



# Exchange Hotline



## Exchange Newsletter

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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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### Weekly Meetings

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

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## Exchange Club of Sugar Land President's Message



**What an outstanding April we had!** The Exchange Club of Sugar Land did a great job of raising awareness of child abuse in our community. **Bob Hargarther** lead us in the Exchange Club signature event of tying blue ribbons on trees throughout Sugar Land. The blue ribbons serve as visual reminders of each reported case of child abuse in Fort Bend County.

**Karen Daly, Ruth Anne Mefford** and their Child Abuse Prevention team did an great job with the speakers each week highlighting child abuse issues. This culminated with the school competition in a Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Awareness contest. We loved seeing the efforts our schools made to bring attention to child abuse. There are many worthwhile causes that we support in Fort Bend County, but none touches our hearts like the reality of child abuse. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to get this message out.



## Blue Ribbon Schools - Winners!

### 1st Place

### Fort Settlement MS

### 2nd Place Cornerstone Elementary

### 3rd Place Colony Bend Elementary



Photos by Larry Pullen

**May is Freedom Shrine Month.** In this regard, May will be a month that exemplifies **Americanism**. Under the leadership of **David Kiger** and **Arthur Pace**, we will be dedicating Freedom Shrines at both Heritage Rose Elementary, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Ridge Point High School May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Freedom Shrine is an impressive, permanently mounted collection of 30 of the most important and historic American documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Gettysburg Address. These remarkable documents serve as windows to the world of America's proud past. They show our nation's youth the strength and courage of their forefathers by allowing them to read, with their own eyes, the immortal words of inspired Americans who so decisively changed the course of history. The Exchange Club of Sugar Land will also be giving out American Flags at two different Memorial Day Celebrations.

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land has continued to Rise and Shine in our community. Each one of you exemplifies why Exchange is the nation's largest National Service Organization.

**Amy Mitchell, President**

# Honoring Outstanding Youth



**Alexandria Brewer** is our April Citizen of the month from Sugar Land Middle School. She was introduced by **Doug Earle**. Alexandria and her sister wore "in" sneakers which photographer Larry Pullen captured as they stood beside **President Amy Mitchell**.



**Sophia Zekkour** is our April Citizen of the month from First Colony Middle School. Sophia was introduced by **Clinton Chapman**.

Photos by Larry Pullen

# Crazy Hat Social



Photos by Amy Mitchell



**Larry Pullen** was the veteran selected to speak of his experiences during the Vietnam War. His first operational assignment was as a C-124 ("Old Shakey") transport pilot, flying to Southeast Asia for the first time in 1961. Nobody ever said it was a beautiful airplane, but it was a huge machine for its time. The worldwide mission in Military Air Transport Service had Larry engaged in evacuating United Nations troops from the former Belgian Congo, taking U.S. troops to the Dominican Republic during that conflict, flying in Antarctica for three months, and negotiating the three Berlin corridors in the Cold War. The 3,800 flying hours he logged in the Air Force enabled him to join Delta Air Lines and work for that company for 30 years. He is now a professional photographer and has produced wonderful photos for The Sugar Land Exchange Club for many years.



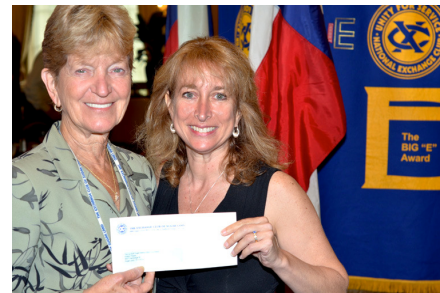
## Supporting Local Non-Profits



**Doug Earle** and **President Amy Mitchell** presented **Raul Garcia** of Big Brothers, Big Sisters and a check for \$1500 to assist in providing adult mentors to children in single parent homes.



**Don Kerstetter** surprised **Ruthanne Mefford** by announcing Classic Chevrolet's support of Child Advocates of Fort Bend.



**Betty Baitland** accepted a check from **President Amy Mitchell** on behalf of **Evelyn Traylor** for Shaken Baby Syndrome education in Fort Bend Middle and High Schools.

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## Upcoming Events



**Centennial Celebration  
National Convention  
Detroit, Michigan  
July 6-9, 2011**  
[www.nationalexchangeclub.org](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org)



### Birthdays

**Nancy Colmenares, Roy Miers, Edward Lee  
Ron Norsworthy, Lisa Anhaizer, Linda Johnson**

*May*  
**Tom Tielke, Jack Williams, Kay ParkerMark  
Lukin, Ethan Shinogle, Reagan Walters, Scott  
Yokley, Mary Jo Salvaggio, Elizabeth Howard,  
Jorge Marra, Gary Panetti, Ron Booker**

### Sunshine & Showers

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

*Jill Menendez had surgery  
Brenda Kessler may need back surgery*