

# VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

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### President's Message:

As the end of the year approaches, our club kicks into high gear! This last month, the **One Nation Under God** breakfast was the best one EVER! Several Exchangites from other clubs were present. I heard numerous complements from everyone. Thanks to one of our very own members, **Trever Nehls** for a very moving presentation! Kudos to the Americanism team for an OUTSTANDING meeting. As **Dave Kiger** would say, "Team, Team, Team!"

Speaking of teams, **John Robson** and his team of elves are working double time collecting toys and getting ready for their distribution on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Once again, Santa's Exchange is not just a Sugar Land event. The Rotary, Fort Bend Exchange, Project Smile, and so many other partners all pitch in to help ensure that over 3,600 kids will receive gifts this Christmas.

**Kevin Barker** and his team also had a couple of outstanding sunshine specials. Again, youth in our community grow to understand the joy of community through our spirit.

**Mary Jo Salvaggio**, the Chief ELF, and her team of dedicated volunteers are working to provide Seniors with the best Christmas dinner and event EVER, on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Another important example of our club showing its strength in this holiday season.

My point is this....in this season of love, giving and joy, I think we ought to take time to say thanks to ourselves. Thanks to the efforts of so many in the club, we are enhancing the lives of everyone in Fort Bend County, from the very young to the very old!

Have a very happy holiday season.

Steve Griffith, President

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**Dave Kiger** presented the Defender of Liberty award to **Trever Nehls** for his outstanding service to our country. Trever has completed 3 tours in Afghanistan in 2008, 2010 and 2011. He also served in Iraq.

There weren't many dry eyes after Trever's speech "Faith, Family, Friends and the Flag." He showed a tattered American Flag which he brought back with him to remind him that the peril continues.

When he is deployed, Trever reads Psalm 91 confirming his faith in God's protection.





**Nora Sim** of Nora Ann's Flower Shoppe provided beautiful decorations to honor our veterans. **Debbie Fancher** graced us with her beautiful voice by singing the National Anthem and God Bless America.

**Photos by Larry Pullen** 





**Kevin Barker, Ruthanne Mefford, Ashton Hayes, Doug Earle, and Gladys Blumfield** spread some sunshine by taking children to the Sugar Land Museum of Natural Science. Special thanks to **Larry Pullen** for taking these amazing photos.



## Youth of the Month

Natalie Sulit, Sugar Land MS Presenter: David Hayes

Hope Willenborg, First Colony MS Presenter: Amy Mitchell



