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## Exchange Newsletter

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### Weekly Meetings

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

### Officers 2010-2011

President: Steve Griffith

President Elect: Gladys Brumfield

Secretary: Bob Dunham

Treasurer: Pat Welsh

Immediate Past President:  
Amy Mitchell

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**Sugar Land Exchange Club President Steve Griffith** accepted the original club charter dated September 16, 1987 from **Immediate Past President Amy Mitchell**.

**President's Message:** Thanks for this opportunity! It's more than a little intimidating following Amy. Her passion for Service, her passion for Exchange, and her passion for our Community is second to none.

I am aware that your new President is supposed to talk about his plans for the upcoming year. What we want to accomplish, what we want the club to focus on. I'll focus not on what we can accomplish, but on what we mean to each other and what we mean to our community. I firmly believe that whatever we accomplish is a simple by-product of who we are and what is important to us.

Exchange is something that I love to do. Exchange is not a burden, it's a passion. It's not hard for me to describe why....because Exchange embodies what I have always held dear through both my personal and professional life, **Family and Service**.

**Family:** I have always considered us to be a Family. The first thing I think of when I think Exchange is about the strength of our family. We have all the hallmarks of a healthy family. We are firmly rooted in our belief in God and Country. We have a personal passion for our Exchange Family and all of our family members. Sometimes we have disagreements, and like any healthy family, when those individual beliefs of method and individual contribution conflict, we stop and remember first that we are family, we reconcile and move towards what's important.

**Service:** We are a service organization. From flags to Blue Ribbons. From Lights of Hope to Badges of Courage. From Freedom Shrines to Shoes. From Badges of Courage to Defenders of Liberty. From Seniors to Youth. From toys to golden deeds. Is there any area of Fort Bend County that our culture of service does not touch? It would be hard to find a group of Fort Bend County residents more dedicated to service. Personally, I enjoy our family of Exchange, but I am fiercely proud of our service.

Every President has a theme. You've just heard mine. **Family and Service**. As your new president, I pledge to work to keep our gatherings fun and build our family values. I pledge to continue the collective hard work in service that is a hallmark of The Sugar Land Exchange Club. And from our focus on Family and Service, I know that we will continue to excel in all of our programs. I know that we will continue to be the leader in service in our County and one of the leaders in our National Exchange Club.

To my fellow Exchangites, thank you for the confidence you have shown in me.

Steve Griffith, President

Photo by Al McDonald



# Inauguration Banquet June 24, 2011







**Donna Danto** accepted a \$1500 check for the **Dream League**. High School volunteers "Angels in the Outfield" assist handicapped children play baseball.

[www.grandslamforyouthbaseball.com/field\\_ref\\_09.html](http://www.grandslamforyouthbaseball.com/field_ref_09.html)



**Brenda Bowman**, Executive Director accepted a check for \$2,500 on behalf of Fort Bend Literacy Council.

<http://www.ftbendliteracy.org>



Exchange supports "Lawyers Care" with a check for \$500. **Tasha Billingsley, Holly Reyes, Fred Krasny** and other lawyers provide pro bono services for Fort Bend County families in need.

<http://fortbendlawyerscare.org>



### Honoring Our Veterans

**Dave Kiger** served in the US Army with 15 years active duty-two tours in Vietnam and 15 years in the Reserves with the 75<sup>th</sup> MAC here in Houston.

**Theo Anderson Sr.** served in WW II and Korea. He served for 23 years and retired as a Major, US Army in 1965.



**Young Life** received a check for \$1,500 for their summer camp.

kids. <http://sites.younglife.org/sites/FortBend/default.aspx>



**Kimie Smith** spoke about how Big Brothers/Sisters can make a difference in a child's life. Exchangeite

**Doug Earle** is a Big Brother and spoke about how much he has enjoyed activities with his "little." BBBS also has a military mentor program for kids whose parents are overseas.

[www.bbbstx.org](http://www.bbbstx.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Fort Bend Toyota Donor Blood Drive

**7/15/2011 1:30pm - 5pm**

Fort Bend Toyota 20465 Southwest Freeway (Hwy 59 @ 99) - Richmond TX will be hosting a donor blood drive benefiting the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank. Donors will receive a patriotic Commit for Life t-shirt . For more info, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org)

## Birthdays

**Michael Cole, Helga Abreu  
Demetrius Turner, Gladys Brumfield  
Rick Forlano, Roy Cordes, Richard Mudra,**



**Carl Accardo, Mary Cook  
Linda Schoonmaker, Jim Hudnall  
Kelly Buettner, Milton Wright  
Daniel Menendez, Sue Lockwood**

## Sunshine & Showers

Please congratulate the following members:

**Jake Messinger** is the new President of the Lone Star Exchange Club.

Please keep these Exchange members and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

**Brenda Kessler**