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Keeping the Faith in Exchange



Photo by Jorge Marra

President's Message:

The other night at the "Light of Hope" ceremony on the steps of City Hall, one of the speakers read ***A Prayer for Children*** written by Ina Hughs. I have known of Ina Hughs for years, from the time she was married to a Presbyterian minister in South Carolina to her columns in the *Knoxville [Tennessee] News-Sentinal*. In her book ***A Prayer for Children***, she offers these words in a chapter entitled

"Thinking Small."

When I was a child, my prayers floated up to heaven just like there was no roof, and I sat in the pew on Sunday morning and drew pictures during the sermon while my mother tickled my arm. I never had first – much less second or third – thoughts about anything I heard, or felt a single pang of sin or shame.

When I was a child, I thought people you loved never did anything to hurt you, and they always loved you back, and they never went away. I thought the world stopped at the end of the driveway and began with warm, pink sunlight smiling through white eyelet curtains.

... There is only one thing worse, I suppose, than not ever having known the joys of childhood – the innocent, simple view of things. And that is not ever having given them up. The world cannot be run on make-believe. We need to put away childish things.

But, if you really want to know the truth, sometimes I'd like to have them back.

April is ***Child Abuse Prevention Month***. Let us all give the children in our homes and our communities the chance to be children. Let them be childish, that is who they are. But let us not be childish as Exchangites and presume that the prevention of child abuse is someone else's problem.

Let us find ways to sell these proudly waving flags in our **Healing Field**, and increase the funding and the opportunities for those child abuse prevention agencies which we support to bring down the number of reported cases of child abuse in our county and in the greater community.

Thanking each of you for all you do to make this community a better place to live and work.

Jerry Hurst, Pastor Prez



The Healing Field

Photos by Bob Dempsey



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Light of Hope April 1, 2005

Photo by Larry Pullen

Child Abuse Prevention Month was kicked off on April 1 with "The Light of Hope" candle lighting event presented by Friends of Child Advocates of Fort Bend County and The Exchange Club of Sugar Land. Mayor David Wallace told of the 1,885 cases of child abuse reported in Fort Bend County alone, each case represented by a flag in **THE HEALING FIELD**.



Light of Hope, April 1, 2005

Photo by Larry Pullen

Thirty riders including club members Dan McMillan, Rich Tisch, John Bourg, Donna Mulhollem, and Avin and Nancy Brownlee took flags to **THE HEALING FIELD** assisted by ECSL sponsored Boy Scout Troop 731 and other Tomahawk District Troops.

Brian Walters was on his way to ride when he had an accident which broke his wrist. Chairperson Michael Cole also broke his wrist and ribs in March in another accident. All Exchangites wish them both a speedy recovery.

THE HEALING FIELD will be open to the public until April 10, at which time the field will be dismantled and free flags given to individuals who donate \$25 or more to Child Abuse Prevention. Donations can be made at The Healing Field or at www.ecsl.org or by contacting Greg Oelfke 713 988-0492.

***We need volunteers to help take down the field on Sunday April 10 from 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.



Healing Fields 04.02.05

Photo by Jorge Marra

THE HEALING FIELD was dedicated on April 2 with a special "Field Dedication Ceremony." Many talented individuals and groups performed thanks to Ceremony Chairpersons Lisa Osborne Poyner and Judge Robert Kern.

Elkins Knight Beat Singers sang the Healing Field theme song, "The Prayer of the Children." Michael Dickens II wrote a moving poem which was recited by his sister Calah. Mazie Leftwich, former Exchange Club member, sang "This Child" bringing tears to the eyes of the audience.

The Ridgeway Drum Line performed for the Flag Procession presented by the Boy Scouts of America.



Healing Field

April 2, 2005

Photo by Larry Pullen

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land would like to thank our sponsors:

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Thanks to all the Exchangites who joined Mark Hanna, Site Management Chair, in marking the field, assembling and posting flags, attending "Light of Hope" and "Healing Field Dedication" ceremonies, and continuing to "man the field" all week. It was hard work, but fun.

Very special thanks to the

HEALING FIELD COMMITTEE:

Lydia Bourg, Don Burns, Michael Cole, Amy Estrada, Mark Hanna, Jerry Hurst, Judge Robert Kern, Sue Lockwood, Dan McMillan, Jake Messinger, Susie Moseley, Jennipher Mulhollem, David Newell, Greg Oelfke, Lisa Osborne Poyner, Norma Reyna, Bill Rohrbach, Brenda Robinson, Jean Scott, Richard Tisch.

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HEALING FIELD



Sunday, 4/10, 9:00 am—7:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to dismantle The Healing Field. We need to take down 1,885 flags! Contact **Lydia Bourg** (281) 238-3543 lbourg@omsi.net

CAR SEAT CHECK



4/27 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Texas Children's Hospital and ECSL will conduct a "Car Seat Check" at Babies R Us, Sugar Land. Exchangites are needed to "hold babies" while trained technicians check cars seats and instruct parents on correct installation and suitability of their car seats. If the seat is unsafe, it will be replaced with a new seat free of charge! Contact: **Amy Estrada** (281) 340-2000 amy.estrada@businessuites.com

TEXAS GULF COAST DISTRICT



CRIME PREVENTION GALA

Saturday, 4/23, 6:00

Sugar Land Marriott Hotel, \$50 per person. Contact: **Ron Norsworthy** 281261-6673 rnorsworthy1@houston.rr.com

DISTRICT CONVENTION



Friday-Sunday 5/13-15

The Flying L Ranch in Bandera, Texas May 13-15, 2005. Contact: **Greg Oelfke** greg@oelfke.com 713 988-0492

SERVICE TO SENIORS



5/6 Help seniors celebrate their birthdays at the 5th Street Community Center in Stafford. Contact: **Mary Jo Salvaggio** 713 789-3314 mjsalvaggio@netzero.net



Birthday Girl, Ora Turbin and Dave Kiger
Photo by Bob Dempsey

Our "Service to Seniors Committee" visited the Fifth Street Community Center on Friday, April 1, 2005. Along with the monthly rituals of homemade cake and Blue Bell ice cream from Josie's Cakes & Catering; we celebrated 4 birthdays in April. Dave Kiger, who has become our regular emcee, has really become the main focus of these monthly get-togethers. The seniors love listening to his stories.

Dave Murdock presented a very nice 25 cup coffee maker donated by the American Legion Hall which the seniors greatly appreciated.

One of our dear and beloved seniors, Mr. Arthur May passed away. Dave Kiger passed on the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's personal condolences to all the friends who knew him. Arthur could recite a prayer before a meal faster than anyone and he was always dressed in perfect formal attire. Everyone will miss Mr. May.

We are going to have another "Spring Free Shopping Spree" sponsored by the Exchange Club for the May 6th get-together at 11:30. If anyone can donate items, please bring them to me or Tony Ackerman at any of the meetings: Good used clothing for men/women/children, books, magazines, costume jewelry, children's books, toys, gardening accessories, office supplies, wash cloths, kitchen towels, paper towels, paper cups, or other items you think the seniors would like. Thank you. **Mary Jo Salvaggio** 713 789-3314 mjsalvaggio@netzero.net



April Birthdays

Paul Barnett, Charles Keith, **Bob Hargarther**, **Patrick La Rue**, John Bourg, **Janet Johnson**, **Don Schneider**, Nancy Brownlee, Cee Cee Connely, **Jim Kij**, Jim Lockwood, Robert McDonough

Youth Recognition



Photo by Larry Pullen

Mary Warren

Citizen Of The Month

First Colony Middle School

February 2005



Photo by Jorge Marra

Marc Sabbagh

Citizen Of The Month

Sugar Land Middle School

March 2005

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