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Well Spaghetti, the Rodeo, and (we hope!) the cold weather are all behind us as we move into April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month, we have the opportunity to bring a powerful message to our community. Karen Daly and her committee have a number of interesting programs and activities planned for the month, kicking off with the tying of ribbons on trees throughout Sugar Land. Each ribbon is a visual reminder of each reported case of child abuse in Fort Bend County. There are many worthwhile causes that we support in Fort Bend County, but none touches our hearts like the reality of child abuse. Thanks Photos by Larry Pullen

to all of you who work so hard to get this message out.





Debbie Fancher and Former Mayor and Past Exchange Club President Dave Wallace sang songs of hope for abused children.

President Betty Baitland and President-elect Amy Mitchell helped tie blue ribbons at the Light of Hope Ceremony in SL Town Center.

April also marks the chartering of a new Exchange Club in Fort Bend County, tentatively called the "Richmond Club." At the organizational meeting on March 22, 2010, 27 individuals new to Exchange signed on to become charter members of the new club, along with a number of current Exchangites who want to work with this club as well as their "home" clubs. How exciting it is to be able to see something grow from an idea to a reality!

Betty Baitland **ECSL** President

#### **New Exchange Club** forming in Richmond.

Next meeting - April 5th 6:30 p.m. at La Cocina Mexican Restaurant, 515 FM 359 Richmond, TX



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#### Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. Sweetwater Country Club Palm Royale Blvd. Sugar Land, Texas

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# **ECSL Helping our Community Non-Profits**

Jess Stuart accepted a check on behalf of the TW Davis branch of the YMCA. Gladys Brumfield accepted our donation of \$5000 to the Fort Bend YMCA to help fund their summer youth camps.









Bob Hargarther accepted a check from President Betty Baitland for \$500 to help Fort Bend Partnership for Youth purchase reading programs for juveniles.

Ruthanne Mefford, Executive Director of Child Advocates and Board President Bill Rohrbach accept a check for \$500 for "Light of Hope."





Young Citizen of the Month from SL Middle School, **Chidera Akuchie**, was introduced by Ray Wathen.

Taft McWhorter shared his art and passion for helping local artists. His message was "Live with purpose and follow your passion." www.McWhorterGallery.com



Eileen Eisenfeldt shared her story of her mother's escape from Russian occupation during WWII.



### **April Birthdays**

David Wilson, Paul Barnett, Trever Nehls, Troy E. Nehls, Bob Hargarther, Don Schneider, John Bourg, Nancy Brownlee, Cee Cee Parker, John Robson, Jim Kij, Jim Lockwood, Margo Pasko, Robert McDonough



**92nd National Exchange Convention** July 21-24, 2010 La Quinta Resort Palm Springs, CA www.nationalexchangeclub.org







45th Annual Crime Prevention Dinner April 10, 2010

The 45th Annual Crime Prevention Dinner Saturday, April 10 at the Westin Galleria. Cocktails begin at 6:30pm.

Call: Patti Mc Neese 979 848-7765 or Marc Schwartz 713 771-5011



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