



Exchange Hotline

"Hands On" Exchange

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Norma Reyna, Club President 2005-06

To serve as president of such a remarkable group of people as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land is a position that I am honored and humbled to accept. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts visions and goals for this upcoming year.

I started by putting together a team of committee chairs that would carry on with the clubs traditions as well as bring new ideas to our club. These committee chairs will work closely with the board liaison to keep our board abreast of all that we are doing.

The chair committee for Membership will be the team of Doug Earle and Lydia Bourg with the Board Liaison of Jerry Hurst. We would like to increase our club size by a minimum of 6%.

Another area we would like to focus on will be Child Abuse Prevention. Since this is our "National Project" we would like to see growth in this area. This committee will be chaired by Amy Estrada with the board liaison being Michael Cole. We will continue to support the blue ribbon campaign and try to increase participation in the Fort Bend schools by 50% for Child Abuse Awareness month in April. We will also try to increase our participation with the Escape Centers Parent's aides program.

In the area of community service, Paul De-Marsh, committee chair will continue to focus on our current projects as well work closely with Jim Kij and Paul Barnett on a new project called "Wings over Houston Air show". This is an annual air show held at Ellington field and we have been approached to work the gate for 2 days, October 8 and 9th. 100 volunteers needed. The donation to our club for the 2 days worked will be \$7500.00.

Our Committee Chair for Americanism will be Naren Patel. Naren will co-ordinate leadership in our project of Giveakidaflagtowave, where we give out flags to children along the parade route at the Houston Rodeo and Fort Bend county Fair. We will also commit to our Giveavetaflagtowave and visit the Veterans hosp. twice this year. We will dedicate 2 Freedom Shrines in Sept and Oct. that were carried over from Jerry's year and install one in the spring of 2006 all in Fort Bend County Schools.

Carolyn Lobdell will be chairing our Youth Committee.

Ron Norsworthy will chair our House Committee.

Jeri Krause will select and co-ordinate speakers for our weekly meetings and the team of Marita Pratt and Linda Patterson will co-ordinate publicity and public relations.

John Bourg will continue to do our website since he does such an awesome job, an Paul Barnett will keep our calendar. T

he Nationally Recognized author of our newsletter, Sue Lockwood, will continue to do her magic.

Bill Quinn will chair our social committee to make sure we have some fun throughout this work filled year.

The dynamic duo of Jake and Amy will chair this years Santa's Exchange, and our new president-elect Alicia Marra will chair our annual fund raiser the Spaghetti Supper.

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I have been asked several times over the past year, what my theme would be. Many of you know that I had a career change in 1996. I went from working a job to living a passion. My private practice in massage therapy involves helping people with the simple gift of touch. You see...

Your hands can mean "welcome" by giving a hand shake to old, new or prospective Exchange members.

Your hands can hold a child who has been in an abusive situation to show them someone cares.

Your hands can give a simple pat on the back of a youth who has achieved excellence.

Your hand can simply be placed over you heart as we pledge allegiance to this great nation of ours.

Your hands can serve cake and ice cream at our Service to Seniors lunch.

Your hands can help a family select their children's Christmas gifts at Santa's Exchange.

Your hands can hammer in a nail to fix a home for Hearts and Hammers.

Your hands can place a flag in a child's hand at a parade.

These same hands when held together praise and thank God for the blessings we share and have in our lives.

That's why we are all here... isn't it? We joined the club to give back for all the blessings we have and to make a difference in our community.

Our motto is: **"HANDS ON"**.

I challenge each and every member of this club to get more involved.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

President Norma Reyna and her board were installed at a delicious banquet served by Sweetwater Country Club on Friday, June 24, 2005. Emcee of the evening Past President John Braswell gave a gracious "Thank You" to Immediate Past President Jerry Hurst for a job well done.

Greg Oelfke announced numerous National Awards honoring our club which included The Big E Award, Service Award, Best Club Bulletin, Americanism, Community Service, Fund Raising Award, Youth of the Year and two CARE Awards.

Norma thanked President Elect Alicia Marra for organizing the banquet.



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Pat Welsch thanked the club members for their friendship and support when Past President Cheryl Welsch died of breast cancer this past year

Amy Mitchell directed the hilarious Paul De Marsh production entitled "The Fabulous Miss Norma" which roasted our new president as a "Diva" for her spectacular talent as a flamingo...I mean flamenco dancer.



Diva Norma, played by Brenda Pullen, led a dance class for "missteps" Susie and Judge Kern, and Carolyn Lobdel.

Super sound clips mixed by Jake Messinger were delivered with meticulous timing by sound man Jim Lockwood.



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"Sheriff" Doug Earle, Debra Galmiche and Mary Jo Salvaggio re-enacted Norma's mishap with a fire truck, driven by Bill Overka and Paul De-Marsh. They were saved by Nurse Ray Walthan.



Diva Norma, played by Brenda Robinson, reluctantly gave an interview to KESLTV reporter David Newell stating that, although she was born in McAllen Texas



Photo by Jorge Marra

"her spirit is one with fire from the mountains and people of Andalusia."

The evening ended with birthday cake for District President Greg Oelfke hosted at his home by his supportive wife Claudia.

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EXPECTING!!!

Aimee and John Braswell were surprised at last week's meeting with a baby shower.

Photo by Bob Dempsey



Past President John Braswell met Aimee at an Exchange function and later married, with many Exchangites attending their storybook wedding.

Baby Boy Braswell is due August 27th.



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We hope he will visit a breakfast meeting in his "Future Exchangite" shirt! Best wishes to Mom & Dad.

July Birthdays



Michael Cole, Gary Creeck, Demetrius Turner, Rick Forlano, Lydia Ouellette, Roy Cordes, Linda Shoonmaker, Terry Taylor, Leo Slone, Daniel Wong, Mark Hanna, Jim Hudnall, Don Ellis, Milton Wright, Christy Woodruff, Joan Damon, Sue Lockwood

NATIONAL NEWS

The National Exchange Club Convention will be held in Salt Lake City Utah July 11-17, 2005. Comedian Rich Little will open the festivities.

The highlight of the week will be The Mormon Tabernacle Choir in concert.

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land will be represented by President Norma Reyna, Past President Jerry Hurst, District President Greg Oelfke and his wife Claudia, President Elect Alicia Marra, Photographer Jorge Marra, Past President Brenda Robinson, Newsletter Editor and newly elected Board Member Sue Lockwood and her husband Jim Lockwood.



I'm sure they will all have new and exciting ideas for our club when they return.

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www.ecsl.org



Texas Gulf Coast District

www.tlgcd.org

National Exchange

www.nationalexchangeclub.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SERVICE TO SENIORS

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 11:30 A.M.

Help Seniors celebrate their birthdays. contact: **Tony Ackerman** 713 825-0710 tonyackerman@sbcglobal.net



WALK WITH PRIDE

SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 8-12 A.M.

Help children select free shoes for school. Contact: **Karen Makin**



ROAD RALLY

Saturday, August 27

Fun social event. Follow the clues to find dinner! Contact: **Clark Walter**



BADGES OF COURAGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Honor our local police, firefighters and emergency response personnel at First Colony Mall. Emergency vehicle displays and Chili Cook-off. Contact: **Paul De-Marsh**

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SAVE THE DATE

WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW

October 8-9, 2005

ONE NATION UNDER GOD BREAKFAST

November 9, 2005

SANTA'S EXCHANGE

December 10, 2005

SPAGHETTI DINNER

February 24, 2006

CILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

LIGHT OF HOPE CEREMONY

April 1, 2006