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Mike Flory invited President Jim Kij and all Exchangites to the **Texas Bowl**, Dec. 30, benefiting DePelchin Children's Center.

For info call 832.667.2210 or go to

www.texasbowl.org

Photo by Larry Pullen

Kij Note Address

This holiday season, the Fort Bend Exchange Club, Sugar Land Rotary and the Exchange Club of Sugar Land, invite our members to participate in our **Santa's Exchange Project**. Santa's Exchange is our annual toy drive that provides new gifts to approximately 3,000 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 urge you to participate in this heartwarming event to help brighten the lives of disadvantaged children in this area. Please help us by volunteering your time to collect toys, give a monetary donation, help us sort and tag toys or participate at the event on December 20th at First Colony Church of Christ. **Jackie Freeman** leads us as Chairperson with **Lydia Bourg** as her Co-Chair. Contact **Doug Earle** to volunteer. Let's all pitch in to make others Holidays shine brightly!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Exchangites and their families a very Merry Christmas. Let's all reflect on the reason for the season and celebrate with great joy for the many blessings we have as a diverse community and the freedom to observe our family traditions for the Holidays!

Jim Kij
President



NO Meeting December 24, 2008

Jeri Krauss and **Nora Sim** decorated our Exchange Club tree which was donated to **The Festival of Trees**. The trees were sold at the Ft. Bend Senior's event in a live auction to benefit **Meals on Wheels**. The Exchange club tree raised \$1005.

Photo by Jim Kij





BRING A TRIKE to Exchange December 10.
Please deliver your toy box collections to:
First Colony Self Storage
16615 Lexington Blvd. (Next to Skeeter's)
Access: 6 AM to 9 PM Seven Days a Week.
Save December 20 for Santa's Exchange!

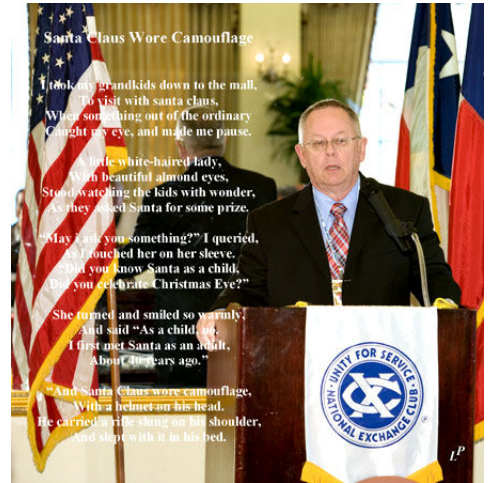
2008 CASA Christmas Home Tour Featuring six beautifully decorated homes in First Colony, Riverstone, and Sienna Plantation Dec. 13 & 14. Purchase tickets on line at www.cafb.org



Beryl Ramsey, new C.E.O. of St Luke's Hospital, was inducted as a member of ECSL last week.



Tony Ackerman, President of the Memorial Exchange Club and former ECSL member asked Exchangites to help with their Annual Holiday Fundraiser by purchasing a turkey, ham or brisket for Christmas. To order call Tony at (713) 825-0710.



Ray Walthen brought tears to our eyes as he read his poem "Santa Wears Camouflage." The poem was written from the perspective of a Vietnamese/American woman who was befriended by an American Soldier during the Vietnam war. She expressed her gratitude for the food and clothing he brought to her family on Christmas Eve when she was a young child in Vietnam.

Photos by Larry Pullen



Jimmy, Kim and Bill Nash sang the National Anthem for Exchangites. The Nash's are an inspirational singing family who are also a very philanthropic family. "Legends for Kids" brings the Grand Old Opry to Verizon Theater on February 14, 2009. ESCAPE Family Resource Center and Champion Kids Camp will benefit from the concert. For more information call (281) 667-7986.

www.ChampionKidsCamp.org
www.LearnToParent.org



Paula Stansell introduced our Citizen of the Month **Zach Morales** from Sugar Land Middle School.

Upcoming Sugar Land Exchange Events

Welcome Home Party for Troy & Trever Nehls
 Dec 10, 6-8Pm at Pappa La Rosa's Flying Pizza.
Santa's Exchange — December 20, 2008
NO Meeting December 24, 2008
Mid-Winter Conference— Jan 24, 2009

Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, February 20
Rodeo Parade - Saturday, February 28
Light of Hope - Saturday, March 28, 2008
Child Abuse prevention Month—April
Book of Golden Deeds—May 27, 2009



December Birthdays

Debora Galmiche, Arthur L. Pace, Sr., Darren Coughlin, Ashley Lopez, Pete Olson, Faye Roach, Stephen Ewbank, Dottie Ammons Childs, Charles Swihart, Karyn Dean, Susie Moseley



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land
www.ecsl.org

TX LA District Exchange
www.tlqcd.org

National Exchange Club
www.nationalexchangeclub.org



Service to Seniors Thanksgiving



"Wow! What a Thanksgiving feast we had with the Seniors at the Fifth Street Community Center this past Friday.

Mary Jo Salvaggio, Seniors Committee Chair

I'm talking delicious cut turkey, perfect dressing (3 turkeys all cut up – from **Jim Kij** and **Bob McDonough** – our 2 Santa's – hahahaha!). The softest smoothest mashed potatoes this side of Texas (must have been from the **Hudnall's**), Italian green beans (**Mary Jo**), corn with tons of butter (**Sonal Bhuchar**), sweet potatoes (not a one was left! – **Susan Whitacre & Deborah Galmiche**), green beans from **Jeri Krauss**, fried zucchini and fried squash (**Mary Jo**). The best and freshest rolls from HEB, cranberry sauce, a delicious chocolate cookie tray from our wonderful **Sue Sanchez**, an ice cream cake from one of Jim Kij's friends – WOW! A vanilla cake with butter cream icing and good ole' Blue Bell Ice Cream, sodas from **Dave Kiger**, ice from **Bob Hargarther**.

Thank you Susan Whitacre, Jim Kij, Bob McDonough, Sonal Bhuchar, Sue Sanchez, Alicia Marra, Jorge Marra, Dave Kiger, Jeri Krauss, Bob Hargarther and Mark Williamson. Special thanks to **Larry Pullen** for these wonderful photos. **Jim Kij** saved me in this effort big time. I was running out of time and he came to the rescue. Thanks to all. What a meal!!!!



Photos by **Larry Pullen**