

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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The Club donated and dedicated a 28 Piece Freedom shrine at James Bowie Middle School, on Wednesday, November 9th. Steve Griffith gave a short overview of Exchange Club and what we do. He then presented the Dedication plaque to Bowie's principal, Chris Morgan. Daniel Menendez followed with a short talk about the Freedom Shrine and challenged the Students to take time to read the documents and gain a better appreciation for our Country and how we came to be.



Nick Lindowski, Michael Schiff, Arthur Pace, Rick Mudra, Daniel Menendez, Ed Lee, Steve Griffith Front Row: Sonal Bhuchar, Deborah Galmiche, Clark Walter, Dave Kiger, Gladys Brumfield









He was assisted by the lovely Vanna, I mean **Deborah Galmiche**.

Bubba Oelfke (aka Greg Oelfke) outdid himself this year by raising almost \$3,000 at a *crazy* auction at our breakfast meeting/Santa's Exchange Kickoff. Thanks to all the generous Exchangites.



I believe the "blue balls" tree held by Santa's chairperson **John Robson** was sold at least 10 times!

HO, **HO**, **HO**..... It's that time of year again, and Santa's Exchange is just around the corner. We are fortunate this year to have received 15,000 from **Sugar Land Rotary** and are excited to have them as a partner once again. **Volunteers In Philanthropy** (VIP - headed by Dee Koch) has selected Santa's Exchange as the recipient of their toy drive taking place at Sugar Land Town Center on December 3rd. Missouri City has graciously agreed to donate the toys gathered at their **Snowflake Festival** on December 10th. We have toy collection boxes at all local schools and over 20 local businesses.

If you aren't already involved in this year's event, we need you! If you are involved, thank you and keep it up! There are 3,000 kids depending on our efforts. For many, this will be the only Christmas they have.

Important dates:

*November 17th, 5:30 pm, Hyatt Place - Social and Toy Drive. Food and drinks sponsored by the Hyatt and Allison Wen of Safari Texas.

*December 3rd, 9-3, YIP toy drive benefiting Santa's Exchange at Sugar Land Town Center. Volunteers are needed, but must have a background check. Contact John Robson @ jrobson@fortbendcouncil.org with your name and birth date by November 28th. Toy donations gladly accepted if you don't make the event!
* December 10th, Snowflake Festival in Missouri City - Toys collected at this event are going to be donated to Santa's Exchange. Please consider coming to this event as a spectator. No work required!
* December 12, 13, 15, 16 - Sorting and Tagging at First Colony Church of Christ - not on Wednesday!
* December 17th - The big day!!!!!! Please plan on being at the church by 7am. We really need your help all day. It seems that many come for the "morning shift" and then leave. Due to the number of families we are serving, this is an all day event. We should be done and outta there by 4 pm.



Carolyn Tarver Project SMILE

Greg Pendley Rotary President

Dee Koch The George Foundation

Steve Wethered Rotary Santa's Chairperson

Exchange Club of Sugar Land member **Sonal Bhuchar** introduced **Jillian Ross,** Outstanding Student at Clements High School. She is joined in this photo by her family and President of ECSL, **Steve Griffith**.







Exchange Club member **Doug Earle** presented the plaque and gift certificate to **Wesley Yu**, Outstanding Student from Kempner High School. He was joined by his father.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doug Earle, Richard Early, Himesh Gandhi, Jackie Freeman, Wayne Stone, Steve Metzenthin, Chris Breaux, Sharon Rollins, Robert McDonald, Nancy Dobert, Theo Anderson Larry Pullen, Mark Eyring, Ray Aguilar, George Head, Lisa Osborne-Poynor, Clark Walter, Helen Cordes, Linda Lavinson Wayne Stone

New Members



Exchange Club of Sugar Land inducted two new members at our breakfast meeting. Member **Jim Hudnall** sponsored **Bill Coleman** and **Patrick LaRue** sponsored **Matt Killroy.**





Service to Seniors

December "Christmas Program" Friday, Dec. 2, 11:00 a.m., Mr. L G. Wilkensen will play Carols. Contact: Mary Jo Salvaggio <u>maryjosalvaggio@gmail.com</u>



Dec 9 + 10, 10 am-4 pm Christmas Home Tour Candle light tour Friday 6-9 pm



November 17—Santa's Social—Hyatt Place, Sugar Land

December 3-Toy Drive-SL Town Square, 9-3 YIP (Youth in Philanthropy) Exchange helpers needed. Contact: dkoch@thegeorgefoudation.org