## **Exchange Newsletter**

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#### The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

4800 Sugar Grove Blvd. Suite 100 Stafford, TX 77477

#### **Weekly Meetings**

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.
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# One Nation Under God

**Photos by Larry Pullen** 









At 7:00 am on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, "Reveille" was played to announce the start of our **One Nation Under God** program which united the three Fort Bend County Exchange Clubs. President **Jim Kij** introduced **David Wallace**, who served as Master of Ceremonies for this special breakfast event.

Reverend **Ed Lee** lead us in prayer, followed by Scoutmaster **David Van Kleeck** and the color guard of **Troop 731** who posted our colors and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. After reciting the Covenant of Service, **Sue Lockwood** gave a stirring rendition of our National Anthem. After breakfast, **David Wallace** led our members and guests in raising a toast of gratitude and thanks to our veterans who were asked to stand and be recognized as their respective branch of service music was played.

**Dave Kiger**, Colonel, U.S. Army retired and Chairman of the Americanism Committee introduced our honored guest, **Dr. Tom Parr**, who gave a "short talk" on the topic "Freedom is Not Free." Dr. Parr was followed by a house raising rendition of "God Bless the USA" by our resident karaoke expert, **Jake Messinger**.

Special thanks for producing the **One Nation Under God** program go out to **Scott McClintic**. Kudos to member **Nora Sim** of Nora Ann's Flower Shoppe for creating the patriotic table settings and furnishing lapel boutonnieres for our veterans. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to all our veterans. We are forever indebted to you for your service and your sacrifice to our great country. **God Bless you and God Bless America!** 



The Chipmunks (Clark Walter, Ray Walthen, and Stewart Jacobson led by Jake Messinger) sang a slightly off key rendition of "How do you wrap a Hulahoop?" to kick off Santa's Exchange. Boxes are wrapped and ready for you to distribute to schools and businesses. Please pick them up this Wednesday.



**Wendy Chao** November Youth of the Month Kempner High

School



Wendy was an immigrant from Thailand, who spoke of the obstacles she overcame as a child who spoke very little English. She is now a well rounded American kid and accomplished high school student.





Rajesh Chandra, Director of Business Development, Gas Americas, Global Gas, presented a \$500 from BP to club president Jim Kij. Rajesh's son is a member of Troop 731 and he wanted to show his support for ECSL.

## **Justin Banerdt**

Youth of the Month November 2008 Clements HS

Justin was born in Rio de Janiero, Brazil. He plans to attend MIT and study genetic engineering.

## Uncoming 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 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

## **November Birthdays**

Doug Ehrenkranz, Doug Earle, Deborah Wilkins, Richard Early, Himesh Gandhi, Jackie Freeman, Wayne Stone, Steve Metzenthin, Chris Breaux, Sharon Ring Rollins, Nancy Dobert, Larry Pullen, Thomas Abraham, Mark Eyring, George Head, Helen Cordes, Clark Walter, Lisa Osborne-Poynor

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