's Exchange and Spaghetti Dinner. I will also encourage our inactive members to participate.

Attract more new members by doubling our exposure to the various press outlets in our area. Also, improve the way we thank the guests that attend our meetings with the hope of recruiting them later as members.

I am committed to being the first president to have a Digital Scrapbook. This I will do with the help of Board member Larry Pullen.

Promote participation in three social events this year. Linda Schoonmaker (Social Chairperson) and I are planning to have a Halloween party, a white elephant party and a Road rally. I believe these events help promote the "fun" of this club even though we always have "fun" participating in the projects of service.

Clark Walter



Stewart Jacobson passed the gavel to Clark Walter who will preside as President of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land for 2007/2008.

Inauguration Dinner June 29, 2007

Photos by Larry Pullen



Past National President Gerald Franklin applauded Alicia Marra and Stewart Jacobson for their service as co-Presidents.

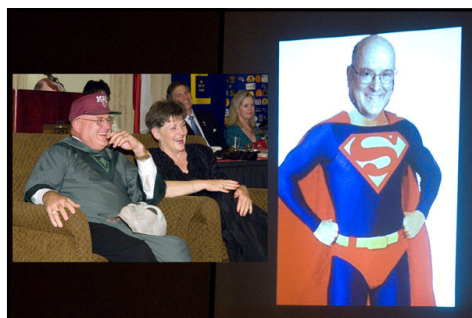


Our New Officers and Board of Directors

Amy Mitchell, Bill Rohrbach, Pat Welsh, Jim Kij, Clark Walter, Paul DeMarsh, Betty Baitland, Paula Stansell, Stewart Jacobson, Leslie Woods, and Larry Pullen.



Distinguished members and guests at the head table.



Jake Messinger put together a wonderful video of Clark's early years. Amy Mitchell's son, Will, did a great job as audio-visual supervisor and DJ. Everyone enjoyed the music and the new dance floor at Sweetwater Country Club.

EXCHANGITES AND ROTARIANS TEAM UP TO PROVIDE SHADE JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER

In early June, a permanent, cool blue 30' x 30' shade cover was installed over the kiddy playground at Four Corners Park. The shade was paid for with joint donations from our Club and Sugar Land Rotary to benefit the kids of the Four Corners community. In addition, the YMCA operates an outreach site from the community center that is paid for in part by our Club's annual Partners of Youth donations.

The Fort Bend Sheriff's Department also utilizes the community center as an auxiliary sub-station for the neighborhood. An official ribbon cutting for the playground shade is planned for later this month to celebrate this latest improvement to the park.

Jim Kij



Rotary ShrimpFest is Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning at 5:30 pm at Fluor Daniel.

With a \$100 car raffle ticket you will receive two food tickets, and may win a 2007 Chevrolet HHR LT.

Buy raffle tickets from your Rotarian friends, but make them promise to buy a raffle ticket for Spaghetti!!!

Fort Bend Alzheimer's Association Walk

October 27, 2007

AMC First Colony Theatre, 3301 Town Centre Blvd., Sugar Land TX 77479

Teams may register at:

<http://www.alztex.org/walk>



"Legacy of Freedom"

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Sugar Creek Baptist Church

Adults \$30 Students \$10

Veterans and their spouses are free

<http://www.legacy-of-freedom.com>



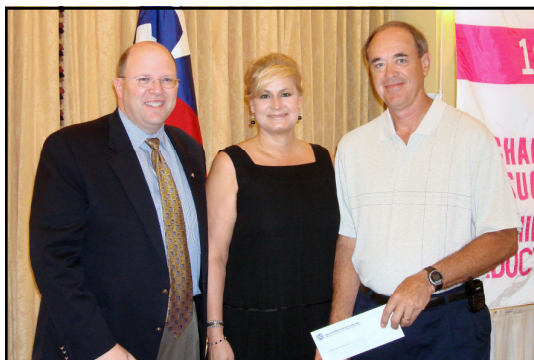
Judge Jim Richard demonstrated one of his duties as Justice of the Peace by performing a "mock" wedding for Amy and Jake. Judge Richard spoke about "The things I've learned in my many years as a Judge."



Linda Newsome Johnson received \$1,000 for WSS Tri County Head Start "Brain Trust" programs.



Stewart Jacobson and Ray Albrecht present a check for \$1,750 to Paul Lord of Boy Scout Troop 731.



Leslie Woods presents \$500 to Officer Keith Pikett for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Dogs. The dogs are used to track missing children and adults, Alzheimer's patients and convicted felons.

Photos by Sue Lockwood

July Birthdays



Michael Cole, Gary Kreeck, Demetrius Turner, Rick Forlano, Lydia Ouellette, Roy Cordes, Dave Trusdale, Mary Cook, Linda Schoonmaker, Terry Taylor, Daniel Wong, Mark Hanna, Jim Hudnall, Don Ellis, Milton Wright, Elissa Wedemeyer, Sue Lockwood

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