

Exchange Newsletter

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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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The President wants your opinion on Club Membership

President's Message

At the Board Meeting on September 27th, Patrick LaRue, our membership chair presented some interesting ideas to the Board of Directors. We agreed to further discuss these ideas with the membership of the Exchange Club. I wanted to use this format to give a brief synopsis. We would really like to have your thoughts. Please contact any board member with your thoughts about these concepts.

We are an organization of Service. One of the concepts that Patrick proposed was to allow someone to join the club as an "Associate" member. Under this scenario, the responsibility of an associate member would be to participate in a specified number of our service projects. The member would not be expected to attend our breakfast meetings.

We discussed a category of membership that would appeal to young professionals. Again, this category would not require attendance at breakfast, but would require the group of young professionals to create or participate in a service project that supported the ideals of Exchange.

Finally, we discussed a "Corporate" membership. Under this category, a corporation (or non profit) could apply for membership, participate in our breakfast meetings and our service projects. The category would allow more than one member of the entity to participate.

These are conceptual ideas....we would love to hear your thoughts. Ultimately, Patrick is trying to find some avenues, not only for our club to grow, but to grow in our service to the community.

We appreciate his willingness to prompt discussion.

Steve Griffith, President

You can email replies to board@ecsl.org



A few members of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land, TX began to plan their 21st participation in the Fort Bend County Fair Parade, about two months ago. Mrs. Tracey Shaw, a Mentor for the recently formed XC of Rosenberg, e-mailed a member of the Sugar Land club, asking if it would be possible for several members of the Rosenberg club to walk with us in the parade, and help pass out some of the American flags in the **GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE** program. Our pres., Steve Griffith, responded, "Absolutely. Our National office encourages nearby clubs to join forces in such events." Steve suggested we invite the members of the XC of Richmond and the Fort Bend XC. They, too, agreed to join forces. We had 11 members of the Rosenberg club, plus 3 Mentors come out. There were, at least 6 members of the Richmond club – and 6 members of the Fort Bend club, there were 29 members of the Sugar Land club. A total of 55 Exchangites, plus a couple of spouses and one man's son! Even with this outstanding assembly, we could not have kept up with the pace of the parade – and passed out 13,760 American flags, without the help of approximately 25 students of the George Ranch High School. **TALK ABOUT TEAMWORK!!!** Bob Dunham, Chair



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Veteran member **Dave Kiger** thanked **Betty Frazier** for creating a moving display for the 10th anniversary of 911 honoring the men and women who lost their lives and the brave police, firefighters, soldiers and civilians who selflessly responded to this tragedy.



To brighten our spirits, Carnac the Magnificent (**Judge Jim Richard**) had the answers from the mason jar under Funk and Wagnall's porch to some very strange but funny questions!





Exchange member **Ron Norsworthy,** CSA, MBA, Owner and President of Home Helpers Fort Bend, and President of Senior Trust Alliance, spoke about the Alliance and it's mission to help seniors. The Alliance is comprised of a team of professionals who provide a wide range of resources and services to seniors in our community. Exchangite **Jeri Krauss**, Director of Emeritus Assisted Living is also a member of the Alliance. For more info go to www.seniortrustalliance.org

Our club will again be manning the ticket booths at the Ellington Field Airshow. Your help is needed both Saturday, October 15th and Sunday October 16th. Please contact **Paul Barnett** if you can help. b1@ix.netcom.com





On December 17, 2011, the Exchange Club of Sugar Land and the Sugar Land Rotary Club invite you to participate in our annual Santa's Exchange project. This massive toy drive provides new toys to thousands of needy children in Fort Bend County. To make a donation contact clarkwalter@windstream.net

Raymond Albrecht, Matthew Dent, Dan McMillan, Linda Webb, Jacqueline Chaumette, Reagan Tielke, Jeri Krauss, Don Zienty, Don Kerstetter, Amy Mitchell, David Lanagan,

Dianne McGreevy, Frederick Fogarty, Frank Hicks, Mark Hotze, Teresa Cody, Anthony Lacsamana, Sam Cornelius, Paul DeMarsh, Shaunna Witt, Carey Snyder, Patrick Hayes, Jake Messinger



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