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Exchange Club of Sugar Land 2008-2009 Board of Directors



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land is proud to announce its Board for 2008-09. (Sitting from left) President-Elect Betty Baitland, President Jim Kij, Secretary Harish Jajoo. (Back Row) Paula Stansell, Jeri Krauss, Leslie Woods, Dom Burns, Treasurer Pat Welsh, Michael Schiff, Past-President Clark Walter, Amy Mitchell, Sonal Bhuchar, and Steve Griffith.

Each year the club President traditionally chooses a theme and designs a pin. This year's President, Jim Kij, has chosen "You Are The Key". This reinforces that Exchange members efforts are key to a great year and make our community a better place to live.

Photo by Larry Pullen

President's Message

Our Club is made up of 176 volunteers who perform community service activities. If you visualize a puzzle with 176 pieces, you know that each piece is essential to completion of the puzzle. No puzzle is complete until all the pieces are in! So are the efforts of each Exchangite to complete a successful year. That's why we need participation in our service projects. I am requesting each committee chair recruit aggressively and fill up their committees to include a Co-Chair for continuity in the years forward. The strength of our club has always been about teamwork. We just need more members on the team!

Attracting and retaining new members continues to challenge all community service clubs. This year we are going to refocus our recruitment effort. Our goal is to net 25 new members. Driving this effort will be a focused PUBLIC RELATIONS effort headed up by Clark Walter. It is our intention to raise the level of awareness and use it to recruit new members who want to part of something that is exciting and contributes to the community.

When we work together side-by-side, we learn from each other, support one another, and accomplish more for our community. Linking our individual strengths together make us invincible!!!

In closing, I ask each of you for three things: 1.) your support, 2.) your feedback, and 3.) your best effort. I in return will be your servant leader with a willing heart and open mind. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity and God bless each one of you!

Jim Kij





Jim Richard's daughter **Katie** demonstrated the art of Karate. Her instructor spoke of the concentration and discipline the sport instills in students.

Jim Kij and Clark Walter remind Exchangites that the **Wings Over Houston Airshow** is coming up October 25-26, 2008. We will need all members to man the ticket booths Saturday and Sunday for this fun filled event.



Greg Oelfke told a Key (Kij) joke at breakfast last week. From the look on Jim's face it must have been funny!



Larry Pullen received a special "Key" award for his many years of service as Club Photographer.



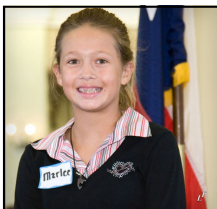
David Lanagan shared the good news that his cancer appears to be in complete remission after successful surgery. He also encourages all of the adult males in the club to get their PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) checked" with a simple blood test.



Sue Lockwood received the National Exchange Club "Best Club Newsletter" award for the second time. Jim and Clark accepted the award for Sue at The National Exchange Convention in St. Louis.



Janet Moring, Principal of Lakeview Elementary, spoke about the difference a volunteer mentor can make in a child's life. Just knowing that someone cares about them can turn around a students grades and attitude. If you have 30 minutes a week and would like to volunteer contact Janet at 281 634 4201 or janet.moring@fortbend.k12.tx.us.



Young guests **Grace, Marlee and Mikayla** enjoyed breakfast before they have to go back to school later this month.



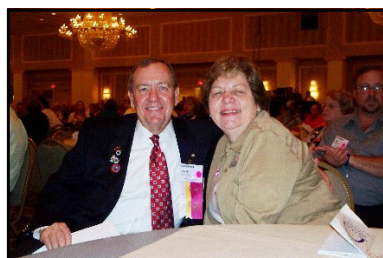
President Jim Kij presented the club with a Child Abuse Prevention banner he purchased at The National Exchange Club Convention in St. Louis last month. Exchange Club member **Susie Moseley** is Executive Director of Child Advocates of Fort Bend County.



National Exchange Club Conference 2008

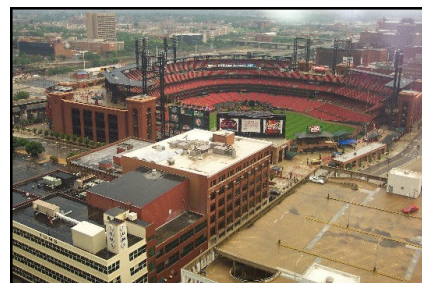


Our own **Brenda Robinson**, Region 5 Vice President and **Jim Kij**, President of Sugar Land Exchange Club (center rt.) pose with other TX/LA Gulf Coast Region Exchangites. Can you find **Clark Walter, Martha Walter, Betty Baitland and Deborah Galmiche**?



**Claude Carmack,
National President-Elect.**

**Busch Stadium
St. Louis, MO**



The 90th Annual National Exchange Club Convention in St. Louis saw a great turnout with Exchangites from approximately 250 Clubs around the country. All of the speakers were exceptional, entertaining, thought provoking, and relevant.

In addition to networking opportunities, entertainment in the hospitality suites was provided by many talented Exchangites singing and playing everything from a guitar to an accordion, to a stump fiddle. We could see Busch Stadium and the Arch from our rooms and hospitality suites in the beautiful Millennium Hotel downtown St. Louis.

Election Results: **Claude Carmack**, Past National Treasurer and Past Regional VP, was named National President-Elect. National President, **Floyd Culver** presented **Rosie Neely** the "National Exchangite of the Year" award. Rosie is a dynamic force in our counterpart District which includes North LA and the non-gulf coast parts of Texas.

The only amendment/by-laws issue that was voted on passed unanimously - an increase in the "quarterly" convention fee that all Clubs are billed from \$15 to \$25.

This information was provided by District President Elect, **Richard Flicker** of Baton Rouge.

Future National Conventions:

July 15-18, 2009 - 91st National Convention, Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL

July 21-24, 2010 - 92nd Nat'l Convention, La Quinta Resort & Club, Palm Springs, CA

July 6-9, 2011 - 93rd National Convention (100th Anniversary), Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI

Upcoming Sugar Land Exchange Events

Sunshine Special—Aug 9, Texans Game
Boy Scout Breakfast—August 13, 7 AM
 Ft Settlement Middle School 5440 Elkins Rd
Walk with Pride—August 17 8-12 AM

Wings Over Houston— Oct 25-26, 2008
Mid-Winter Conference— Jan 24, 2009
Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, February 20th
Rodeo Parade - Saturday, February 28



August Birthdays

Isadora Arzu, John Heinemann, Shirley Brown, Lydia Bourg, Sue Sanchez, Courtney Draker, Jeanette Gaylord-Parente, Timothy Jenney, Avice Chambers, Dave Stacey, John Braswell, Larry Street, Marie McCoy, Bill Rohrbach, Kevin Anderson, Gregory Kramer, Willie Love



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