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Keeping the Faith in Exchange

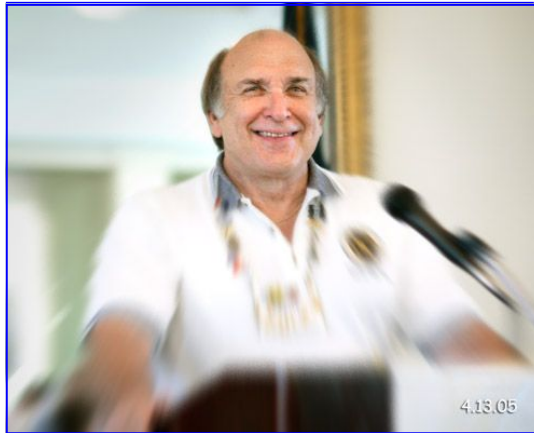


Photo by Larry Pullen

President's Message:

As you know, *keeping the faith in Exchange* has been the theme for my year as your president, and so many of you have engaged your energies, your ENTHUSIASM, in keeping this faith alive over these past months. One person I want to acknowledge in this article who has certainly had her faith in Exchange tested this year is my wife Pam. Getting me up and out the door every Wednesday morning, asking me if, between the church and Exchange, there is a free Saturday coming up any time soon, and just being there in a supportive and encouraging role no matter what the occasion. One thing that could be swept away in this time of transition, and our upcoming travels, is something that happened on this past Memorial Day weekend. At the time we were engaged in the initial sales of flags for the Healing Field, I bought six flags.

Most of those were given to others, or loaned to others until they purchased their own, but we had flags to put out on either side of our driveway. So along comes a couple of neighbors in a golf cart who admire the flags, confess that they had none to put out, so Pam says, we will sell you two! ... or more. But they bought two, which we have delivered to them.

But Pam closed the deal, made the sale, keeping the faith in Exchange alive through continuing to work the community on behalf of our club.

As you embrace Norma's theme for next year, my hope – my prayer – is that you will continue to *keep the faith in Exchange*. Can you imagine this community if there was no Exchange Club in which we invested our heart, and soul and faith? I tell you that is not a pretty picture. But with men and women like you, that is not an event we are likely to witness anytime soon.

Thank you for this opportunity to be your president, and to represent you at so many functions and occasions this past year. It was a privilege I will long remember.

Jerry Hurst

Pastor Prez

(soon-to-be Past Pastor Prez!!)

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS HONOREE CRISTY LAFUENTE JENNINGS



Photos by Jorge Marra

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land had the rare opportunity of honoring one of its previous members, Cristy Lafuente Jennings. Cristy was brought to the club meeting by her new husband Tom under the guise of honoring someone else. The presentation brought out both guests and tears as we were walked through some of Cristy's community centered life.

Business associates from the past and present praised Cristy and her undying devotion of helping others. Her family members added their love.

In addition to receiving The Book Of Golden Deeds from The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, our Mayor proclaimed it Cristy Jennings day in Sugar Land. Brenda Robinson read a proclamation from Governor Perry making Cristy a "Yellow Rose of Texas".

During his opening remarks Bob Hargarther, MC for the special occasion, stated that she was a living definition of an "Earth Angel".

The presentation ended with Jake Messinger's rendition of "You Lift Me Up." There wasn't a dry eye in the place.



BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS NOMINATION

by Bob Hargarther

Although I have only known Cristy for a few years, the deeds that I have seen her perform, I am sure, have been with her all of her life.

My first introduction to Cristy was through the Exchange Club. She was one of that special group who always signed up, always volunteered, always showed up and was there at the end of any project.

Then I saw her in action at the Women's Center. It would be easy to say, "but that was her job", however many of the functions that she performed were not her job. Whether it was driving the truck on weekends or making a \$500,000 request, her enthusiasm was always out front. Her endless hours spent helping others was not compensated in dollars, but rather in "feel goods".

Cristy had to leave the Sugar Land Exchange Club when she moved both her residence and her office to downtown Houston. She joined the Exchange Club of Houston and started her good works all over again working her way through the officer chairs of that club.

If the Exchange club decides to honor Cristy, I'll be delighted to research more of her good deeds. I am confident that they will fill many more pages.

If for no other reason, Cristy warrants receiving this treasured award for her care of Dr. Ray Davis. I was with her the first time Ray was diagnosed with a major brain tumor. Her caring instincts took over. It started with sitting with Ray and being the one to tell him the news. Next it was notifying relatives from Florida. Cristy raised money to help pay for them to come to Houston to be with Ray and made transportation and housing arrangements for them upon their arrival.

During this time Cristy also cared for the business side of Ray's practice. After Ray's apparent come back he had a major setback. This time was final. Cristy moved Ray into her home along with her two children where they began a 24 hour a day care program for Ray. Cristy would call people to come be with Ray so she might have an hour or two respite herself. During this time she also held a job caring for others at The River.

Bob Hargarther



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YOUTH RECOGNITION



Youth Of The Year 2005 Clements High School

Photo by Larry Pullen

Ellen Wang (age 17) was honored May 4th by **The Exchange Club of Sugar Land** as Youth of the Year. Ms. Wang is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as drum major for Clements HS Band. In addition to leading the band, Ms. Wang has been very successful performing on the alto saxophone achieving superior ratings in recent UIL competition. She has volunteered with the American Red Cross, YES (Youth Extending Service), and traveled to Mongolia for six weeks doing mission work for her church. She plans to attend University of Texas and major in kinesiology hoping to become a physical therapist.



Youth Of The Month April 2005 Clements High School

Photo by Larry Pullen

Kellie Harding (age 17) was honored April 6th by **The Exchange Club of Sugar Land** as Youth of the Month. She is a member CHS Student Council and the Mayor's Leadership Youth Council. She is president of the Young Women's Group at her church and has volunteered for Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. She has been accepted at Brigham Young University where she plans to major in art history.



The **Texas Gulf Coast District** wrapped up a great year with our District Convention at the "Flying L Ranch" in Bandera, Texas. We had a great turn out and fun was had by all starting with a "cook-out" down by the river Friday night. Members in attendance from Sugar Land were; President Jerry Hurst and his wife Pam, President-Elect Norma Reyna, President-Elect-Elect Alicia Marra and her husband Jorge, National Volunteer Field Rep Brenda Robinson and District President-Elect Greg Oelfke and his wife Claudia. There were educational sessions for those in attendance along with time to relax and have fun with the family. We were honored to have Mark Giddings, National Vice-President from Region 3, attend the convention and speak to our group on several topics. Greg Oelfke was installed as "His Grand Highness and Supreme Ruler", ok just as District President along with the other District Officers. Also we were honored to present our District "Student of the Year" and "ACE" Award winners. Our "Student of the Year", April Tone, is from Jack Yates High School and came to us from the Hobby Club.

Photo by Alicia Marra

Our "ACE" winner, Rachel Morgan, is from Clements High School and came from our very own Sugar Land Club. Dorothy Nall, District President, along with other District members, put on a great Convention and is closing out an outstanding year for Exchange and our District. We are also looking forward to a new era for our District. As you may know, we are welcoming 5 clubs from southern Louisiana into our District. This will give us a whole new outlook, possibly a new name and an exciting future with our new Exchangites to the East.

Greg-O

Texas Gulf Coast District President



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land



Katie Richard (our poster girl) received a copy of her poster from Sue Lockwood and Greg Oelfke at The Sponsor Recognition breakfast held May 4th.

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, along with many community volunteers from non-profit organizations, businesses, churches and schools, erected **The Healing Field** on the property adjacent to Methodist Hospital. A field of 1885 flags flew to create awareness of the number of child abuse cases reported in Ft. Bend County in 2004.

Free flags were given to individuals who donated \$25 or more to the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Flags from The Healing Field are still available. Donations can be made online at www.ecsl.org.

HEALING FIELD SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following sponsors:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

SERVICE TO SENIORS

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 11:30

FREE SHOPPING SPREE FOR SENIORS



Please bring new or gently used items for seniors at the 5th street Community Center in Stafford. Contact: **Tony Ackerman** 713 825-0710 tonyackerman@sbcglobal.net

FLAG DAY



TUESDAY, JUNE 14

We will celebrate Flag Day at our breakfast meeting on the 15th. You can receive a free flag for a \$25 donation to help prevent of child abuse.

SAVE THE DATE:

INSTALLATION BANQUET



FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2005

June Birthdays



Cynthia von Tesmar, Dennis Parmer, Naomi Lam, Linda Patterson, Stewart Jacobson, David Newell, Barbara Brescian, David Wallace, Paul Marcus, Susan Delclos, Barry Beard, Greg Oelfke, Michael Baldwin, Don Rollins, Jr. John Novak, Chuck Sanchelli

Healing Field Sponsors Breakfast



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