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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. Sweetwater Country Club Palm Royale Blvd. Sugar Land, Texas

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Tracy Shaw, President of the new Lone Star Exchange, Betty Baitland, Past President of The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, and current President Amy Mitchell enjoyed the National Exchange Convention in La Quinta, CA



#### President's Message:

The Sugar Land Exchange Club is certainly living up to the motto of Rise and Shine!

Betty Baitland, Debora Galmiche, Tony Ackerman. Brenda & Bob Robinson, Jim and Tracy Shaw, Larry and Lucia Street, Jake Messinger and I attended the National Exchange Convention. Due to Betty's outstanding year, our club won many awards. Betty Baitland received the Distinguished Club President Award. Betty Baitland and I were acknowledged as Club Builders for helping to build the Lone Star Exchange Club. Harold Ward & I received the 10 member Pin for recruiting members and I received acknowledgement as a Power Recruiter. Alicia Marra received the Distinguished District Director Award. Our club received an award for Campaign for Kids for the most money raised by a club not participating in 2009. We also received the Big "E" Award and the National Service Award. Living up to our reputation for having fun, our District received accolades for the Best Hospitality Suite.

And now we move forward into the this year. **Kevin Barker** has done an exceptional job planning three separate community service projects in August alone: 1. **Walk With Pride** 8/15/10 at 7 am; 2. **Sunshine Special** –Texans Game - 8/28/10; 3. **Joint Community Blood Drive** with the Lone Start Club - Tuesday, 8/31/10 from 10 am to 4:00 pm at Texana Center, Rosenberg.

I am excited to report that the board has approved \$10,000 as a title sponsor of the **CASA Gala**; \$10,000 to the **Fort Bend Women's Center** for the creation of a child abuse prevention program; \$5,000 to **Escape Center** and \$6,200 in reserve for parenting classes in Fort Bend.

**Santa's Exchange** will be a line item in the amount of \$6,500 from Spaghetti fundraising efforts. We already authorized a \$500 sponsorship for the **Fort Bend County Fair** for the Student Days and \$750 sponsorship for **Asians Against Domestic Abuse**. Additionally, we are providing \$500 towards **Walk with Pride**.

In the future, all entitles receiving \$1500 or more will have to complete and submit a Charitable Contribution Application to ensure that funds donated go for services provided to Fort Bend County recipients.

So as you can see, we are already well on our way to redistributing child abuse prevention funds to Fort Bend area organizations. We also hope to help create a journalism internship program with Bush High School, and work with our local Girl Scouts.

We do **"Rise and Shine"** in our lives with our families and in the community. My hope for this year is that we can maintain our strong commitment to others, while at the same time enjoying our activities and our time with each other. Once again, thank you for allowing me to be your president.

Amy Mitchell





Brenda and Bob Robinson



Betty Baitland with Jim and Tracy Shaw



Jake Messinger and Amy Mitchell



Tony Ackerman and Debora Galmiche

Francis Carmack invited Jake Messinger's daughter to a First Ladies Reception. Mrs. Carmack is a former teacher, so she and Grace discussed school issues!



Larry and Lucia Street

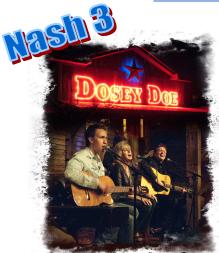




We are again assisting Fort Bend County Social Services and Payless Shoe Source provide new school shoes for children at 3 locations:

 - 4605 Avenue H Rosenberg, TX 77471
- 16312 Southwest Freeway (Sugar Land Target Center) Sugar Land, TX 77479
- 24820 Commercial Dr. (Brazos Town Center) Rosenberg, TX 77471
If you can help as a "shoe salesperson" please contact <u>Kevin.Barker@texanacenter.com</u>





Exchangites rose to the occasion collecting \$3,750 for **Champions Kids Camp** at our Wednesday breakfast meeting. This allowed approximately 8 children who have suffered severe emotional injuries to go to camp for a week. Bill Nash wrote a song for us entitled "You can make a change with Exchange" and we really did! Exchangites from three clubs also went to the Nash 3 concert at Dosey Do Coffee House Friday night and gave even more to the cause. For more about the camp and Nash 3 go to <u>ChampionKidsCamp.org</u> or <u>nash3.com</u>.

We received a touching note from Bill: *My life is a whirlwind at the moment but I just had to stop long enough to say a huge thank you for that most incredible meeting yesterday morning. Exchangites are the most caring people on the planet and they proved it again yesterday. I just have no words to describe my appreciation to you and that great Sugar Land Club for your belief and support. Thanks to great friends like you, we will have camp. God bless you richly for all you do for others. Sincerely, Bill Nash* **Photos by Larry Pullen** 



Eagle Scouts and Leaders from Troop 731 came by to invite us to the Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast August 11 at 7:00 Note: New Location

St. Lawrence Catholic Church 3100 Sweetwater Boulevard Sugar Land, TX 77479-2630

Eagle Scouts Kevin Rakoski and Ryan Lord pictured with leaders Carey Snyder, Chartered Organization Representative, Don Rakoski, Committee Chair, and Randy Taylor, Scoutmaster.

# Birthdays

John Heinemann, Shirley Brown, Lydia Bourg, Sue Sanchez, Courtney Draker, Gui Vasquez, Timothy Jenney, Avice Chambers, John Braswell, Dave Stacy, Larry Street, Marie McCoy, Craig Brady, Kevin Anderson, Bill Rohrbach, Gregory Kramer, Willie Love, Ruthanne Mefford Congratulations to Michael Schiff on his recent engagement. Please pray for the following: Randy McClendon for the loss of his Uncle. Marshall Brown is having surgery. Elizabeth Howard is ill with pneumonia. Julie La Fuente, daughter of former member Christy, has been diagnosed with cancerous tumor.