

"Light of Hope" for Child Abuse Prevention

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Lisa Gregg, Assistant **District Attorney FBC**

Photos by Sue Lockwood

It takes a village! Guest speakers from Child Advocates told members about a case of sexual abuse and how much time and how many people working together it takes to get a conviction. Fort Bend Independent reported: On Aug. 29, a 49-year-old former Sugar Land business owner was sentenced to a total of 75 years in prison for sexually abusing two children. "Holding McMillian accountable for his crimes, and keeping him away from the public, would never have been possible without the remarkable courage of the individual who originally reported the abuse. That wonderful young person found the strength to tell. We are very proud of both of these young people for revealing what happened to them," said Lisa P. Gregg. Gregg went on to say "Unfortunately, all too often, children hide what has happened to them. We want children to know that it is never their fault when they are abused and there is help when they come forward." There is no longer a statute of limitations in Texas for sex offenses committed against children, and no parole for continuous sex abusers.

Child Advocates www.cafb.org Child Abuse HOT LINE 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org







"The Mardi Gras Madams," Sue Lockwood, May Williams, and Shaunna Witt, won the "Crowd Favorite" award for May's Bourbon Street Hurricane Chili with the help of Jim Kij and Jack Williams. Jim made his famous "Kij Lime Pie" and Sue made "Hurricanes" for the thirsty crowd. The event was a huge success, raising money for the Sugar Land Police Association.



John Robson and Lindsey Knight won the "Specialty Chili" award for Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse.

"The Nurses" Rachel Dietrich and Jeri Krauss from Emeritus Senior Living Center served "Heart Healthy" turkey chili with heart healthy red wine!



Farewell Glark & Martha Walter

Photos by Larry Pullen





Fort Bend County Sheriff, **Troy Nehls**, Spoke to club members about the many changes he is making in the department to help keep residents safe.

New member, **RJ Vaughan** was sponsored by **Roy Miers** and **Clark Walter** and inducted by **Ray Wathen**.

Crime Prevention Luncheon April 18th, 12:00 @ Missouri City Center For more information contact: Ray Wathen raywathen@sbcglobal.net or 713.557.4937

Past President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land, and current President of The Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Exchange, **Clark Walter** and his wife **Martha** will be greatly missed by their friends as they retire to the Hill Country to be closer to their grandchildren.



Photo by Ed Lee



6th Annual Mad Hatter Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Benefiting Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels Friday, April 26th, 2013, 11:30 am Stafford Centre for the Performing Arts 10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX www.fortbendseniors.org



SAVE THE DATE!!!! Put it on your calendar today! Treasures Under The Sea Gala benefiting Child Advocates of Fort Bend Saturday, May 4, 2013 Sugar Land Marriott Get your tickets on-line. <u>ww.cafb.org</u>

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The 95th National Exchange Club Convention will be held Wednesday, July 10, through Saturday, July 13, 2013, in Greensboro, North Carolina. All convention sessions and meal events will take place at The Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons. Make plans to join us this summer! <u>www.nationalexchangeclub.org</u>

