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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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

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What a wonderful month we had in August!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Kevin Barker and Tommy Philips did an exceptional job with Walk With Pride and the Joint Community Blood Drive with the Lone Star Club. Approximately 1100 children received new shoes for school with the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's help. We received many thank you notes from the children. We had 55 Exchangites, friends and family volunteer a combined 175 hours of volunteer time to make this possible!

The Blood drive is ongoing until September 7, 2010. We can still get out there and help save some lives by donating blood. To make an appointment go to www.giveblood.org

Once again , we have had some wonderful speakers thanks to the leadership of **Shannon Hayes**. We learned about **SIRE**, a local therapeutic horseback riding program which makes incredible differences in the lives of disabled children and adults by riding these majestic animals! www.sire-htec.org



Photos by Ed Lee

We all had fun at our annual Pancake Breakfast given by troop 731. We presented them a check in the amount of \$993.60 for the breakfast where upon **Jerri Kraus** gave another \$6.50 to bring the total to our sponsored Boy Scout troop to \$1000. We loved hearing all the great things they have accomplished.













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Checks to support the community abounded as well. We gave Jeanette Varnardo on behalf of Health and Human Resources



\$500 for Walk with Pride.



We presented **Caroline Tarver** with **Project** Smile \$1500 for school supplies for the children in need. We loved hearing from Lydia Bourg and Reagan Walters about this heartwarming event. Santa's Exchange also supports Project Smile in December with toys for the children.



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We also presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Fort Bend Lawyers Care.

Please join me in welcoming our two newly inducted members Pete Beausoleil and Patrice Gurley-Draine.



Pete has already stepped up to the plate in a big way and been an indispensible part of our publicity team. Let's make our new members truly feel like a part of the Exchange family. We have had several published articles in the local papers including the Fort Bend Independent and the Fort Bend Star. Thanks to our outstanding publicity committee chairs Susan Whitacre and Pete Beausoleil for making this happen.





Several of us were lucky enough to get a tour of Child Advocates with the Voices of Children Tour. It was so inspirational, even more Exchangites will be taking the tour on 9/1 or 9/16 at 6:00 p.m. To join the group contact Kelli advocates Metzenthin for a reservation at kmetzentthin@cafb.org or call her at (281) 344-5106. For more info go to www.cafb.org

Ray Aguilar arranged for our first social at the Lone Star Saloon where we wore crazy shirts and had multi club attendance, drinks, food, music and fun.

We are "Rising and Shining" in our lives with our families and in the community. Lets continue to 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, President







Chief Doug Brinkley and **Lauren Stockholm** of the Sugar Land Police Department and **Deputy Frank Davis** from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office informed us about burglary and crime in Sugar Land and gave us some very helpful and enlightening safety tips for home and business. For more info go to www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/index.asp



Susan Whitacre thanked Exchange members who have served Fort Bend Seniors through Service to Seniors (our monthly birthday party at the 5th Street Community Center) and/or Meals on Wheels.



Our club was honored by The National Exchange Club for our participation and donation to Campaign for Kids.

Upcoming Events:

Fort Bend County Fair Parade, Friday Sept 24. 7:00 am Alzheimer's Walk, October 30, 2010, AMC Theatre 7:00 am

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SEPTEMBER

William Schwer, Nora Sim, Mike Kessler, Red O'Laughlin, Toni Spigelmyer, Jennipher Cole, John Holzman, Norma Reyna, Steve Griffith, Harish Jajoo, Richard Raymond, Harold Ward, Jim Shaw, Robert Dunham, Kent Reynolds Arlene Rolsen, Karen Makin Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Bob McDonough youngest brother passed away.

Ed Lee's father passed away Thursday in California. The funeral will be in the Bay Area Monday. Our friend and fellow Exchange Club member requests that there be no phone calls for now.