



Exchange Hotline



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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

4800 Sugar Grove Blvd. Suite 100
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Weekly Meetings

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

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Santa's Exchange Chair **John Robson** thanked **Lauren** and **Krista** for collecting toys at the Missouri City Parks and Recreation "Snow Fest." **Greg Pendley**, past president of Sugar Land Rotary presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 to assist in purchasing toys.

Carolyn Tarver told the story of how she started Project SMILE in memory of her son Stan, who died as a teenager, to help needy children have a Merry Christmas. **Greg O'elfke** auctioned off items to club members encouraging them to donate money for toys.

Photos by Ed Lee

Presidents Message:

2013 is sneaking upon us! As we glance back at 2012 we remember the ECSL projects, events and our wonderful members that help make Fort Bend County a great place to live and serve. I am so thankful for our club leaders and their teams that work to make sure our club is organized, interesting, rewarding and so much fun. We have lost loved ones, gone through illness, blessed children and grandchildren, ended careers, merged projects, celebrated and the list could go on and on. Lets take time to remember the year and appreciate it all. As my mom used to say, "Count it all JOY".

These days, I can't imagine Christmas without participating in our Santa Exchange event. Its a great time to fellowship with club members and others in our community while bringing joy to precious children and families. For the second consecutive year our **John Robson** has grabbed the reins of Santa's Exchange. He and his team have led the efforts of joining forces with Toys for Tots to make SE better than ever by serving more families and children in Fort Bend County. This project is a collaborated effort that includes, **Toys for Tots, Sugar Land Rotary, Fort Bend Exchange, Project SMILE and many other groups of volunteers** that work together to create a very special day for our community. Please plan to come out on December 15th to help make it all possible. **Irene Wisner** is in charge of volunteers and she will be happy to schedule you.

I pray that you and your family have a joyous Holiday and happy New Year.

Gladys J. Brumfield
 President

Important information from Santa! Saturday Dec. 15 Volunteer Shifts 7:00 am-12 and 12-6:00 pm. Contact Irene Wisner to volunteer. iwisner@fortbendcouncil.org

Sorting and Tagging: Monday Dec. 10, Tues. 11, Thurs. 13, Friday 14. 5 pm -7 pm. No tagging Wednesday. First Colony Church of Christ 2140 First Colony Boulevard, SL, TX For more information contact Scott Finley scott.a.finley@ampf.com

Toy Drop Off: First Colony Storage, Lexington & Austin Parkway, 6 am-9pm. Exchange Unit #104 After Dec 10 take toys directly to First Colony Church. For more info contact almcdon26@gmail.com



Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels volunteer director Susan Whitacre (in blue) thanked Exchange Club of Sugar Land members for their service to local seniors. Don Kerstetter of Classic Chevrolet donated caps for the group to wear embroidered with the Meals on Wheels logo.



Congressman Pete Olson is a member of The Exchange Club of Sugar Land and volunteers for Meals on Wheels.



Congressman Pete Olson read a proclamation to the club honoring The Sugar Land Exchange Club for 25 years of community service in Fort Bend County. Retired Colonel Dave Kiger had some fun giving the "order" - "give me 10" to Pete for being a few weeks late with the proclamation! The Congressman, a Navy Veteran went along with the prank and did 10 push-ups and 10 sit-ups without getting (too) winded!



President Gladys Brumfield introduced guest Matt Roche, nephew of members Nora & Jack Sim to Congressman Pete Olson. Matt just returned from a tour in Iraq.

Photos by Shaunna Witt

Gladys thanked guest speaker Pradeep Anand for relating memoirs of his mother The Woman who climbed Mount Everest more than 100 Times. He also wrote An Indian in Cowboy Country: Stories from and Immigrant's Life.



Andy Einhorn presented **Michelle Chezes Bruten** The Exchange Club "Citizen of the Month Award" She attends First Colony MS.

Honoring Outstanding Youth

Photos by Ed Lee



Casey Gragg was presented The Exchange Club of Sugar Land "Youth of the Month" Award by **Carlos Perez**. Casey attends Kempner High School.



Service to Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner

Jeri Krauss and Chef Taaron Reed of Emeritus Assisted Living, coordinated a phenomenal Thanksgiving Feast the seniors at the 5th Street Community Center in Stafford. Thanks to sixteen Exchangites who were able to attend, pass out food and sit with the seniors at their tables: **Clark Walter, Sonal Bhuchar, Margo Pasko, Doug Earle, May Williams, Jack Williams, Rachel Deitch, Jeri Krauss, Jim Hudnall, Alicia Marra, Sue Sanchez, Theo Anderson, Mike Kessler, Bob Dunham, Roy Miers, and Susan Whitacre.**

Join us Dec 21 at 11:00 for the Christmas Luncheon.
Mary Jo, Chair maryjosalvaggio@gmail.com

Photo by Ed Lee

Santa's Elves had fun calling families on his "nice" list as part of the merger of Toys for Tots with Santa's Exchange and Project S.M.I.L.E. Santa's Exchange committee member **Helen Burgess** organized and hosted the evening of Exchange Club service combined with food, wine, and fellowship. Committee members called families who had registered online with Toys for Tots to verify contact information in preparation for the grand **Santa's Exchange** event on December 15. The Elves were: **Helen Burgess**, committee chair **John Robson**, **Doug "Enthusiasm" Earle**, toy-buyer-in-chief **Sue Sanchez**, **Roy Miers**, **Clark Walter**, **Margo Pasko**, **Carlos Perez**, **Linda Lavinson**, **Irene Wisner**, **Daisy Cabrera** and **Lydia Bourg.**, a former ECSL member and previous Santa's Exchange committee chair.



Exchange members toured the **Child Advocates** facility. Help abused children by attending the **Christmas Home Tour.**
www.cafb.org

Three new members were recently inducted, **Rachel Dietrich**, sponsored by **Jeri Krauss**, **Dennis Compton**, sponsored by **Clinton Chapman** and **Olivia Ohl**, sponsored by **Jim Kij.**



Happy December Birthday

Carey Snyder, Jim Richard, Lisa Osborne-Poynor, Amy Mitchell, Kevin Barker, Steve Ewbank, Greg Oelfke, Arthur Pace, Pet Olson, Faye Roach, Rick Forlano, Joni Stringer, Vernon Hunt