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## Betty is Ready!

Exchange Club of Sugar Land  
**President Betty Baitland** is  
ready to hand over the gavel to  
**President Elect Amy Mitchell**  
at the Inaugural Banquet to be  
held on Friday, June 25, 2010.

**Photos by Ed Lee**



The Officers and Directors of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land request the honor of your presence at the Inauguration of **Amy Mitchell** as president and the 2010-2011 Board of Directors. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm at Sweetwater Country Club. Non-members and guests are \$35 per person.

Please RSVP to [sgriffith@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:sgriffith@sugarlandtx.gov). For any questions please call 281.275.2341.

## BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir



Member and Guest Speaker **Naren Patel** invited Exchange Members to visit the beautiful **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir** in Stafford. Naren was instrumental in the construction of the temple. It is the first traditional Hindu Mandir of stone and marble to be constructed in the US. It is created entirely according to ancient Hindu architectural manuscripts known as the Shilpa-Shastras and meeting all the modern regulations of today. Limestone from Turkey and marble from Italy was shipped to India where it was hand-carved. More than 33,000 carved pieces were shipped from India to Houston to build such a beautiful Mandir. The Mandir is open to devotees, well-wishers, and visitors.  
<http://houston.baps.org/>



## YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2010 Clements High School Kyle Krueger

**Kyle Krueger** was honored May 12, 2010 by the Exchange Club of Sugar Land as youth of the year. Her academic achievements include National Honor Society, English Honor Society and a National Merit semifinalist. She is captain of the CHS swim team and co-chair of Ranger Camp. She is a member of the CHS Student Council and a leader in the PALS program. She is a strong volunteer with the First Colony Dream Team which is a baseball league for special needs children. She will attend Harvard University in the fall. Kyle received a commemorative plaque and a \$500 cash award.

## Exchange Club of Sugar Land ACE Award Accepting the Challenge of Excellence



**Anjum Faraz, Kempner**

**Andrew Suter, Clements**



The ACE award recognizes high school seniors who have overcome great physical, emotional, and social obstacles to succeed in the classroom. This recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance really do matter. **Anjum Faraz** has scoliosis, but that has not stopped him from excelling in school and serving the community. He is truly a role model to his fellow students.

**Andrew Suter** has excelled in academics and athletics since the illness and unexpected death of his older sister, Kelly in 2006. We applaud these students for excelling in spite of these difficult life experiences.



## Fort Bend Regional Council's Corporate Challenge

Pete Olson and FBRC Friends  
Jackie Freeman, Jim Richard, Linda  
Schoonmaker, Pete Olson, David Young,  
FBRC Board President, Lisa Poynor

Exchange FBCC Bowling Team  
Doug Earle, Clark Walter, Jake  
Messinger and the kids.

Exchangites once again had a great bowling team at the annual FBRC Corporate Challenge. Many thanks to Michael Schiff for purchasing the team. Clark Walter, Doug Earle and his "little brother" were the mainstay of the team. Jim Richard filled in for Jake Messinger who got there late. Jake brought the score up, but the damage was done and alas no trophy for the team. Let's try again next year!





# Memorial Day Ceremony



**Photos by Larry Pullen**

On, Monday, May 31, 2010, The Sugar Land Exchange Club was proud to be a part of the Memorial Ceremony for Fort Bend County veterans, honoring those who have given their lives for this great Nation, those wounded serving their country, those serving now and those who have returned.

As a club we help sponsor a local Boy Scout Troop with Carey Snyder as one of it's leaders. These leaders, and many of the scouts camped over night from Thurs. night until Sun. at Sugar Land Memorial Park to watch over the replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall that was on display. Those who walked over and looked at the wall were moved by this tangible tribute to those men and women who gave their lives so we might have a better life.

We passed out 1,000 American flags to those who came to honor our Vets. Thanks to the following Exchangites and their spouses who attended: Dave Kiger, Carey Snyder, Larry and Lucia Street, Chris Breaux and two young daughters, Kevin Barker, Harish Jajoo, Karen Daly, Jim & Sue Lockwood, Patrick and Shannon Hays, Brenda and Larry Pullen, Nancy and Pete Olson, Clark and Martha Walter, J. J. Adame, Bob Dunham, Doug Earle, Jackie Freeman, Steve & Wendy Griffith, John & Linda Hancock, Mike & Brenda Kessler, Dave Kiger, Amy Mitchell, Ed Lee and one of his sons, Jake Messinger, Ray Wathen, Nora Anne & Jack Sim, Linda, Schoonmaker, and Roy Miers. There was patriotic music, speeches, and a wreath laying ceremony. Jake Messinger sang "Proud to be an American."

Roy Miers  
Americanism Committee