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

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President Steve Griffith Wants Your Opinion...



Thanks to all for the unbelievable effort in keeping our club organized and involved.

It is more than a little overwhelming for me... trying to keep up with all of the service opportunities and all of the club activities. It is ONLY possible because members of this club are so willing to take ownership and just "make things happen". There have been so many times that I am told that all the details of a club activity or service opportunity have been handled.....all I

need to do is help coordinate the announcements or just plain old, "show up". I have to admit, I have never fully appreciated the dedication of the members of our club, until now. I am constantly in awe of everyone's willingness to take ownership and make things happen. We are so much like a large family. We all take care of one other and we all take care of what we need to do.

I wanted to ask for the Club's input about a couple of issues we will be discussing at the Board meetings over the next couple of months. At the September board meeting, we plan to discuss some ideas that Patrick La Rue and his committee have presented about membership. The Membership committee has been working to set up monthly **Membership/Guest Socials**. On the third Thursday of each month, we are inviting, not only new members, but all of the guests from the previous month. Patrick is building on this concept and will be asking members to bring a guest to this social. Patrick has asked that we consider membership opportunities for people, who are interested in service, but may not be able to attend weekly meetings. National has several **"categories" of membership.** So, the structure appears to be there for this, but is this something we want to pursue?

Second, at the October board meeting we plan to discuss our **Club's commitment to Child Abuse Prevention**. In the past, we have largely supported (in financial terms) the **ESCAPE Family Resource Center** www.learntoparent.org. This last year, we moved that support to Fort Bend charitable efforts related to Child Abuse. We also gave seed money to an "Escape Like" effort run by the **DePelchin Children's Center** www.depelchin.org and the **Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse** www.fortbendcouncil.org. This year's budget continues the transformation we started last year. **Ruthanne Mefford** has suggested that our club make an additional commitment to **Child Advocates of Fort Bend** www.cafb.org through alliance/ ambassadorship opportunities by Exchangites to work directly on this issue of child abuse, as well as financial support. I believe her suggestion leads to questions that we have not asked/answered. **What does this club want to accomplish in our primary effort - Child Abuse?** Should we be working to establish a Fort Bend "Escape Like" function in Fort Bend, or should we look to an existing resource? Talk to any member of the board about the above issues. I don't know that any of the board members have preconceived ideas....we are all open to member's input and suggestions. Just like any family, I don't think we should be afraid of taking on "tough" questions; we want to do what is in the best interest of our family and our community.

Steve Griffith, President



Gladys Brumfield presented Immediate Past President **Amy Mitchell** with a scrap book of all the newsletters highlighting her outstanding year as ECSL president.



Carolyn Tarver of **Project SMILE** was presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 by John Robson for her school supply drive.
Mark your calendars -
Santa's Exchange is December 17th.

Claire Rogers of the **Fort Bend Museum** took us on a journey through time to experience life on the Brazos River and the beginning of the Fort Bend story. The Texas Historical Commission has named them "one of Texas' best local history show-cases." www.fortbendmuseum.org



Fred and Fay Wohlfahrt, Sue Lockwood, Jo Ann Ardoin and Sports Agent Rodney Ardoin

Our first Spaghetti auction item is a football signed by **Green Bay Packer, Tramon Williams #38**. Tramon caught the final ball to win the Super Bowl last year. Exchange member Sue Lockwood's friends Fay and Jo Ann asked Jo Ann's son, Sports Agent Rodney Ardoin, if he could facilitate the signing of the ball and photographs by his client Tramon Williams. He said was glad to do it while in Green Bay last week at their first game against the Cardinals which they won 28-20.

David Lanagan is collecting cell phones for the troops.



Betty Frazier was our honored veteran this week. Betty served as a Law Enforcement Specialist in Air National Guard in 1974. Betty was the first Policewoman Chief Master Sergeant. She continued to serve our country for many years in the Air Force as Deputy of Security and in the Pentagon as Director of Policy detailed to the National Security Council.



Evelyn Traylor thanked the Exchange Club for the \$500 for **Shaken Baby Syndrome** supplies. www.dontshake.org

Evelyn, Brenda Robinson and other volunteers go into the schools to create awareness of the dangers of shaking a baby. They also train PALS groups who in turn teach the PE/Health classes. Some of the supplies for the kits are baby dolls like the one held by **Brenda Pullen**. If you would like to volunteer, contact Evelyn at EBTRLR@aol.com



Photos by Larry Pullen

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Birthdays

William Schwer, Nora Sim, Michael Kessler, Red O'Laughlin. Toni Spigelmyer, Jennifer Cole John Holzman, Norma Reyna, Steve Griffith, Harish Jajoo, Lynnette Mazur, Richard Raymond, Harold Ward, Jim Shaw, Karen Stolhand, Bob Dunham, Kent Reynolds, Arlene Rolsen, Karen Makin, Robert Linzer

Sunshine & Showers

Mike Kessler was happy to report that Brenda is doing much better. He thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Our condolences go out to Don Kerstetter and Classic Chevrolet employees in the loss of their coworker who was killed in a car accident.